

SPECIAL MEETING

December 2, 2010

A joint meeting of the Planning Board and the Town Board was held at 7:00 pm for the purpose of reviewing Local Law #1- 2010 Wind Energy Facilities Law for the Town of Alfred. Members from the Planning Board were: Pam Jones, William MacCrea, Jason Whitwood, Tim Cochran, and Licio Pennisi. All Board members were present. Also present was Town Clerk Janice Burdick.

Donn Lang explained that he reviewed the law that the Planning Board had submitted and felt that if the Town is not going to allow large windmills, no longer need a law that addresses them so concentrate on small windmills. Mr. Lang looked at what has already been done in the Town (there are currently two small windmills for personal use) and noted that they were handled through the Zoning and Building Permit application process, plus add some restrictions on small wind towers.

- 1 acres minimum lot size
- 70' maximum height. If over 5 acres – 150'.

Mr. Lang explained that if someone wants to invest in a small tower these guidelines don't restrict them as much. Tim Cochran stated that his tower is 80' and noted that there is nothing in the law that restricts kws. Donn Lang answered that the electricity is not for resale and with technology changing efficiency could improve with a smaller tower. Also looked at was the Comprehensive Plan that stated in about 7 different places that they don't want towers except communications towers, so kept the height around the same as a communication tower would be. This law puts the large towers right out of the picture and specifically states that "these types of wind energy facilities are prohibited in the town of Alfred"

Licio Pennisi questioned the part about abandonment and Jason Whitwood asked who would determine if it is abandoned and for how long. Tim Cochran stated that it will probably come from a complaint. Mary Stearns asked about a sign warning of High Voltage and Tim Cochran stated that the National electric Code requires that. After further discussion Tom Mansfield asked the Planning Board if they were ok with this law and all agreed this was what everyone wanted. Motion was made by Donn Lang to present this at a Public Hearing to be held at the December meeting (December 9, 2010) seconded by Jerry Snyder and carried 5-0.

Jerry Snyder then stated that on behalf of the Town Board he would like to thank everyone for all the time they have spent on this in the last year. Mr. Mansfield added that it was greatly appreciated.

A motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm was made by Jerry Snyder, seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk

