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PLANNING BOARD

November 5, 2009

6:30 p.m.

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by Tom Vanchieri.

ROLL CALL: Members present were Frank Higgins, Tom Vanchieri, Henry Hodges, Gary Poisson, Gretchen Heldmann, Susan Dunham-Shane. Jeff Thurlow, Charles Norburg and Russell Smith had excused absences.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: This meeting is a workshop to work on the Windmill Ordinance. The Board brought Gary Poisson up to date with the windmill happenings while he was out. Gretchen had emailed everyone the Dixmont Windmill Ordinance converted to word format and the State Windmill Ordinance with all the information regarding Commercial Windmills crossed out to leave only the information on Residential Windmills. The Board favors the Dixmont Windmill Ordinance for the Commercial Windmills. There may be some information in the other Town Residential Windmill Ordinances that the Board would like to add to the residential windmill section of the State Windmill Ordinance.

People with residential windmills may have the option of selling power back to the Power Company. The Board would like to know if there is a law that states that the Power Companies are required to buy back power from residential windmill owners. Some felt that the Power Company would give the resident credit back up to 100% of their electric bill, but would not actually pay them anything.

Gretchen verified online, that the Dixmont Ordinance is still a draft. Susan will review the Dixmont Ordinance to mark areas for the Board to work on. The Board would like to have one Ordinance with one definition section and then Part A for Commercial Windmills and Part B for Residential Windmills. Frank pointed out that there would be a lot of work involved in combining the definitions from the residential windmills and the state residential windmill ordinance with the definitions in the Dixmont Ordinance to make sure that they flow with the final Ordinance. Susan asked Denise to print off copies of the Cape Elizabeth, Addison, Biddeford, Damariscotta, Elliot and Rockport Residential Windmill Ordinances. Susan and Frank will review the Town Ordinances and then work to combine the information into the State Residential Windmill Ordinance.

The Board will determine the different fees for the Windmill applications and then make a recommendation to the Selectmen.

OTHER BUSINESS: The next meeting of the Planning Board will be Thursday, November 12, 2009 for the regularly scheduled meeting and to work on the Windmill Ordinance.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm .

Respectfully Submitted,

Denise M. Knowles