

**W. T. PLANNING BOARD MEETING, OCTOBER 1, 2007, 7:30 P.M.**

**PRESENT:** David Douglas, Ginny Jones, Mark Yale, Susan Silva

**ABSENT:** Leah Smith, Erik Hammarlund

**ALSO PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING:** Simone DeSorcy

**MINUTES**

Minutes of the September 24, 2007 meeting were approved as written

**CORRESPONDENCE**

**In:** State Ethics Commission

**Out:** Building Inspector re. Maciel Site Plan

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Energy Policy, Wind Turbines:** Board members discussed Kate Warner's previous presentation on an island-wide energy policy. David said the Town can safely assume that there will be more wind turbines. Board members reviewed a model wind turbine bylaw produced by the Cape Cod Commission. Mark said the main concerns with wind turbines are visual impacts to the neighbors and as seen from public vistas. Susan added that they can be noisy and that they can cause neighbors' lights to flicker.

Ginny wondered whether an energy policy should be included in the Rules and Regulations for Subdivision, within zoning, or as a general Town bylaw.

Susan said that some of the points Kate Warner made re. energy savings could be incorporated into site plan review and could be on a flyer as part of the building permit application packet.

It was discussed that the Building Inspector recently referred a proposed wind turbine to the ZBA, as he felt the zoning bylaw does not specifically allow them. Board members disagreed with this interpretation, noting that they can be considered accessory structures. Further, Section 4.3 specifically mentions wind energy conversion systems and their ability to exceed applicable height limits. Board members directed Simone to draft a letter to the ZBA.

**Runner Road/Alley Way:** Faith Runner contacted the office to say that the dirt road that runs between Runner Road and Alley way is mislabeled Alley Way on the assessors maps. She asked whether it could be considered an off-shoot of Runner Road instead. After looking at the map, Board members agreed that it should have its own name so it wouldn't be confusing for emergency personnel responding to a call.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Simone DeSorcy, assistant

**Approved 10/29/07**

