

W. T. PLANNING BOARD MEETING, MARCH 30, 2009, 7:30 P.M.

PRESENT: David Douglas, Ginny Jones, Susan Silva, Eileen Maley

ABSENT: Leah Smith

ALSO PRESENT FOR ALL OR PART OF THE MEETING: Tyler Studds, Simone DeSorcy

CORRESPONDENCE

In: MVC re.Special Ways Amended Regulations;
Derrill Bazy et. al. re. 250 State Road Schedule;
Nancy Cole, Kenty Healy, Tucker Hubbell, David McGlinchey, Larry Shubert re.
Wind Turbine Bylaw Amendments

Out: Julie Keefe, Ernie Mendenhall, John Powers re. Thurber proposal

NEW BUSINESS

Tyler Studds, Community Wind Resource Mapping Project: Tyler Studds presented his model for community wind resource mapping. David asked what size machine the study was looking at; Tyler Studds said there was a range of options. David asked what the recommended distance is from residences. Tyler Studds said the height to the tip of the blade times three is the minimum recommended. David said he has seen some reports where miles of separation is recommended between a tower and a residence. Tyler Studds said that the goal of this study is the process.

Eileen asked whether any water-based machines were recommended. Tyler Studds said ideally, yes. The airport is a major restraint. David asked whether the point of the study is to determine the best areas on the Island to locate wind turbines; Tyler Studds said yes.

Susan asked whether conservation organizations are receptive to locating turbines on their properties; Tyler Studds said he didn't know yet. Ginny asked whether he had looked at the Elizabeth Islands, as there should be some good sites there. Tyler Studds said the Elizabeth Islands are their own utility. Ginny noted that she would like to see wave turbines studied in this area, too.

250 State Road Proposed Road Name: Derrill Bazy contacted the office to propose the road name "Eliakim's Way" after former property owner Eliakim Norton. Board members discussed whether it sounded too much like "Elias Lane." Ginny made the motion to approve the road name as proposed, and to ask the Affordable Housing Committee whether it approves, as a courtesy. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Dubin Single Family Residence, Site Plan Review, M1 L33: Ginny made a motion to approve the site plan as presented, with the usual list of requests to the owner to consider alternative energy sources, indigenous plantings, non-reflective windows, and minimal outdoor lighting. The motion passed.

Wind Turbine Regulations Proposed Amendments: Simone distributed amendments to the Wind Turbine Warrant Article proposed by Nancy Cole, Tucker Hubbell, and Larry Shubert, ZBA members; and Kent Healy and David McGlinchey. The amendments were received that morning. There was a discussion that it was too bad the comments weren't received before the warrant closed so that they could have been considered previous to the Town Meeting floor. Also, because there will not be a quorum between now and the Town Meeting, the Board will not have the opportunity to meet with the amendment authors nor review it as a Board.

DAS: Ginny reported that there will be a public hearing on the proposed DAS cell phone system on April 6, 7:30 p.m. at the Chilmark Community Center. There are 11 new poles proposed for West Tisbury.

Byways Committee Handout: The Byways Committee contacted the office to say that they were printing their trails handout, and would like to do a mass mailing to all residents in Town. Simone said that neither the Planning Board nor Selectmen had budgeted for this, and the cost would be about \$1,000.00. Board members suggested that they be made available at Town buildings, libraries, and at Town Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Simone DeSorcy, administrator