

Minutes for Tuesday, March 1, 2011 Planning Board Meeting

1. Call to Order: Chairman David Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

2. Introduction of Attendees: Present were: Chairman David Johnson, Secretary Laura Chadbourne, Members Annette Bouchard and Bob Scott, and CEO Eric Gulbrandsen. Absent: Member Gail Bartlett and Alternate Member Ron Kiesman.

3. Read Minutes from January 25, 2011 Meeting: The minutes from the January 25, 2011 meeting were read by David Johnson. Laura Chadbourne moved and Annette Bouchard seconded the acceptance of the minutes with correction from CEO. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Communication & Bills

A. Correspondence Received (by date):

1. 1/25/2011 – email received by David Johnson from Michael Cuomo, Maine Soil Scientist working with U.S. Cellular. Attached to email was a document entitled “Guidelines for Maine Certified Soil Scientists for Soil Identification and Mapping.” Mr. Cuomo’s question was whether a “Class B” high-intensity soil survey (HISS) would meet the needs of the wireless tower CUP application submitted by U.S. Cellular.
2. 2/15/2011 – email received by David Johnson (cc to Eric Gulbrandsen) from Richard Trafton, requesting that the PB delay consideration of the U.S. Cellular CUP until the PB’s April meeting. David Johnson replied on 2/25/2011 (explaining that he’d been traveling abroad, hence the delay in reply) and that delaying the CUP review was not a problem. David also mentioned that the Board had communicated its needs for the application and that we hoped this additional time would allow them to complete the information the Board had asked for.
3. 2/24/2011 - Rec’d in PB mailbox: letter, undated but postmarked 2/23/11, to Sweden Planning Board from the Sweden Board of Selectmen, regarding the proposed Wind Energy Facility Ordinance.
4. 2/24/2011 - Rec’d in PB mailbox: letter from Richard Trafton, Esq., Trafton & Matzen, attorneys for U.S. Cellular. Letter includes information requested from the Board regarding the relationship between U.S. Cellular, Maine RSA #1, Inc., KJK Wireless, and the property owner. Letter includes attachment from a U.S. Cellular SEC filing, listing subsidiaries of U.S. Cellular, one of which is Maine RSA #1, Inc.

B. Correspondence Sent (by date):

1. 1/26/2011: email from Chairman David Johnson to Michael Cuomo, soil engineer working for U.S. Cellular. Email confirmed that the “Class B” HISS was sufficient for the U.S. Cellular wireless tower project.
2. 1/27/2011: letter from Board (signed by David Johnson) sent via certified mail to the Selectmen of the Town of Sweden, outlining concerns about the proposed wind energy facility ordinance process.
3. 1/27/2011: letter from David Johnson to KJK Wireless (KJK) sent via certified mail. Letter outlined that the CUP application from KJK was reviewed for completeness at the 12/21/10 PB meeting, and that the Board voted not to accept the application as complete. In addition, the letter outlined what materials and information was needed by the Board from KJK to consider acceptance of the application. The letter also

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outlined that, once the materials were received, the Board would forward a copy of the package to Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission (SMRPC) to obtain a cost estimate for help reviewing the package. The review by SMRPC would only happen once KJK paid for it. Until and if the review by SMRPC happens, the Board will not accept the application materials as complete.

4. 1/31/2011: email from David Johnson to Shannon McManus of KJK, alerting them that the regularly scheduled February PB meeting would be moved to March 1st, with the subsequent meeting on March 15th.
5. 2/7/2011: email from David Johnson to Shannon McManus of KJK, asking whether any blasting would be involved with the wireless tower project. Shannon replied on 2/11/11, stating that they would not know whether any blasting would be required until the geotechnical report was received, which is not done until all permits are received from the town. However, if blasting were required, neighbors would be notified and, depending on their distance from the blast site, a pre-blast inspection would be conducted. In addition, she stated that the blasting companies they use are fully insured and bonded.
6. 2/15/2011: letter from David Johnson to Shannon McManus of KJK, conveying discussion points from the 1/25/11 PB meeting around the wireless tower CUP, and letting her know that the next meeting dates would be March 1st and March 15th.

5. CEO's Report: Eric Gulbrandsen submitted the January 2011 CEO report. Bob Scott moved and Annette Bouchard seconded the acceptance of the CEO's report. The motion passed unanimously.

6. Old Business:

A. Review of the Town of Sweden Zoning Ordinance, beginning at Section X.T., page 32, was postponed to a future meeting.

B. Board discussed letter received 2/24/11 from the Board of Selectmen regarding a proposed Wind Energy Facility Ordinance (herein: "WEFO"). This letter asked the Planning Board to craft a WEFO. A member of the Board requested that the Selectmen provide documentation for requests from town residents to assist the Board in this request. CEO Eric Gulbrandsen noted that he heard there will be a warrant at the March 19th Annual Town Meeting asking whether residents are interested in wind facilities in town. In light of this, the Board will add the WEFO as a subject on the next meeting agenda, once the desires of the town's residents are more clear.

David Johnson to send a reply to the Selectmens' letter, acknowledging receipt and confirming that the WEFO discussion will be included on the next meeting agenda.

7. New Business:

A. Board Members' Terms expiring: Annette Bouchard noted that her term on the Planning Board is up this year; she is willing to stay on the Board (but perhaps not able to finish out a full 5 year term). Ron Kiesman's term is also up this year;

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Laura Chadbourne to contact Ron via email to ensure he is still willing to serve as Alternate Member for the upcoming year.

8. Announcements:

A. The next regular Meeting has been changed from Tuesday, March 15th, to **Tuesday, March 22nd** at the Meeting House. The March 22nd meeting will be followed by the regularly scheduled April meeting on Tuesday, April 19th.

Secretary will post notices at Town Office and on Town Bulletin Board notifying the public of the change in meeting date.

B. The board still has an opening for one alternate (an alternate serves a one year term). Should anyone express interest, they can be appointed by the Selectmen.

Annette Bouchard moved and Laura Chadbourne seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 8:10 PM. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Chadbourne
Secretary