

Town of Tyringham
Planning Board Meeting
7:00 PM June 18, 2014
Town Hall, Tyringham, Ma 01264

Approved Minutes

In Attendance: Robin Almgren, Christina Alsop, Rich Biasin, Holy Ketron, Mike Curtin

Minutes of May 7 were approved with corrections.

Present: No public present.

Mail:

Curtesy Notice Town of Gt. Barrington: June 23 a SP application for Housatonic Solar.

Town of Tyringham building permit: Vicky Jorzczak, 8 Lakeside Dr.: roofing

Town of Tyringham building permit: Peter Charpentier, 99 Main Rd.: roofing

Town of Tyringham building permit: Leonard & Mary Jo Miller, 36 Lakeside Dr.: bath renovation

Town of Tyringham building permit:Rubin Burton, 6 Lakeside Dr.: roofing

New Business:

Mike Curtin was welcomed as a new member of the Planning Board!

Election of officers was held with the following results: Chair: Robin Almgren; Vice Chair: Holly Ketron; Clerk: Christina Alsop.

At the request from Mimi, monies were approved to be taken from the PB fund to pay for software that will convert a PDF document into a Word document.

Summer Calender scheduling was approved as follows: no PB meetings in July, and a meeting on Aug 6 only for the month of August. Meetings will resume per usual in September for Sept 3 and Sept 17.

Old Business:

The Planning Board had a successful meeting with Brian Domina from BRPC concerning a review of MA solar and wind bylaws. Concerning solar: the consideration by the board was whether to write a simple bylaw now, or to wait for the process to happen through the Special Permit process. Brian said it was not pressing. Further discussion of this was tabled to the next meeting.

Concerning Wind, Brian submitted a draft of the following:

“Consider adding the following language to the Tyringham Zoning Bylaw...

- 1) Add a new definition to Section 2 for the term 'Large Scale Wind Energy Facility.

Large Scale Wind Energy Facility: All equipment, machinery and structures utilized in connection with the conversion of wind to electricity. This includes but is not limited to transmission, storage, collection

and supply equipment, substations, towers, wind turbines, foundations, service roads and other appurtenant structures, facilities and equipment.

2) Add a new section 4.5

4.5 Prohibited uses

4.5.1. Large scale wind energy is prohibited.

Discussion of this proposal was held, and Rich volunteered to research the Wind bylaws of other neighboring towns that might be of interest.

The board also felt a need for a definition of small scale wind power to be added. It was also noted by Mike that the ridges surrounding Tyringham belong mostly to other towns except that of the Goose Pond area and Webster Rd.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20

Our next meeting will be August 6, 2014 unless something of importance comes up.

Respectfully submitted by Christina Alsop