

Town of Tyringham
Planning Board Meeting
7:00 PM Feb 18, 2015
Town Hall, Tyringham, Ma 01264

Approved Minutes

In Attendance: Robin Almgren, Christina Alsop, Holly Ketron, April Roche

Public Present: None

Mail: Town of Tyringham: none

Town of Monterey curtesy notices: Board of Appeals grant application for 2 Point Rd..

Minutes of 2/4/15 were approved.

New Business:

Robin, due to weather, was unable to investigate a complaint concerning the zoning bylaw's allowance of the construction of two separate garages being built on Cooper Creek Rd. Apparently a two car garage was not allowed in this instance due to set back requirements. The Board agreed to review the bylaw.

Peter Salinetti was suggested to the board for the associate PB position and we have asked Robin and Mike to invite him to the next meeting March 4, 2015.

The board was happy to hear that April Roche (our current associate member) was willing to apply to the Selectmen Concerning the two year PB position left by Rich Biasin's resignation. The board voted to recommend both her appointment and that of Peter Salinetti by the Selectmen.

All of us on the board were somewhat undecided as to the terms held by each member and as a result we decided to ask Mimi to get back to us as to the year-terms held by each member, thereby clarifying who is up for re-election in the spring.

Old Business:

Large Scale Wind Energy System:

The Selectmen have responded to our LWES recommendation by requesting a height limit for the Large Wind definition. The board agreed to adjust the definition to read as follows:

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 of a height equal or greater than 100 ft..

SWES Small Wind Energy Systems:

The board adjusted the remainder of the new bylaw to read as follows:

2) Add a new section 4.5

4.5 Prohibited uses

4.5.1. Large scale wind energy is prohibited

4.5.2 Small Wind Energy Systems allowed by special permit only.

The board voted unanimously to approve these two changes.

After looking forward to dates available for a possible Public Hearing, it was noted that Mar 18 and April 1 were our two opportunities.

Robin also reminded herself to bring a copy of the BRPC Wind Volume map for the PB board to review.

Solar Energy: The board also studied the possibility of a Solar Energy by law and roughed out what was necessary. Again we would prohibit large scale or commercial Solar Energy, but allow small scale Solar Energy by limiting the acreage permissible to be utilized. The definition proposed for Large scale Solar Energy would include a usage of more than three acres dedicated to solar. To be continued at the next meeting. March 4.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Our next meeting will be Mar 4, 2015

Respectfully submitted by Christina Alsop