

Town of Tyringham
Planning Board Meeting

7:00 PM July 5, 2017

Town Hall, Tyringham, MA 01264

Approved Minutes

In Attendance: Mark Curtin, Rebecca Honig, Christina Alsop, Peter Salinetti, Chas Gonnello

Minutes of June 21st were approved

ANRs, Curtesy Notices, Mail:
NA

Old Business:
-None

New Business:

We discussed the bond issue related to the new energy coop.

It was mentioned at the select meeting that there may be a desire to have the energy coop put up a bond for decommissioning the panels, turbines, and digester should this ever be necessary.

We have been asked by the Select Board to draft this into a bylaw. To do further research, we plan, as a next step, to seek guidance from legal council.

We have questions about who would put up the bond (town or the energy coop)

Other questions include:

- What is involved in recycling solar panels?
- How do these need to be dealt with should they be decommissioned?
- Who should be required to float the bond?
- Should the landowners be required to deal with decommissioning?
- Does the town ever have the right to decommission the mechanisms should that become necessary?

- Does the town require that panels and turbines etc. be decommissioned should they break or need repair?
- Is there any precedence? We will research solar and/or wind coops to see if they have similar bonds written into their contracts.
- How might the PB be involved: variances, new wording to our existing energy bylaw that covers decommissioning?

Plan of action to address questions related to the bond:

- Ask town council
- Try to find other towns that have this set up and look to their contracts and/or bylaws.

Adjourned 8:10