

Town of Sandgate
Planning Commission Minutes – Wednesday 19 June 2019 Meeting
7:00 PM - Sandgate Municipal Office

Present: Sheila Kearns, Brad Kessler, Caroline Kimball (via telephone), Joe Nolan, Hal Wilkins (Zoning Administrator)

Invited Presenter: Jason Day, Star Wind Turbines, East Dorset, VT

Not present: Stuart Stevens

1. The meeting was called to order by Sheila Kearns (Chair) at 7:05 pm.
2. Sheila requested that the selection of a new Clerk/Recording Secretary be added to the agenda following the presentation by Jason Day.
3. No members of the public were present.
4. Following Introductions, Jason Day presented an overview of his company's technology. He provided a printed presentation containing details about the capabilities of his company's products that are being used in the project in process for the Carthusian Foundation on Equinox Mountain. He also provided copies of the recently submitted 45 day notice sent to the State of Vermont Public Utility Commission (PUC) as part of the process of receiving a Certificate of Public Good (CPG) from the PUC. He stated that he intends to submit the full application for the CPG to the PUC in the next month or so.

Mr. Day emphasized that his company's wind turbines are in the category of "small wind" and that their visual, acoustical, and environmental impacts are very significantly lower than those of industrial wind turbines. He provided details of how those impacts are even further minimized in the project on Equinox by the siting of the turbines.

Members of the Planning Commission (PC) asked for explanations of several technical details and Mr. Day provided all information requested. Zoning Administrator (ZA) Hal Wilkins noted that at a previous meeting the PC reviewed the letter provided by the Select Board in support of the companies 45 day notification for the CPG.

5. The draft minutes of the 5/27/2019 were reviewed. One correction was made to add the word "adjourn" to the last paragraph. Joe Nolan made the motion to approve the minutes as amended and it was seconded by Caroline Kimball. The minutes for 5/27/2019 were approved unanimously.
6. Sheila requested that a volunteer agree to become the Clerk/Recording Secretary. After Brad Kessler agreed to fill the position, Caroline made the motion to appoint

him. Joe Nolan seconded the nomination and Brad was approved unanimously as Clerk/Recording Secretary.

7. Hal Wilkins (ZA) updated the PC on the status of recent and pending actions.
 - There are no updates to the pending permits and enforcement actions reported at the meeting on 5/27/2019
 - There is an expected permit application for an accessory building on the Stannard property at 723 Stannards Road.
8. Work on updates to Zoning Bylaws continue pending. Awaiting electronic copies of materials supplied at the 5/27/2019, additional materials to be supplied by ZA, and a new round of planning grants from BCRC.
9. At 8:20 pm Brad made a motion to adjourn. Joe seconded it and the motion passed unanimously.

Notice concerning the next meeting of the Sandgate Planning Commission will be posted on the town website and at the Town message boards during the week before the proposed meeting.