

Cohasset Alternative Energy Committee

Date: October 19, 2010

Time: 7pm – 8:30pm

Location: Town Hall Room 2B

Attending:

Rod Hobson, Andrew Willard, Mike Bliss, Steve Wenner, Marie Caristi-Mac-Donald

Not Attending:

Jeff Patterson, Conrad Langenhagen

Agenda notes: (Taken by Andrew Willard)

1. Approval of Sep Meeting notes: Tabled as they were not yet provided by Andrew
2. By-law revisions update on pending meetings next steps:
 - a. Presentation to Advisory Board to happen after Special Town Meeting, Advisory Board will contact us.
 - b. Presentation with Board of Selectmen to happen following Special Town Meeting. BoS will contact us.
 - c. Planning Board asked that we add wording to the “Definitions” section to include: Dwelling or Residential Structure. (Make sure we define it then use that word through the document.)
3. TTOR: Turkey Hill wind project: Andrew outlined a recent phone call he received from Jim Younger, Director of Structural Resources and Technology.
 - a. Jim wanted to understand where we felt the CCI project went wrong and any issue he should be aware of.
 - b. Andrew outlined what he saw as issues that included:
 - i. Size of project (100meters) (2 units),
 - ii. location (close to homes and business),
 - iii. Issues with original presenters not being viewed as “seasoned professionals”.
 - c. Jim asked if there has been any feedback to their public presentation at Town Hall back in Sep. Andrew stated he had not heard up or down from anyone at this time. Jim stated he has heard from a few people but they tend to be from Hingham and are upset they are not able to get power from the turbine.
 - i. Committee has not heard much feedback either, not sure if this means people are in favor or they are not speaking out until the project is at Planning Board.
 - d. Jim asked if the AEC would take a formal position on the project: Andrew stated formal vote would be possible at this time, but would attend and listen.
 - i. Committee conversation of if we can take a formal position. We will add that to a future agenda for further conversation and a vote.
4. AEC consultant: Brief conversation of what there might be left for funds for this. Andrew to ask at Town Hall for an update to any funds unused.
5. What Next: Conversation on what should the AEC do in 2011. The by-law will be wrapped in April timeframe so what should we do.
 - a. Idea of sitting down with Capital Planning to understand what is coming up in the next year or two for purchase, this there research we can do and present to the town?
 - i. What the best fire truck, boiler, school bus out there we could by that would be less costly to run over the long haul
 - ii. If we need a new roof, is now a good time to look at better insulation? Solar?
 - iii. New lighting needs? LED?
 - iv. Etc.

- b. Member of the committee to be step forward and get on the agenda for Capital Planning to open the discussion.
6. Dear Hill: Rod outlined a recent conversation he had with town people at Dear Hill. All were very pleased at the Sun-pipes and felt that was great work by the town to make that happen. It was also mentioned that people have heard similar with the Costal Group down at the harbor and their Sun-pipes.

Action Items:

- Andrew to contact Town Hall about funding for Consultant
- Committee member to step forward and meet with Capital Planning
- Andrew to stay in contact with Advisory Board and BoS regarding By-law
 - Committee to formalize wording of "Dwelling"
- TTOR are meeting with Planning Board in November.
 - AEC should try to attend.

Documents discussed/reviewed:

- By-revision draft : **Cohasset Wind Energy by-law - modification Sep 27 2010.docx**