

Topsfield Planning Board

February 23, 2010

Chairman Winship called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM. Board members present were Robert Winship, Janice Ablon, Gregor Smith, and Jonathan Young. Roberta Knight, Community Development Coordinator was also present.

Visitors: Selectmen Martha Morrison and Dick Gandt

Renewable Energy: Selectman Morrison updated the Board as to the presentation by the Renewable Energy/Green Communities Committee to the Board of Selectmen. Member George Hall made the presentation and had informed the Selectmen that the Committee based on the discussion at its last meeting has withdrawn the request for warrant articles relative to the installation of utility scale wind energy conversion facilities. The Committee now plans to seek grant funding for an assessment as to the feasibility of installing utility scale facilities at the DPW site before it moves forward to request action by the Planning Board and approval at Town Meeting.

Illicit Dumping By-law: Selectmen Morrison then noted that the Selectmen would be re-organizing the Stormwater Management Committee to address requirements of the EPA's Phase 2 Stormwater Standards that includes the requirement for an Illicit Dumping By-law. Member Jonathan Young volunteered to be the Planning Board designee on the Committee. Clerk Janice Ablon noted that she had a brief discussion with Highway Superintendent David Bond, the stormwater enforcement officer, concerning illicit dumping, and he did not believe that the Town needed to take action at this Town Meeting. Selectman Morrison informed that Board that she had drafted a model by-law which could be used if it is determined that the Town is required to take action this year.

Wind Energy Conversion Facilities – Small Scale: The Board performed an extensive review of formatted Draft 4. See attached Draft 4 and new document issued as Draft 5 for specific details.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Roberta M. Knight
Community Development Coordinator