

Zoning Board of Appeals

Minutes of the Meeting

And

Continuation of the Town of West Boylston Municipal Light Plant
Wind Tower Project - Special Permit

September 27, 2007

Present: Philippe Chevalier, Chairman, Matthew Colangelo, Vice Chairman, Barbara M. Deschenes, Linda Ann Isgro, and Paul Trippi

Absent: Clerk Charles Witkus and Paul Hennessey

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Phil Chevalier at the Mixter Municipal Building. There was one (1) signature on the sign-in sheet

TOWN OF WEST BOYLSTON MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

Mr. H. Bradford White, Jr., representing the Municipal Light Plant, showed diagrams and explained the pictures and the views of a temporary wind turbine and tower they would like to erect. He stated that the property has restrictions from when the Municipal Light Plant purchased the property from the state. The property has got to be used for MLP purposes only. The potential site, if viable, has to be tested for two (2) years in order to receive funding. The test tower height would be approximately 150' – 164'. Mr. Chevalier asked if the turbine could be smaller in height and size. Mr. White stated that it depended on the test results. Ms. Isgro expressed concerns of annoying sounds and had questions about giving proper notice to Worcester County House of Corrections and Jail. Mr. Chevalier asked questions about granting a temporary special permit with an end date; would it be fully erected or would an extension be needed; removal costs; time frame. Mr. White stated that 2 ½ years from erection should be appropriate; maybe less once final reports and date are received. Ms. Isgro had questions about the abutter's lists. Mr. Colangelo asked about fencing and Mr. White replied that it had not yet been addressed. Mr. Colangelo also expressed concern about a new road for a temporary structure and Mr. White assured the Board that it would be minimal tree cutting in case the tests failed. Mr. Trippi asked about the land clearance and Mr. White explained clearing a few limbs, but does not want to clear cut the hill. Mr. Colangelo asked if there would be lighting and Mr. White said that lighting is not necessary. Ms. Isgro asked about the advantages and Mr. White stated that the state opened up funds for Green Energy and is willing to help fund the testing. Mr. Chevalier closed public testimony @ 8:05 p.m. for deliberations.

Mr. Colangelo and Mr. Chevalier expressed fencing concerns around the tower; height and width for secure purposes. Ms Isgro expressed concern that the County Jail was not on the abutter's list. Mr. Colangelo motions to grant a special permit for MLP for property on the northerly side of Paul Tivnan Drive under conditions: Permit for 30 months after erection, 6 months after dismantling, secure by fence or other means.

Ms. Deschenes 2nd the motion, Ms. Isgro yes with notice, roll call vote all yes (5 votes) a 8:30 p.m.

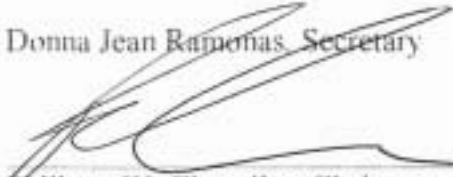
Other business:

- Approval of Minutes
- Correspondence, memos, minutes from other board committee meetings

Motion Mr. Colangelo at 8:50 pm. To go into executive session under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 23b, Part 3 to discuss strategy with respect to litigation, and the Board will not be going back into open session, seconded by Mr. Trippi. Mr. Chevalier yes, Mr. Colangelo yes, Ms. Deschenes yes, Ms. Isgro yes, Mr. Trippi yes.

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Donna Jean Ramonas, Secretary

Philippe W. Chevalier, Chairman

Matthew P. Colangelo, Vice-Chairman

Barbara M. Deschenes

Linda Ann Isgro

Paul Trippi

Minutes accepted on _____