

**TOWN OF ASHFORD
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION
#5 Town Hall Road
REGULAR MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

Present: Ted Cummings (Chairperson), Seth Lyman (alternate), John Bartok (alternate), Art Talmadge, Carol Mele, Harry Bagley, Robert Zaicek, William Kerensky, Susan Eastwood, Richard Hyde, Alex Hastillo (alternate) Michael Gardner (Zoning Enforcement Officer) and Francine Hodovan (Recording Secretary).

Guests: Mark Zessin (Anchor Engineering), Atty. Edward Muska, (U.S. Pure Energy), Paul Tillotson (U.S. Pure Energy), Dennis Conroy (U.S. Pure Energy), Daniel Tillotson (U.S. Pure Energy), Cesar Barrios, Ruth Cutler, Eugenie Bagley, Dennis Flaherty, Jan Spangle, Ray Fenn (EDC), Dick Williams (EDC), Charlie Atkins, Carolyn and Tom Martin, Stuart Sherman, Ralph and Bonnie Sherman, Tom and Tia Hardecker, Sandra Moquin, Kari Olson, Linda Plourde, Michael Tulman, Anthony Patichio, Anthony Horn, Loretta Wrobel.

Call to Order: The Regular Meeting of the Ashford Planning and Zoning Commission was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Seating of Alternates: A. Hastillo was seated for S. Organ

Acceptance of Minutes of June 13, 2011 Meeting of the P&ZC:

S. EASTWOOD MOVED AND C. MELE SECONDED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MEETING MINUTES OF THE JUNE 13, 2011 MEETING OF THE P&ZC AS WRITTEN. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY EXCEPT FOR MR. KERENSKY AND MR. HASTILL WHO ABSTAINED.

Old Business: None.

New Business: U. S. Pure Energy, Inc. – application for change of zoning regulations:

U.S. Pure Energy presented a project to create an energy producing facility near the Ashford Motel which would recycle and produce energy to either run the facility or be put back into the grid. It was determined that this is not a P&ZC issue but belongs under the jurisdiction of the DEEP. It was reported that no incineration would be done on site and there would be 2 buildings: one for materials recovery and the 2nd one for biological breakdown of **recyclable** materials. It was noted that any incineration would not be done on site. There would also be a sewerage system for “domestic sewerage” on site. It was further decided that this is an issue that U.S. Pure Energy needs to take to the DEEP. The Chair ruled that no more questions from the P&ZC or the audience should be directed to U. S. Pure Energy as this was not a Public Hearing. W. Kerensky expressed concern that the applicant was represented by legal counsel and the Commission was not. Chairman Cummings will consult with the Ashford land use attorney.

W. KERENSKY MOVED AND A. TALMADGE SECONDED A MOTION TO TABLE THE DISCUSSION ON THIS PROJECT UNTIL THE U. S. PURE ENERGY GROUP HAS SPOKEN WITH THE DEEP AND DETERMINED THAT THEY HAVE A COOMPLETED APLICATION TO SUBMIT TO THE P&ZC. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

Other Business: Review Proposed Zoning Regulation Changes:

R. Hyde stated that he has finished with all changes to the Zoning Regulations. He will make copies available to all P&ZC members. It was requested that all members read the new document and be ready to discuss it at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the P&ZC.

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report: M. Gardner stated that 2 zoning permits were granted since the last meeting of the P&ZC along with tonight's application from U.S. Pure Energy. He gave an update on Route 44 and Howard Road to let the Commission know that the owner of the mobile home that was put up "for a short period of time" exceeded the time limit because of issues with the insurance company which has now been resolved and the owner is anxious to get back into his home. He also stated that the Tropical Storm Irene caused a lot of power outages but that water was available at the DWP, Town Hall and Senior Center. MRE's were available at the DWP and showers were available at E.O. Smith and at Ashford School. For a devastating event everyone handled it very well and it was cleaned up as fast as possible and people handled themselves very well in the disaster.

W. KERENSKY MOVED AND A. TALMADGE SECONDED A MOTION TO ADJOURN THE SEPTEMBER 12, 2011 REGULAR MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION. THE MOTION PASSED WITH EVERYONE VOTING AFFIRMATIVELY.

The September 12, 2011 regular meeting of the Ashford Planning and Zoning Commission was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Francine Hodovan,
Recording Secretary

FOR YOUR INFORMATION – DATES TO KEEP IN MIND!

1.) SAVE THE DATE HARTFORD!

**Two-date Healthy Food Workshop
September 17 7 18, 2011**

CONTACT: Swami at 615-275-8058 or at hartford.aol@gmail.com

2.) ALSO: Yale School Forests Workshops

Forest Ecology and Land Use History

Saturday September 24, 2011

Schedule of Events:

8:00 to 9:00 am – Introductions and Coffee

9:00 to 10:00 am – Forest Ecology Lecture

10:15 TO 12:00 P.M. – Dendrology Trail Hike, Plant ID Excercise

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 pm to 2 pm – Soils and Land Use History Lecture

2:00 to 3:30 pm – Soil Sampling and Interpretive Hike

3:45 to 5:00 pm – Land Use History Exercise

5:00 to 6:00 pm – Presentations

6:00 pm – Bar-B-Que

Check on-line with Yale School Forests Workshops for more details.....