

**Town of Ashford
Planning and Zoning Commission
Meeting August 12,2013**

Present: Alex Hastillo (Secretary), Sid Organ, Luther Brauch, Robert Zaicek, Anthony Paticchio, Nord Yakovleff, Bud Bagley, Jeff Silver-Smith

Call to order: the meeting was called to order by temporary acting chair Sid Organ. The meeting was preceded by a continuation of a public hearing regarding a Special Permit Application by Snow Hill Wind I, LLC for the construction of a temporary meteorological tower on undeveloped property identified as Map 1, Block A Lot 2.1 located west of Snow Hill Road and south of the Ashford-Union town boundary.

Adam Cohen and Attorney Peter Adler representing Snow Hill Wind gave a presentation on the application to install a meteorological data collecting tower on a 96 acre piece of undeveloped property.

1. Copies of notification to abutting neighbors was received by PZC
2. The proposed tower is 197'8" and will be up for 3 years
3. Cohen explained how tower is erected with guide wires and placement of data collecting equipment

The hearing was next opened up to questions from the commission. Before any questions were asked, two letters were read into the public record on the hearing. One was from the Town of Ashford Selectman's Office in support of this project. The second letter was from Christina H. Davis and Robert C. Davis with a list of questions. Commission members had the opportunity to ask about the durability of the tower, inspection of the tower, the track record of similar towers, and construction of towers.

The public hearing was then opened to comments from the audience. Some of the comments were: wind noise, interference with local communications such as TV, internet and telephone, will the tower be unsightly, and endangerment of local bird species. The audience would like to have more time for input from local residents.

Snow Hill Wind gave the commission a signed letter of continuance until October 15th 2013 at 7pm in Room 104, Ashford Town Office Building, 5 Town Hall Road, Ashford.

Commission returned to regular meeting. Seating of alternates Nord Yakovleff for Richard Hyde, and Jeff Silver-Smith for Bill Kerensky.

Moved by Hastillo, second by Brauch to accept the minutes from the July 15th 2013 meeting. Voting for Hastillo, Organ, Brauch, Zaicek, Paticchio, and abstaining Bagley, and Silver-Smith.

Zoning Officer's report Friends of Our Companions has started two more cottages and a house permit was issued for a house on Hillside Drive.

Land Use Attorney Dorian Famiglietti gave an update on the final draft of the commission zoning regulations and will be sending a copy out to commission members for review.

Moved by Zaicek with second by Bagley to adjourn meeting at 8:35pm. Approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Alex Hastillo
Secretary