

**TOWN OF BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
OCTOBER 22, 2018**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:36 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Keeler Wes Miller
Jean Depatie Kurt Dudley
Kirk Mathes Jean Peglow
Stephen Harling

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Wilford Wraight Darryl Sanford

Others present: John Metzler, Kerri Richardson, George McKenna DM, Alex Nacca, Lauren Artkowitz (Sun Spin Media), Judy Cox, Richard Cox, Robin Nacca, Alice Mathes, Ben Yazman, Nancy J. Blank, Edwin T. Blank, Maralee J. Hicks, Herman Hicks, Stephen Karas, L. Fern, Chris Loss, Janice Grabowski, Larry J. Gaylard, Sean P. Pogue, Tom Rivers (Orleans Hub), Robert Stirk

Mr. Keeler stated the special meeting was to discuss the proposed wind zoning by the local town's groups giving them a chance to explain their proposals. The planning board only makes recommendation to the town board.

A few asked why the Heritage Wind proposals were not available yet. Mrs. Preston stated that she has not received the revised proposal to make them available but will as soon as they are.

Mr. Yasman stated that Ag & Markets has not reviewed Heritage Wind's proposal yet.

Mr. Miller has gone thru most of the proposals that are the same trying to bring them into line and where they are currently found. It is a work in progress as there are a couple of proposals that are different than the rest.

Mrs. Richardson stated that Clear Skies will submit its proposal by the November 1st deadline.

Mr. Miller stated that in going thru the proposals, he did a google search. LeRoy's wind ordinance popped up. So/ me of the wording seemed to come directly from theirs.

The resident proposals were discussed:

- Total height zoning definitions doesn't include tip height but – ground to tip of blade
- Mr. Yasman stated that they use the standard baselines.
- Mrs. Richardson stated that 350-101 tower height and/or tip height should be corrected in our zoning. It may be just a clerical error she is not sure.
- 350-105 D (decommissioning)

- 6 months on Heritage Wind
- Currently its 180 days
- Unused in 6 months could be because of replacement parts not unavailable or on back order 2 months sometimes.
- How would the town be informed if not being used
- Maybe Mr. Mark can look at the clause
- Why would the 6 months is half a year. Why extend or change?
- Town board can give an extension.
- Per tower, our zoning is tighter than what is being propose.,
- What is the set timeline for construction? Current zoning and Heritage is six months and the resident proposal is two years.
- Decommissioning lean applied to owner of the tower or land owner? The entire project is held by the town.
- Mechanics lean on the land owner & listed names of landowners? Mr. Yasman and Mr. Mark to find out more.
- Mr. Mark likes the communications to be open. He was not able to be here tonight but will be at the next public meeting.
- What is the distance from any wetland?
- Is Apex inclusive?
- What about bird area fly zones? They are included in the preliminary scoping statement.
- Some felt the results of fly zones were being skewed.
- Conditions of Article 10 are completely identified.
- Our zoning takes precedence.
- Other current town's setback is 1.5 times the tip height.
- Setbacks include property lines, building etc. range from 1,000 to 1,500 feet.
- Protection of all residents.
- Not knowing height of turbines makes it hard for calculations.
- Proposals should be middle of the road.
- Geological study done?
- 1 setback for all or a cumulative setback.
- 350-103 (J) – shadow flicker
 - Measured just non lease holders or all
 - 25-30 hours
 - Should be across the board for participating and non-participating residents.
 - How is it measured
 - There is a calendar with all the calculations based on the various conditions.
 - How did we come up with the 25 hours?
 - Yates has 30 hours/30 minutes per day.
- Sound is 45 decibels
 - There are lots of components to calculating this.
 - How would the sound affect the human body?
 - Is 45 decibels an average?
 - Should not be any louder than 51 decibels at any time.
 - Some of Yates zoning was read. Again lots of different components.

- What is the height of the Cassadaga project (515”) so can be compared “apples to apples”.
- Some overhead lines but most will be buried 4 feet underground.
- A proposal to the town board is hoped by January 1st.
- If the proposal would be negative to what Heritage is proposing what would happen to the project? Mr. Yasman stated it could possibly kill the project.
- Proposals are to protect our community and all citizens; not to just kill the project.
- There will be no advertising on the turbines.
- What about insurance?
- Any activity will only be on leased land. Will not do anything on property not leased.
- Concerns on all proposals are setbacks, noise and environmental – people and animals.
- Mr. Yasman was asked about a rumor that Apex is for sale and will be sold before the project is completed. Mr. Yasman said Apex was not for sale.
- Clear Skies cannot and will not use intervenor funding for non-covered expenses.
- Farmers didn’t honor their contracts.
- Mrs. Richardson thanked the board for serving and as a concerning resident wants to make sure that any decisions made is for the good of all residents.
- “Short Course” is not geared on one topic but all topics for everyone.
- Federal and state laws supersede town laws.

Mr. Keeler moved to go into executive session at 8:42 pm to discuss personal issues. Seconded by Mr. Depate.

The board came out of executive session at 9:24pm.

ADJORNMENT

Mrs. Peglow made a resolution to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm; seconded by Mr. Depatie and carried (7-0).

Lee A. Preston, Clerk