

Town of Enfield Planning Board Meeting Minutes - January 2 2013
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PRESENT: Virginia Bryant, Ann Chaffee, Dawn George, Steve Givin, Calvin Rothermich,
Marie Vandemark, Dan Walker

STAFF: Vera Howe-Strait, Enfield Town Board Representative
Sue Thompson/Planning Board Recording Secretary

Virginia Bryant called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Marie Vandemark made a motion to accept the minutes of the December 5, 2012, meeting. Dan Walker seconded the motion. Minutes passed unanimously.

Virginia Bryant asked for Comprehensive Plan Group Reports:

Ann Chaffee reported that the Agriculture, Land Use group is working on a new write up but they are not ready to release it. They are looking into having a meeting for the group soon.

Art Godin voiced his concern that he thought the group should be further along in their reporting than they are. There is a lack of communication from the entire group members. He felt that the Planning Board members in the group were not engaged enough in their comments and suggestions regarding the group reports. He said he is now suggesting that the group have an actual meeting held at a committee members home or Enfield Town Hall. Virginia Bryant agreed that having an actual meeting along with the e-mails would be a good idea. Calvin Rothermich commented that he thought the reports that were sent out to the committee needed more work. Ann Chaffee agreed with Calvin Rothermich and she thought a meeting at the Enfield Community Building with the group would be a good idea. Art Godin also would like to have more local farmers involved in the group to replace the members that seem to have dropped out of the committee.

Sue Thompson handed out to the Planning Board, the report done by Sue Thompson and Cindy Estes-Smith for the History and Town Overview, Demographics (census). She asked the board members to review it and share any comments/additions.

Virginia Bryant reported that the Environment, Natural Resources group has a draft report. They would still like to hear any comments/additional regarding the report handed out at the last meeting.

Marie Vandemark reported that the Economic Development, Community Facilities & Programs group are not ready to submit a report.

There were no other reports and Virginia Bryant urged the groups to submit their reports soon.

Virginia Bryant announced that Steve Givin's term on the Planning Board is ended. Dan Walker made a motion to reappoint Steve Givin to another term on the Planning Board. Virginia Bryant seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

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Sue Thompson announced that there is a vacancy on the Enfield Town Board. If anyone is interested that should submit a letter of intent to the Enfield Town Clerk by January 15.

Alex Hagen and from the Weaver Wind Energy Company of Ithaca gave a presentation on the wind turbine for Mr. Bill Bassett on Bostwick road. After much shared information from Alex and questions from the Board, Dan Walker motioned that approval for the construction of a wind turbine tower for extension of a max height of 140 feet be approved with the appropriate building permit obtained from the Enfield Code Enforcer. Ann Chaffee seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Calvin Rothermich made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dan Walker seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Sue Thompson, Recording Secretary