

MEETING MINUTES

Union Large Wind Turbine Study Committee

September 22, 2007

Meeting called to order at 8:00 a.m. at Village Square Restaurant

Members Present: Tom Alisankus (Chair), Cathy Bembinster, Mike Exum, Mike Leeder, Sue Pestor, Renee Exum (recording secretary).

Members Absent: Scott McElroy, Jim Bembinster, Marion Tong

Public Present: None

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the minutes from 9/15/2007 meeting as written.

Committee Name: The Committee approved that it shall be called the "Large Wind Turbine Study Committee".

Research Update: Cathy Bembinster handed out a compilation of newspaper articles about large wind turbines to the Committee.

Process for soliciting input: The Committee reviewed the purpose for soliciting comments. Then the Committee discussed a process for obtaining input and scientific data from the wind industry and others. It was decided that the solicitation of comments would be by direct written communication. In addition a solicitation for data supported input will be published in the Review and on the Town of Union website.

Identify Issues and Model Ordinance Guide: Tom Alisankus suggested picking an ordinance as a guide and then identifying the issues to work on. The Committee decided to start with the draft Wisconsin Model Ordinance & guide as a baseline to start from. Renee will send out copies of the draft Wisconsin Model Ordinance and its corresponding guide to the Committee members.

Status Report to Plan Commission: Tom Alisankus will present a brief update to the Plan Commission at its next meeting on September 27, 2007. The committee minutes will be used as a guide for the status report.

New Business: Tom Alisankus asked Mike Leeder to start looking at electrical issues related to large wind turbines.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Saturday, September 29, 2007 at 7:30 a.m. at the Village Square Restaurant. Public Notice for the September 29 meeting will be posted at the Library, Piggly Wiggly, Town of Union website, Worthington and Landmark.

Suggested Agenda for next meeting:

1. Determine comment/data solicitation letter recipients
2. Review model ordinances
3. Identify and assign tasks to members

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Renee Exum

Committee Recording Secretary