

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

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Zoning Board of Appeals Minutes of June 25, 2009 High School Auditorium 1 Lenox Avenue

Chairman Roy Cowdrey called the regular meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. with the following members present:

PRESENT: Roy Cowdrey, Chairman Thomas McLellan, Clerk Susan Welenc
Mark Maloney Scott Cote Howard Barnard, Alternate
Scott Conti, Alternate

ALSO PRESENT: Attorney Maurice Cahillane representing the Town; Eric Twarog, Senior Planner/GIS Coordinator; Jeff Terrell from WHAI; a crew from GCTV; and members of the public.

Public Hearing Continued:

7:00 p.m. Pioneer Renewable Energy, LLC – Request for special permits to allow: i) the construction of a 47 MW biomass-fired power plant, including ancillary buildings and structures, access roads, fuel storage areas, parking area and utility construction, ii) the height of the structures and buildings to extend above fifty (50) feet, and iii) activities exceeding the noise standards set forth in Section 200-6.8(C2) of the Zoning Ordinance within the Planned Industry (PI) Zoning District.

Zoning Board of Appeals Chair Roy Cowdrey explained the rules and procedures of the hearing for the evening which is to allow those that signed up to speak at the June 15, 2009 ZBA meeting who did not get to speak a chance to speak. Cowdrey also announced that they will hear a 15 minute testimony from an expert witness. McLellan read the public notice into the record. Members sitting were Roy Cowdrey, Tom McLellan, Mark Maloney, Susan Welenc, and Scott Cote. Also in attendance were ZBA Alternates Howard Barnard and Scott Conti, Matthew Wolfe of Madera Energy, Cliff Orvedal of Madera Energy, Dale Raczowski of Epsilon Associates, Damien Bell from Epsilon Associates, John Irving from Burlington Electric, Eric Nelson from SVE Associates, Tony Wonseski from SVE Associates, Eric Kingsley of Innovative Natural Resources Solutions, and Ellen W. Freyman, Esq. from Shatz, Schwartz and Fentin, P.C.

The Board opened the meeting up for the following public input. Twelve (12) people spoke at the public hearing to include an expert witness for those who are against the proposed project.

The Board discussed whether to continue the public hearing. The Board discussed continuing the meeting to Friday, June 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Twarog pointed out that you need 48 hours to post a public meeting. The Board stated that attorney Maurice Cahillane concluded that 48 hours is not needed for a continued public hearing.

MOTION: Moved by McLellan, seconded by Cote, and voted 5:0 to continue the public hearing to Friday, June 26, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Greenfield High School Auditorium.

Adjournment:

MOTION: Moved by Welenc, seconded by Maloney, and voted 5:0 to adjourn the meeting at 10:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Eric Twarog, AICP
Senior Planner/GIS Coordinator