

At 7:10 p.m. Supervisor Stevens called to order a meeting of the Spafford Town Board. Councilors Rick Fesko, Ken Lieberman, Merrill Clark, and Jeff Ireland were present. Town Clerk Lisa Valletta was also present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

TRANSFER STATION

There is concern that the recycling containers at the Transfer Station are insufficient size. Councilor Clark will contact Casella Waste Services (formerly Appleton Disposal) to discuss possible solutions. A motion authorizing Councilor Clark to arrange for either a 40 yd container for recycling materials or 3 containers on a rotating schedule was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion to enter into executive session at 7:20 p.m. for discussion of union negotiation planning was made by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Ireland. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

A motion to exit executive session at 8:25 p.m. was made by Councilor Ireland, seconded by Councilor Clark. The motion PASSED. AYES – 5, NAYS – 0.

WINDMILLS

Councilor Lieberman reported he spoke with residents in Fenner as well as the Town Clerk and Deputy Town Clerk in Lyme. The legislation in the Town of Lyme has not yet been enacted. He also spoke with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regarding sound, lights etc.

Councilor Lieberman is concerned that fifty (50) decibels is too high a limit for sound at the property line. The legislation in the Town of Lyme has a limit of five (5) decibels. He will conduct a noise study and report the results to the Board.

Supervisor Stevens reported he met with a windmill installer who provided the following information:

- most personal windmills put out a maximum of forty-five (45) decibels at the machine, which one wouldn't hear at a distance of 100 – 150 feet unless you are in a direct line.
- The maximum diameter of the blade design for personal windmills is twelve (12) feet; one hundred-fifty (150) feet for commercial. There are three blades.
- The average, optimum height of personal windmills is sixty (60) feet; minimum height is thirty-three (33) feet. If a windmill taller than sixty feet is desired, the applicant would appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals. At a height of sixty feet, guide wires are not required.
- For optimum performance, a wind speed of twelve (12) miles per hour.
- The windmills have an auto-braking system and programmable control that allows for shut down if there are high winds.

Additional information:

- Electrical service is run through the interior of the pole.
- The weight of the unit is 150 – 200 pounds; the weight of the pole is 500 pounds.
- The blades are designed for minimal noise. They are curled to eliminate a “slapping” sound.

Other discussion points:

- Should installation within a certain distance from properties zoned as Residential Lake be restricted? The Board determined not to restrict installation in regards to proximity to shorelines.

- What if a windmill is abandoned? The towers are stainless steel. Removal could be addressed with Local Law 2008-3 as it pertains to unsafe buildings and structures.

Adjournment

| On a motion by Councilor Lieberman, seconded by Councilor Fesko the meeting adjourned at 9 p. m.
| The motion was carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by,

Next meeting to be held
August 14, 2008 @ 7 p.m.
@ Spafford Town Hall

Lisa M. Valletta
Town Clerk
Town of Spafford