

Corrected and Approved Minutes of the 1 May 2019 Town of Clifton, Maine Planning Board Meeting

The meeting began in the Town Office Building at approximately 6:15 p.m. Present were Chairperson Eric Johns, Vice Chairperson Dave Cogdell and Members Bruce Jellison, Vern Campbell and Julie LaVertue.

The Board discussed the gist of a recent Bangor Daily News article concerning the proposed doubling of wind turbines in Clifton in connection with the proposed Silver Maple project. Eric reported that it was his understanding that Town of Otis officials and many of its citizens were generally against the construction of any wind turbines in their town.

Bruce reported on his findings regarding the need for changes to the existing ordinance regarding mobile homes. The Board opined that it was probably too late to get any proposed changes on the June town meeting agenda, but the process should get started anyway, to include scheduling public meetings and the like. It was noted that the town ordinance changes would in many respects just refer to the overall state guidance but, in a few situations, the town ordinance suggested changes could be more restrictive such as the town restriction on installing used trailers that are over 20 years old. Bruce agreed to develop the language for proposed changes to be presented at the November town election. Additionally, Julie, with Bruce's assistance as needed, will look at any other changes in the Land Use Ordinance that might be needed.

The recently released State of Maine Preliminary Draft of the Rules Governing Maine's Adult Use Marijuana Program was discussed. Bruce suggested that the town might want to consider imposing a moratorium on the June town vote to prohibit any commercial marijuana establishments until the State of Maine passes the appropriate legislation. Eric suggested the Board hold off until Julie completes her ordinance analysis.

The Town's Comprehensive Plan updating effort, including some of the text of Chapter 9, was discussed.

Upon a motion by Vern/Bruce, the minutes of the 3 April 2019 Planning Board meeting were unanimously approved.

Upon a motion by David/Bruce and voted unanimously by the Board, the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:37 p.m.