

TOWN OF LONG ISLAND PLANNING BOARD
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Planning Board Meeting Minutes
June 9, 2008

Present: Nancy Berges, Brad Brown, Emily Jacobs, David Johnson, Tom Johnson, Curt Murley and Ruth Peterson

Guests: Anne-Marie and Edward Train

1. Meeting Convened:

Meeting was called to order at 7:15 PM by Chairperson Jacobs with seven (7) members present. Quorum met.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings :

It was moved by Tom Johnson and seconded by David Johnson that the minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting be accepted as read. The motion was unanimously approved.

3. Public Hearing: None

4. Correspondence: None

5. Report of the CEO: None

6. Committee Reports: None

7. Old Business

a) Code of Ethics

Tabled until next meeting.

b) Wind Energy Ordinances

Tabled until next meeting.

c) Wary Spar Project – Review Workshop

Additional information was received from Mr. Wary at the workshop which was held June 3, 2008. This information is available as attachment #1 to these minutes.

Emily Jacobs stated that she felt that the application was still incomplete in spite of the additional information that Mr. Wary has submitted. She cited the following to support her statement: we do not have a current water test, there is still a question as to whether or not the proposed structure will be in the floodplain, Mr. Wary has not submitted a 2-foot contour map of the lot and there are still unanswered questions about the off-street parking facilities.

The board discussed these issues and generally concluded, based on statements made by Mr. Wary at the workshop and a previous meeting, that further information would not be

forthcoming from Mr. Wary. The board then generally agreed that we should proceed to act on these applications with the information we have with the understanding that we could make findings contingent on requiring more information .

It was moved by Curt Murley and seconded by Tom Johnson that the board find the Wary Spar Project site plan review and subdivision applications complete.

Without further discussion the motion was approved by a vote of six to zero with David Johnson abstaining.

Chairperson Jacobs stated that she would contact Mr. Wary and schedule a site walk before the next planning board meeting.

8. New Business

a) Friends of Casco Bay and Low Impact Development Presentation

Emily suggested that a presentation by the Friends of Casco Bay and a speaker from the Low Impact Development conference that she and two other planning members attended last month would be a useful thing to do. It was pointed out that the Long Island Civic Association was working on getting a representative of the Friends of Casco Bay to speak at a future association meeting and that we should contact them to see if they would be willing to include a Low Impact Development speaker at their meeting. Emily will speak to the president of LICA regarding this proposal.

9. Other

a) Retirement of David Johnson

Long time planning board member David Johnson announced that he will be leaving the board when his term expires at the end of this month. David has been a member of the board since its inception when Long Island became a town in 1993. His quiet manner, insightful comments and knowledge of the town and town land use issues will be missed. Thank you David for your years of service to the community on the planning board.

b) Election of Officers for Coming Year: July 2008–June 2009

This being the meeting at which we select our officers for the coming year the following slate of officers was elected:

Chair	Curt Murley
Vice–Chair	Emily Jacobs
Secretary	Nancy Berges

c) Status of communications with DEP regarding the town's failure to enact DEP requested changes to the land use ordinance.

Emily reported that the selectmen had advised the DEP commissioner that the town would be requesting that our existing lot standards for the shoreland zone be approved as they are. She went on to say that she had forwarded a draft of a letter requesting such approval, prepared by a planning board member Curt Murley, to the board of selectmen, the town attorney and Mike Morse

at the DEP office in Portland. She received a comment from Mike Morse stating that he felt the letter did not make a very good argument for the relaxation of the lot standards in the State Guidelines but that it should be submitted to the commissioner just the same. He went on to point out that the commissioner would just forward it to him for his recommendations.

10. Adjournment:

On a unanimously approved motion by David Johnson that was seconded by Nancy Berges the meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.

The next regular meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday July 8, 2008 at 7:15 PM in the Town Office.

Submitted by:

Curtis Murley
Secretary, Town of Long Island Planning Board

Cc: Town Clerk
Board of Selectmen