

TOWN OF MARLBORO
SELECT BOARD HEARING ON THE
ZONING REGULATIONS REVISIONS
Monday, February 19, 2018

ATTENDANCE:

Present were select board members Pieter van Loon, Chair and Patti Smith, Vice Chair. Tyler Gibbons was away. Also present were Planning Commission members Matt Tell and Staley McDermet. Patti Smith is also a member of the Planning Commission. Also present were residents Gary MacArthur and Lauren Biegel MacArthur; and Select Board Assistant, Marcia Hamilton.

CALL TO ORDER:

Pieter van Loon called hearing to order at 5:05 PM.

Gary MacArthur had a few questions and comments on the material in Section 470, Renewable Energy Systems. He was concerned about the amount of regulation particularly involving the application to the Vermont Public Service Board having to be duplicated and sent to the town Zoning Administrator.

Staley McDermet said a considerable amount of text in this section came directly from State regulations. Staley also stated that at this point in the zoning hearing process with the vote on the Regulations on Town Meeting Day, any changes to the document would stop the process moving forward.

Gary also had comments on Section 470(4) Standards for Aesthetic Evaluation. Gary also had concerns about the Wildlife Road Crossing Overlay and the Wildlife Habitat Overlay. Patti Smith stated that the Wildlife Road Crossing Overlay was removed and the Wildlife Habitat Overlay section was rewritten to affect new construction based on the outcome and concern of a Planning Commission hearing last fall.

Gary expressed comments about Certificates of Public Good registration. Staley McDermet reiterated that a lot of the energy section came from state regulations.

Gary was concerned about Section 470(5)(c) about renewable energy systems which have to be removed within 180 days. He doesn't see the need.

Gary was appreciative of the opportunity to state his concerns and acknowledged he had been invited several times to participate in the Planning Commission hearings. Pieter van Loon encouraged him to come to this hearing to have his concerns addressed.

The hearing closed and Planning Commission members and others left the building. The select board voted (van Loon/Smith) to approve the Zoning Regulations Revisions as they are written and refer the matter to the voters for a vote by Australian ballot on Town Meeting Day, March 6, 2018.

The hearing adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Marcia L. Hamilton, Select Board Assistant