

Canaan Planning Board Meeting of April 14, 2016 Mascoma Senior Center Approved Minutes

Call to Order

7:05 John Bergeron called the meeting to order.

Members Present: John Bergeron, Carol Ann Morrison and Chuck Townsend were present. John Bergeron appointed alternate members Chris Wadsworth to substitute for Barbara Dolyak and Claude Lemoi to substitute for Kathi Meyerson.

Others Attending: none

Minutes Review

Chuck Townsend read the minutes of the March 24, 2016 meeting. Carol Ann Morrison moved and Chris Wadsworth seconded the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was passed.

Correspondence

none

Discussion of Wind Farms

The board discussed the document showing wind generation votes and regulations that John Bergeron had prepared for the board, and the limits to the actions that are possible at the town level. The options discussed were to create a wind ordinance similar to the Town of Orange ordinance, to pass a height regulation for structures in the town, or to pass a Community Bill of Rights that would declare that Canaan had the right to override state jurisdiction for control of corporate and government projects. John Bergeron and Chuck Townsend took turns reading through most of the Orange ordinance. Board members present supported further review and work on a Canaan ordinance similar to the one from Orange.

Discussion of Canaan Master Plan

Chuck Townsend discussed the Excel spreadsheet he had prepared showing Census Community Survey data on Housing and Economy. The board discussed future Master Plan enhancements, including more on planning for flood control and on the town history.

Adjournment

9:00 Carol Ann Morrison moved adjournment with a second from Claude Lemoi. The motion was approved.

Respectfully submitted Chuck Townsend, Vice Chair