

TOWN OF THORNTON PLANNING BOARD

Site Visit

June 25, 2009

OWLS NEST GOLF CLUB

The Village at Fox Run

The Thornton Planning Board held a public site visit hearing on Thursday, June 25, 2009 @ 5:30 PM at the Owl's Nest Golf Club, The Village at Fox Run proposed subdivision.

Board Members present: Bart Dutto, Acting Chairman, Tim Tyler, Selectman, Sandy MacIntosh, Russ Gilman, Carolyn Piantedosi, Fred Gunter and Marianne Peabody, Secretary

Others present: Kelly Weiser & Walter Elander, Agents for Owl Street Association.

Board Members discussed and read the RSA's relative to Small Wind Energy Turbines, and interpreted the RSA to read that the local building inspector is charged with the land use end of the permitting relative to setbacks, placement etc. Board Members reviewed regulations and noted the present regulations in place refer to the conventional turbines. Discussions also centered on expedite procedure to allow alternative energy sources in developments and single residential lots. Board Members voted to contact the Municipal Association for further direction.

After a brief Board meeting the Board met with Owls Nest Agents Kelly Weiser and Walter Elander and were driven to the proposed site of the "Village at Fox Run" stopping along the way to view other developed sites. "The Village at Fox Run". A plan was submitted showing the location of the buildings, drives and location of the proposed wind spires. The wind spires will be clustered along side Lafayette Rd. The height of these wind spires will be 40ft or less with blades that rotate at 360 degrees around. A letter was submitted to the Board requesting that our present regulations be amended under two sections. A. Purpose and B. Definitions. Discussion again centered on proper procedure of administering approval of wind turbines.

A motion was made and seconded to hold a public hearing on July 16, 2009 at the regular scheduled monthly Planning Board hearing to propose amending the Thornton Small Wind Turbine Regulations and propose other amendments for future hearing. VOTED 6-0.

Board Members recognize that alternative energy is vital to our Country, Region and Community and the Planning Board will learn and work with all proposals as technology moves forward.

The Planning Board is looking for interested residents in Thornton who are willing to serve on the Thornton Planning Board.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marianne Peabody

Secretary

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