

**TOWN OF BARKHAMSTED  
PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Christina Lavieri called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Sharon Neuman-Lynes, James Hart, John Polderman and Alternate, Todd Beland. Beland was sat for Renfrew. Also present was Rista Holda, Zoning Enforcement Officer and Debra Brydon, Staff support.

**NEW APPLICATIONS:**

**A. Northwestern Regional School No. 7, owner, Optiwind Corp., applicant, 100 Battistoni Drive. Application for Special Exception for energy generation facility.**

Rista Holda stated that the application was complete. Hart made a motion to accept the application and set for public hearing for November 12, 2009 at 7:00 pm. Matt Speck from Optiwind was present and agreed to send the application to the Town Planner, Martin Connors and Town Engineer, Tom Grimaldi. Optiwind will also send the \$2,000.00 to cover the consulting fees for review of the application.

**PENDING APPLICATIONS:** None

**OPEN SPACE DISCUSSION:**

The commission discussed the 5<sup>th</sup> amendment of the Constitution of the United States. The consensus was to send to Martin Connors to craft the changes, but if the open space language was just being taken out then there was no need for Mr. Connors to draft a new amendment. Rista Holda suggested that the commission discuss the proposed change with the Conservation Commission and Selectman before bringing the change to public hearing. Chairman asked staff to draft a letter and e-mail to her for a discussion for sometime after January 1<sup>st</sup>. Beland stated for the record that it was the PZC's duty to protect health, safety and welfare of Townspeople and not financial gain.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Hart asked that the minutes be amended to better state his comment on "thru truck traffic" on the River Road. Hart made a motion to approve the minutes of July 23, 2009, as amended, seconded by Polderman and unanimously approved.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Reviewed; no action taken.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS LEGAL AND PROPER TO COME BEFORE SAID**

**MEETING:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

David Hutter, a reporter from the Register Citizen asked what the wind turbine application entailed, and the commission answered his questions.

Hart made a motion to adjourn at 7:58 pm, seconded by Neumann-Lynes and unanimously approved.

**Respectfully submitted**

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**James Hart - Secretary**