

**TOWN OF NORTH HARMONY  
PLANNING BOARD  
Tuesday August 26, 2008 7:00**

**PLANNING BOARD: WALTER GEIST, RICHARD JOHNSON, JULIE LESCYNski,  
PATRICK RICE, JOHN WARNER, DICK SENA**

**ALSO PRESENT: SALLY CARLSON AND DON McCORD**

Three topics were on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Adult entertainment, wind towers and the town survey.

The Planning Board asked that the Town Board declare a 3 month moratorium on adult entertainment. Mr. McCord explained that there are steps taken before making any laws. Step one is to locate any schools, playgrounds, daycare, libraries, churches or public parks in the town. Adult entertainment is not permitted near these areas. Step two is to look at some comparable towns and their laws and cases documented. Step three is to decide where the district will be and create setbacks. After all these steps are taken a public hearing must be held by the town board to pass the law.

The town would also like to create some guidelines for wind towers. Mr. McCord discussed a concept created by Dan Spitzer who has dealt with these issues a lot. His concept recommends that small wind towers require special use permits. Large wind towers would have an overlay district and setbacks. Mr. McCord explains that the setbacks are necessary for a number of reasons including what is called the flicker effect which creates shadows, and thrown ice. Most of these towers are equipped with a shut down mechanism after certain wind speeds to decrease the chances of such a thing happening. Also the blades undergo a special treatment to eliminate as much reflection as possible. The towers also require a site plan that would outline any buildings or utilities within a certain radius of the tower. The town board would like to look over Dan Spitzers' law and maybe adopt it for the town of North Harmony with very little modification. This process will also require a public hearing.

The second draft of the survey was presented to the board tonight. Mr. Sena had some people fill out the sample survey. From the consensus of the sample survey Mr. Sena suggested that the board make the survey shorter and a little clearer cut. There were some minor changes to the opening statement and the board proceeded to weed out some of the redundancy of the questions.

The next meeting will be held on September 9 at 7:00. On the agenda for this meeting will be adult entertainment wind towers and the survey.

Bonnie Coulter