

WISCASSET PLANNING BOARD
MINUTES, JUNE 28, 2021

Present: Al Cohen, Tony Gatti, Jackie Lowell, Lester Morse, Chair Karl Olson, and Stephen Wallace and LCRPC planner Emily Rabbe

Absent: Peter McRae and Deb Pooler

1. Call to Order

Karl Olson called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

2. Approval of Minutes of June 14, 2021

Al Cohen moved to approve the minutes of June 14, 2021. Vote 5-0-1 (Olson abstained)

3. Central Maine Power (Power Engineers) – Site Plan Review for construction of the Section 3027 345kV overhead transmission line in the existing, cleared CMP-owned transmission line corridor and associated improvements at the Maine Yankee Substation, Maps R-1, R-2, R-3, R-7, R-9, U-14 and U-15

Al Cohen reported on the site walk, said the poles were well within the boundaries in the one area where there were concerns. Emily Rabbe had prepared an updated completeness determination. Still outstanding were a waiver of survey requirements and a decision whether the May 20 narrative met the requirements. Cohen asked whether the application could be accepted as complete with the surveys which were not recent. Karl Olson said CMP had addressed the concerns, that no changes or sales had been made, and he saw no reason not to accept the surveys. Al Cohen moved to find the application complete.

Marty Fox distributed suggested stipulations to CMP's Wiscasset Project for Town Protection which were based on CMP's municipal permit in Wilton. He said the Select Board should have the final decision with advice from the planning committee. In response, the attorney for CMP said the motion under discussion was only on the completeness of the application and Marty Fox's stipulations were not relevant to board's decision to find the application complete. He said the stipulations would be taken into consideration before the public hearing. Olson suggested that the questions would be more appropriate at the public hearing. Vote on the motion to find the application complete: 6-0-0. A public hearing was scheduled for July 12, 2021, at 7 p.m.

4. Other Business

Information on "Residential proximity to power lines and risk of brain tumor in the general population" was also distributed.

5. Adjournment

Al Cohen moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:12 p.m. Vote 6-0-0.