

January 14, 2019

Town of Woodford
Planning Commission

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Present: Chuck Suss, Betty Charette, John Dovitski
Absent: Ed Shea, Susan Wright
Attendees: Jim Sullivan

Chuck called the meeting to order at 5:10. December minutes were read. On motion by Betty and seconded by John, all voted to approve the Minutes.

A letter from FEMA was read concerning Discovery in the Deerfield Watershed. The Board decided that Woodford has minimal impact in that area and our attendance was not meaningful. Betty volunteered to respond accordingly.

Ed Shea requested the Deerfield Wind Bear Study notice to be incorporated into tonight's minutes and be forwarded to the Banner as well as invite the press to attend our next meeting. Jim offered to comply.

It was decided to delay the Woodford Lake Bylaw discussion until the next meeting where Mr. Dovitski will address the WLE concerns.

Additional discussion to review Mr. Sullivan's suggestions followed. The Board largely adopted Jim's recommendations. Except for WLE section the Board finished hearing the edits and requested Jim to incorporate them into the draft Bylaws.

Jaclyn Comeau, a biologist from the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife volunteered to make a presentation about bear habitat to the Commission and public on February 11, 2019. Notice attached at the end of these Minutes.

There being no further business to discuss, Betty moved and John seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:35 pm and all voted to approve.

The next regular meeting will be February 11, 2019.

Deerfield Wind Bear Study

PUBLIC MEETING

Monday—February 11, 6:00 PM

at the Woodford Town Hall

[1391 VT Route 9—Woodford](#)

Surrounding the Deerfield Wind Project are some of the largest concentrations of bear scarred beech trees left in Vermont. The Deerfield Wind Black Bear Study is designed to better understand impacts that large-scale wind development has on bear use of these important feeding sites. The Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department has been tracking radio collared bears in the Woodford area for a number of years. Information gathered is aiding in an understanding of the impacts of the wind project as well as how bears move across the landscape and interact with other types of human development.

Jaclyn Comeau, the wildlife biologist with the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Department who oversees the Deerfield Wind Black Bear Study, will discuss the study and preliminary findings. There will be a question and answer period following the presentation. The meeting is free and open to the public.



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