



**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS OF THE  
WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION  
March 23, 2023**

Public Hearing and Work Session

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1 **Call to Order**

2 The meeting was called to order by Whatcom County Planning Commission Chair,  
3 Kelvin Barton at 6:31 p.m.

4 **Roll Call**

5 **Present:** Kelvin Barton, Daniel Dahlquist, Atul Deshmane, Stephen Jackson, Kimberley  
6 Lund (arrived after roll call), Dominic Mocerri, Scott Van Dalen

7 Absent: Jim Hansen, Julie Jefferson

8 **Staff Present:** Cliff Strong, Steve Roberge, Tammy Axlund, and Chris Elder,  
9 Watershed Planner (Public Works)

10 **Department Update**

11 Steve Roberge, Assistant Director of Planning and Development Services (PDS),  
12 advised that the Planning Department has been busy hiring staff to fill several vacant  
13 positions. He announced that the next topic for the Commission will be the  
14 Comprehensive Plan work plan and the Public Participation Plan for that. There is a  
15 mine application that has stirred public interest and Mr. Roberge noted that several  
16 people were in attendance to provide public comment in that regard. The Planning  
17 Commission will not hear that conditional use application; it will go to the Hearing  
18 Examiner for a decision.

19 **Open Session Public Comment**

20 **Timestamp: 02:51**

21 Public Comment was provided by: James Welch, Kathleen Greenbaum, Robin Cline, Jim  
22 Cline, Richard Greenbaum, and Erica Simons.

23 **Commissioner Comments**

24 There were no Commissioner comments.

25 **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

26 **Timestamp: 23:28**

27 **Commissioner Lund moved** to approve the meeting minutes from February 23,  
28 2023.

29 **Commissioner Van Dalen seconded.**

30 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Barton, Dahlquist, Deshmane, Jackson, Lund, Mocerri, Van**  
31 **Dalen; (Ayes-7; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

32 **Proposed Amendments to WCC Chapter 20.14, Wind Energy Systems**

33 **Timestamp: 24:27**

34 Cliff Strong, PDS Senior Planner, noted that Chris Elder, coordinator for, and Ellyn  
35 Murphy, Chair of, the Whatcom County Climate Impact Advisory Committee were in  
36 attendance. He provided an overview of the changes to the proposed amendments



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1 which were made in response to concerns commissioners expressed at the February  
2 23<sup>rd</sup> Planning Commission meeting.

3 Mr. Strong and Mr. Elder responded to Commissioner questions.

4 **a) Public Hearing Regarding Proposed Amendments Wind Energy Systems**

5 *Timestamp: 32:10*

6 No attendees provided public comment.

7 **Work Session: Proposed Amendments Wind Energy Systems**

8 There was no further discussion on the topic

9 *Timestamp: 34:01*

10 **Commissioner Deshmane moved** to approve the recommended changes to the  
11 *proposed Wind Energy Ordinance.*

12 **Commissioner Lund seconded.**

13 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Barton, Dahlquist, Deshmane, Jackson, Lund, Mocerri, Van**  
14 **Dalen; (Ayes-7; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

15 *Timestamp: 35:38*

16 **Commissioner Deshmane moved** to adopt the proposed Wind Energy Code as  
17 *amended, along with the Findings of Fact.*

18 **Commissioner Lund seconded.**

19 **Roll Call Vote: Ayes-Barton, Dahlquist, Deshmane, Jackson, Lund, Mocerri, Van**  
20 **Dalen; (Ayes-7; Nays-0; Abstain-0). The motion carried.**

21 **Adjournment**

22 The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

23 Minutes prepared by Tammy Axlund.

24 WHATCOM COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION ATTEST:

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Kelvin Barton, Chair



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Tammy Axlund, Secretary