

Zoning Board Of Adjustment  
Unapproved Meeting Minutes  
April 15, 2026

Board present: Peter Remy, Alan Bell, John Harris, Ernie Perham

Alternate: Susan Alejandro

Supporting Staff: Kaelyn Willette; Clerk

Public Present: Randall Walter, Jason Kats, Patty Semor, Walter Carol, Jay M Prior, Kara Dubois, Brenda Smith, John Bauer, and others.

Chairman Peter Remy opened the public hearing at 7:15 p.m., inviting applicant Randall Walter to present his application for a variance to install a small wind energy system on his property located at 508 Route 63, Westmoreland, NH. The property is situated within the MDR zoning district and consists of approximately 17 acres.

Mr. Walter provided an overview of the proposed project and reviewed the five criteria required for granting a variance. He stated that the wind energy system would not produce shadow flicker and would be largely screened by existing trees on the property. He further noted that the system's noise level would not exceed 50 decibels. In the unlikely event of structural failure, the system would not impact any abutting properties. Additional discussion included wind direction and its relevance to the system's operation.

At 8:16 p.m., the Board addressed concerns raised by abutters. Mr. Walter confirmed that the proposed system complies with all required setback regulations and would be securely bolted in place. He also indicated that a noise and vibration dampening kit could be installed to mitigate potential impacts. Concerns were expressed regarding possible bird strikes and continuous noise generated by the system.

Chairman Remy closed the public hearing at 8:42 p.m. The Board then discussed whether a two-step approval process would be required and sought clarification on whether a special exception would be necessary if the variance were granted.

At 8:49 p.m., Ernie moved to continue the hearing to May 20, 2026, at 6:30 p.m., to allow time for clarification on the procedural requirements. Alan seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

The Board voted to approve an increase in application fees from \$100 to \$150 to cover the cost of newspaper advertising.

The Board reviewed its rules and procedures. Proposed corrections will be made and discussed at the next meeting.

The Board reviewed the minutes from the March 18 meeting. John moved to approve the minutes, Alan seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

John moved to elect Peter Remy as Chairman. Ernie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

John moved to elect Alan Bell as Vice Chairman. Ernie seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

John moved to adjourn the meeting. Alan seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was adjourned.