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Moratorium extended 175 days as work continues on wind turbines

At its regular meeting on March 9, the Estes Park Town Board approved an ordinance extending the temporary moratorium on the issuance or review of building permits for wind turbines within Town limits. The moratorium will continue through the month of August, 2010 unless amended or terminated by the Town Board.

The original moratorium was adopted by the Town Board on August 11, 2009 to allow the Estes Valley Planning Commission to receive public input and to draft regulations that address the impacts of wind turbine location and operation. The moratorium was extended on December 8, 2009 for another 90 days.

The Planning Commission will continue work on the issue at its regular meeting on March 16 at 6:00 p.m. in the Town Board Room of Town Hall, 170 MacGregor Avenue. New draft codes related to micro wind energy conversion systems will be discussed and public comments are invited. Draft codes will be available by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 11 at www.estes.org/comdev/windturbines.aspx. The Planning Commission's recommendations will be given to the Town Board and Larimer County Commissioners to make final decisions on the matter.

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