

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING
4/2/2009

Members Present: Bill Stephens; Gisela Walker; Dan Miller; Jerry Pratt; Kathy Eichholz; Trevor Mackie
Meeting called to Order at 6:50 PM

Motion made and seconded "To hold regular PB meetings at 7PM" Motion Passed
BOS responded and will start holding the ALL Boards meetings again.
BOS also agreed not to bring the proposed Floodplain Bylaw to ATM but to do so in the fall.
PB received an email concerning the proposed zoning bylaw change.
PB set a Hearing date of May 7th, 2009 for the proposed zip line application by Berkshire East at 8:45PM

| Reopened the continued SBA Communications Tower Public Hearing at 7:15PM.
Previous meeting was held on 3/19/2009

Attending from the applicant: Dan Finnegan, attorney for SBA, Tony Wells, C2 systems, radio frequency specialist, Manchester NH, Chuck Regulbuto, SBA Project Director
Abutters: Cheryl and Bob Handsacker

Chair requested that applicants bring information about how a tower height lower than 150 feet would impact coverage as the 150 feet are likely to be too high. Applicant agreed to provide information next hearing.

There followed a lengthy discussion about the feasibility of other locations; this both in terms of better coverage for this specific tower as well as for a big picture as to how many more towers in Charlemont can be expected to provide full coverage for the center of town as well as East Charlemont as both areas are not being served well by the Zoar Road tower and the one under consideration here.

A tower at Berkshire East has not been applied for; there is only a lease in existence at a location that seems to have been established years ago.

Dan Miller inquired about possible use of a repeater tower but learned that that would not be feasible in our mountainous terrain and would only serve one carrier.

G.Walker explained to applicants the procedure that was used for the Zoar Tower re the assessment of the canopy height re scope of services, selection of forester consultant and cost of the assessment. Applicant was agreeable and asked to be provided with materials before the contract is signed. Main contact is Mr. Finnegan. The Handsackers alerted us to the fact that their property is within the 1,000 feet specified in the bylaw as assessment area for establishing canopy height.

Bill Stephens informed the applicant of the bylaw application submission requirement to include the technical specs of the tower signed by a MA licensed engineer which was not included. Applicant will submit that before next Hearing.

Because of bad weather predicted, Balloon test was moved to on Sunday from Saturday.

Discussion of tower types, looking at several photos brought by applicant; B.Stephens asked for a map that would overlay signal coverage with topography.

Site visit was set for April 9th 5 pm;

At 9:30PM a Motion made and seconded To continue the this Hearing to May 7 at 7.15 pm.

Passed by unanimous vote.

Message on voice mail system from a Boston Globe reporter, not applicable to Charlemont Meeting adjourned at 9. 45 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Trevor Mackie, Clerk