

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING  
4-15-2010

Members present: Dan Miller, Kathy Eichholz, Trevor Mackie, Bill Stephens, Jerry Pratt, and Gisela Walker

Also present: Tom Johnson from Proterra Design Group, Jon Schaefer of Berkshire East (BE)

Meeting called to order at 7:15PM

Jon Schaefer informed the Board that BE was looking into the possibility of attaching cell phone carriers to the wind turbine structure that the PB recently gave a Special Permit for. He was wondering what the process would be. Jon was informed that he would need to go through the standard SP hearing process, and that questions/concerns at the hearing would be on the application and not on the wind turbine.

Tom Johnson gave an overview of Proterra. They market sites and civil engineering to cell phone carriers. He also explained that the proposed antenna locations would be located from 35' to 96' on the turbine tower, painted to match tower, tight wrap design antenna and feed lines would be in a covered cable tray also painted to match the tower. Any structures would be within a fenced area at the tower base; most likely each carrier would have its own building.

Re "Tail blazing sign" that BE wants to install on the south side of the Long Bridge. Jon said that the Commonwealth requires a sign there before they will repair the signs on Rte 2. Questions were asked as to where this sign would be, just to the left as you come over the bridge. Discussion as to whether this is State or Town property, Jon needs to check with Highway Dept.

Next meeting will hold a Hearing on Mr. Bowen's cell tower SP extension.

Filled executive session minutes in the appropriate folder.

Gisela is working on Land Use Performance Standards

Discussion on establishing a revolving account for expenses incurred during a SP hearing, such as consultants' to review documents or give expert advice. Board OK with Gisela working on this

Re: Flood Plan Bylaw. Bill has talked to Bob Hansacker and invited him to tonight's meeting, unfortunately Bob is unable to attend. But the PB is on the ConCom meeting agenda at 7:30 PM April 21, 2010

Traffic Calming Committee is looking for members. Jerry expressed an interest.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM

Respectively submitted by

Trevor Mackie, Clerk