

TOWN OF CHARLEMONT
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING BOARD PUBLIC MEETING
12/20/07

Members Present: Gisela Walker, Co-Chair; Dan Miller; Amy Wales; Trevor Mackie.

Meeting called to order at 7:05PM

Signed previous meeting minutes

FYI MPAC meeting will take place on 1/10/2008, 7PM at the Hawlemont School. (Rescheduled 12/13/2007 meeting)

Dan & Trevor informed the PB about the new "Public Records Policy (Proposed)" by the BOS

Paul Norcross of the Maranatha Bible Chapel in East Charlemont came in to check with the PB about information he had heard about the proposed zoning bylaws that were turned down at the STM, that the proposed laws would have negatively affected the chapel. Mr. Norcross was told that under MGL religious and educational institutions were exempt from local zoning ordinances, but the site plan review portion would have allowed for input from the PB and public on any changes. If any changes did occur they would still need to adhere to health and safety requirements. PB was appreciative of Mr. Norcross coming in and allowing the PB the opportunity to correct the misinformation he was given.

Trevor updated the PB on ZBA approval of the Emond trailer.

Trevor also informed the PB that he had talked to the Shaws' concerning their anticipated SP for trailer replacement.

Cell tower application: Gisela reported that Jerry Pratt had talked to Mr. Bowen about the 2 missing requirements for his SP that were identified at the last meeting.

1 The missing identification of the proposed tower on the photo's submitted. Mr. Bowen proposed that when hearing opens he will draw in where tower will be on the photographs. Members felt this would not necessarily show tower to size and proportion and they recommend that he add the tower to a copy of the photos and submit them as an update to the application, when the hearing opens. (Section 44 c)

2 The missing MA P.E. stamp for the tower specifications. Applicant suggests that since PB will ultimately chose which tower he can install he should be able to provide stamp after that decision. Section 44 Submittal Requirements states that technical specifications will be prepared by a MA PE.

MOTION: The PB will open the hearing on the cell tower SP, on 1/3/08 and allow Mr. Bowen to make his presentation. The PB will then continue the hearing until applicant provides drawing of the tower of his choosing with a MA PE seal.

VOTE: passed

Discussion on how we can better organize the PB filing system. Will start working on it 1/24/08, meeting to be posted

Opened mail

Discussion about what mail needs to be saved and where.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30PM

Respectfully submitted by,

Trevor Mackie