

BOLTON BOARD OF APPEALS
Minutes of Meeting
October 18, 2006 at 7:00 P.M.
Bolton Town Hall

Present: Gerard Ahearn, Brad Reed, Kay Stoner, Jackie Smith, Nat Tipton (Town Planner)

HEARINGS

1. Omnipoint Communications Special Permit – 41 Main Street

Present: Brain Grossman (Prince, Lobel, Glovsky & Tye, LLP); Sean Reed, RF Engineer

The applicant was advised that only four members of the Board were present. All members would have to vote affirmatively to issue a special permit. The applicant was asked if they would like to move forward with the hearing. The applicant agreed.

Ahearn read the hearing notice and opened the hearing. Ahearn advised the applicant that he might have a conflict of interest that would preclude him from hearing the application. Ahearn stated he is employed by a company (National Grid) that might oversee the contractors who install the equipment. Grossman stated he could ensure that National Grid would not be chosen to install the equipment if this was a problem that would prevent him from hearing the application. Ahearn responded that he felt he needed to check with his company, as the conflict of interest could be an issue for his job as well as his role as a board member for the town.

The Board continued the hearing to October 24th at 7pm. In the meantime, Ahearn would check to see if he could participate in the hearing.

2. Board of Appeals Goals – 2007

The Board discussed the following goals for calendar year 2007:

- Perform timely review of permit applications before it (including variance, special permit, and comprehensive permit applications) while maintaining its duty to uphold the public interest;
- Perform more efficient and expeditious hearing processes;
- Explore and implement ways to become more creative in 40B permitting in a manner that strikes a balance between state law and local needs.