

TOWN OF DEERFIELD
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

MEETING MINUTES

March 20, 2003

- I. Meeting convened at 7:00 PM. Main Meeting Room, Municipal Offices, South Deerfield, MA

Members Present: Chair, Francis Olszewski, Roger Sadoski, Leonard Grybko, Sr., Richard Calisewski, Ronald Bohonowicz and Stephen Barrett.

Members Absent: Grace Friary.

- II. Chair Olszewski opened with the application of Cingular Wireless to replace 3 existing 20-foot long whip antennas on Western Mass Electric Communications Tower with 3 new 8-foot long panel antennas located at 76 Old Pine Nook Road, South Deerfield, MA. (Assessors Map 8 Lot 76).

Tim Burks explained the need to replace existing 20-foot antennas to new 8-foot antennas to upgrade their technology increasing call capacities, internet services etc.

R. Bohonowicz asked what color these antennas are. Tim Burks said they are gray. He said that they are less noticeable when on the tower. R. Bohonowicz asked who would be removing the old equipment. Tim Burks told him Cingular Wireless would remove it all.

L. Grybko Sr. asked if there were any negotiations with the Board of Selectmen. Tim Burks said that Cingular Wireless rents the site from Western Mass Electric.

F.Olszewski asked what if any benefit to the town would this change make. Tim Burks stated that it would improve cellular service.

F. Olszewski asked from the public if anyone was against this request. No one was.

F. Olszewski closed the meeting. The Board discussed amongst themselves.

R. Bohonowicz motioned to grant a variance to allow the installation of 3 8ft. panels on existing antennas with the condition to remove any non-supporting structure. Motion seconded. Motion passed. Voted 5-0-0.

- III. Chair Olszewski opened with the application of Rice Oil Company, Inc. to purchase and sell alcoholic beverages (malt and wine) at Deerfield Neighbors, 1 Greenfield Rd., South Deerfield, MA during hours designated by the Selectmen. Assessors Map 15 Lot 94.

R. Calisewski excused himself from the Rice Oil application discussion.

Paul DeCarlo said that he already has the approval for the license from the Select Board and the State. He said in the November meeting there was concern with traffic and as of date there have been no traffic problems. He also mentioned the concern the Chief of Police had about theft of alcohol and said they now have locking coolers.

Mr. DeCarlo talked of alcohol being a typical item to sell at a convenience store. The alcohol not being consumed at the site of sale would then not be a problem for the town. No hard liquor would be for sale. He made mention of the Conway Road location having had no problems there with the sale of alcohol. His employees are trained on restricted sales. They have a "one day new hire" training. He said that the communities they serve are responsible citizens.

S. Barrett asked what hours the alcohol would be sold. Mr. DeCarlo said 11:00 am to 11:00 p.m.

L. Grybko asked if the Board received any letter from the Chief of Police regarding the application. Chair Olszewski said the Board had not. L. Grybko said he'd like to see a letter from the Chief of Police, as there are some safety issues with cars leaving the area and parking issues. Tim Rice offered to withdraw the application. R. Bohonowicz suggested that the hearing be continued till a letter can be obtained.

R. Bohonowicz motioned to continue and re-open to April the 3rd, 2003 at 7:30 p.m. L. Grybko Sr. seconded. All in favor. 5-0-0.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy J. Sullivan
Clerk/Typist