

PLANNING BOARD MEETING OF September 22, 2009

Place: Town Hall Banquet Room

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE BUSINESS**

A. Quorum/Attendance

Members Not Present – Timothy Cox (7:07 p.m.)

Planning Director William Roth was also in attendance.

B. Acceptance of Minutes –

Albert Silva motioned to accept the minutes for the August 18, 2009, meeting. Joseph Morra seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

C. Planning Board Bills –

1. Fairhaven Neighborhood News – Metro PCS – Railroad Way - \$48.00

Gary Staffon motioned to pay this bill. Joseph Morra seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

D. Receipt of Plans

- 1.) Special Permit – Normandin, Gerald and Jennifer – 7 Sunset Beach Road (10/20)

Raymond Fleurent motioned to set the public hearing for October 20, 2009. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

E. Approval of Plans

- 1.) Form A – Walter and April Costa (Chairman Hayward abstained as he is an abutter. Albert Silva takes over as Chairman for this item.)

William Roth – The applicant is looking to divide the property. This meets the requirement for a Form A.

Raymond Fleurent motioned to approve the plans. Albert Borges seconded. The vote was 6-0 in favor. The motion passed.

**II. PUBLIC HEARING –**

- 1.) Special Permit – Metro PCS – 37 Railroad Way

Chairman Hayward – This is for a co-location cell tower.

Bob Watson – This is in addition to the New Boston Road tower. Currently, there is a 435 foot radio tower and Metro PCS is proposing to install their antennas at 120 feet. These will be flush mounted on the existing tower. There will be three antennas with future expansion to six. We're adding a 10' by 16' concrete slab with two additional cabinets installed with expansion to four.

William Roth- I identified no issues with this. The various departments either approved for site plan only or had no comment. I have recommended approval with five conditions. All of them are standard except for number two requiring them to submit four full-sized drawings.

Chairman Hayward- Will emergency responders know where 37 Railroad Way is?

Bob Watson – We've taken care of that.

Chairman Hayward – There is a discrepancy as to the height of the tower. The FCC says it's different.

Bob Watson– It will be climbed next week to confirm and revise if need be.

Chairman Hayward – Is this full build out for your company in Fairhaven.

Bob Watson – I honestly don't know.

Marinus Vander Pol – What are you doing to protect the integrity of the bike path?

Bob Watson – What would you like done?

Marinus Vander Pol – I would suggest an additional condition that any damage to the bike path be rebuilt or repaired by the applicant, per the Board of Public Works standards, before, an occupancy permit be issued.

Marinus Vander Pol motioned to add a condition stating that any damage done to the bike path be rebuilt or repaired by the applicant, per the Board of Public Works standards, before an occupancy permit is issued. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Gary Staffon – Are you talking about a small concrete truck?

Bob Watson – Yes.

Raymond Fleurent motioned to approve the application with six conditions. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor (7-0).

#### **IV. OTHER BUSINESS –**

##### 1.) Planning Board Survey

William Roth – I have included a copy of what I hope is the final Planning Board survey with the appendix and with all comments. It will be on line and state that appendix B is located at Town Hall.

Chairman Hayward – I have some issues. We last dealt with this five months ago and I don't see any of the revisions that we made. Our document should reflect some of those items. We should to have an agenda set by the board prior to Mr. Roth being here. There should be a line item stating "long range planning". I would strongly urge the board to accept that. I think that's partly to blame with the problems with this survey. I'm not prepared to accept this as it sits.

Marinus Vander Pol – I would suggest that this draft report is something that we will be picking apart for the next few years. Maybe a subcommittee may be beneficial. But you're talking about a lot of work.

Gary Staffon – We need to use this as an interpretive tool.

William Roth – 88% of responders are not Town Meeting members.

Chairman Hayward – I also have problems with some of SRPEDD's conclusions. I also think we need more of their input as they have said they were going to do.

William Roth – I can put it on the agenda for October 20 and look at revising it.

Gary Staffon – I think we should vote on this after that.

Albert Silva – I would gladly assist you.

Joseph Morra – I will as well, if I can.

Timothy Cox motioned to put this issue on the October 20, 2009, agenda and start a subcommittee. Mr. Cox also nominated Albert Silva and Joseph Morra to serve on that subcommittee. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed.

Marinus Vander Pol motioned to adjourn. Gary Staffon seconded. The vote was unanimous in favor. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

James Pelland, Secretary  
To the Planning Board