

THE PLANNING BOARD
Town of Frankestown
Frankestown, New Hampshire 03043

July 21, 2009
PROPOSED MINUTES

Planning Board Members Present: Bob Lindgren – Chair, Lisa Stewart, Bob Tartalis, Larry Johnson, Bill McNeil, Sarah Pyle and Linda Kunhardt join the board at 7:09am. Ben Watson joins the board at 7:10pm.

Members of the Public: Mary Frances Carey, H. Robert Carey, Jan Griffin, Steve Griffin, Martine Villarlard-Bohusach, Pamela Avery, Leigh Robinson, Roon Frost, Helene Harbage, Polly Freese.

Melissa Stewart is taking the minutes.

Chairman Lindgren brought the meeting to order at 7:06pm.

Preliminary Consult – New Cingular Wireless potential alternative site for a Wireless Communications facility on Dennison Pond Rd., Map 6, Lot 61-2

Lisa Stewart recuses herself at 7:07pm.

Applicant is proposing to present alternate location and if at the end of the consultation the application looks positive they will forgo continuing the public hearing for the previous site/application Case# 09-SP-02.

Peter Marchant presents the new proposal on Dennison Pond Road between Chuck Pettee and New Cingular Wireless.

Marchont provides layout of access road and states that the highest grade of the access is 17% (in work area).

Lindgren reads section IV-A1 on page 3 in the Frankestown Site Development regs regarding preliminary consultation.

Sarah Pyle moves to open the preliminary consult to allow general public questions. Bill McNeil seconds the motion. Bill, Pyle, Tartalis, Watson, Lindgren in Favor, Kunhardt and Johnson opposed.

New Cingular Wireless agrees that they will take note of the questions but will not get into specificity and they will answer them at the public hearing when they submit their application.

Watson asks how many companies they would expect to co-locate. Marchant states 3 possibly 4 not including themselves.

Watson asks about a test site etc. The applicant would like to work out a timeline and if the site looks promising they would like to have a complete application in by August or September. The applicant needs a special exception from the ZBA. The ZBA would be able to hear their case in September. The applicant requested to get on the agenda as soon as possible. There was discussion regarding the timeline and site walk. A site walk was set (rain or shine) for August 29th at 9:00am (balloon will begin flying at 6am) if at that site walk they can not fly the balloon they will attempt to fly it on Sunday, August 30th again the balloon would fly at 6am – 1pm. Upon timely receipt of application the board will plan to conduct a Public Hearing for the application on September 1st at 7pm.

Kunhardt is interested in the nearby stream and wants to ensure that they provide information regarding all surrounding streams. Watson would like to have the areas of slope cross hatched that are over 15%.

Johnson asks about the coverage area, and the applicant states that the height and coverage area would be similar to the previous site however it does not connect to the center of town or Crotched Mountain, so there will still need to be one more site found in or near the center of town to link them together.

Pyle asks if the applicant has a general sense of the visibility from public roads etc. Applicant does not have a visibility analysis but would like to have an idea of areas the board or public would want an analysis of. Pyle would like to see a few sites along Rte 136, and Bible Hill Rd.

Lindgren asks if the applicant has a sense of the tree canopy and what amount of clearing would occur. Marchont states it was logged years ago and it is fairly open, it is not as visible as other proposed sites.

Members of the public Steve Griffin would like to have images taken. Griffin asks about the hill and why does the proposed tower not sit right on top. Why would the road not follow the contour of the hill? Applicant will address at the public hearing.

Lindgren asks would utilities follow the access road. Marchont states that there are seven utility poles being proposed. Steve Griffin asks about underground power or alternate ways of laying out the poles.

Lindgren states this would be an accessory use, conceptually speaking he would like to know what the potential of the property is.

An audience member would like to have a study regarding the diesel powered generator. Marchant will bring that information to the Public Hearing.

Ben Watson asked if the access road would be gated. Marchant states that yes it would be and the compound would have an 8' fence around it.

Pyle advises the applicant of surrounding properties that have conservation restrictions on them. Question was raised about the view tax on a property, would the tower affect it, this could affect town revenue.

Watson requests that when the applicant submits application, would they please provide a list of all abutters within a 20 mile radius of the site with 3 sets of mailing labels. The Board will be responsible for noticing the site walk. The Board will put the notice in the Union Leader and the Monadnock Ledger.

Board continues Case# 09-SP-02 with to September 1, 2009 meeting.

CONTINUATION OF CASE# 08-SD6 - WALDO E PALMER, MAP 6, LOT 32

Board continues Case #08-SD6 to August 18, 2009 at 7:00pm

Announcement and Communications

Board received letter dated July 8, 2009 from Bart Mayer advising the board that Superior Court Judge Smuckler agreed with the Planning Boards decision regarding the Harrington Case.

Lindgren moves to adjourn at 8:45pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Melissa J. Stewart
Minutes Clerk

