

**PLANNING BOARD Site Visit
SEPTEMBER 4, 2012 at 4:00 PM
Intersection of Moose Mountain Lodge Road and Goss Road Extension**

In attendance:

Members: Kate Connolly, Judith Esmay (Chair), Joan Garipay

Alternates: Bill Dietrich, Mike Hingston, Iain Sim

Staff: Vicki Smith, Jonathan Edwards

Others: Nancy Collier, Bill Baschnagel, Peter Shumway, Charlie Garipay, Ed Chamberlain, Sarah Brubeck, Terry Osborne, MK Beach, Will Dodge, Jessie Morano, Peter Lamontaine, Brad Atwood, James McClammer

AT&T COW, TOWER REPLACEMENT AND RELATED IMPROVEMENTS

The Planning Board, representatives of the applicant and many members of the public gathered at the intersection of Moose Mountain Lodge Road and Goss Road Extension. They walked up to the site proposed for the cellular on wheels (COW). The COW will be anchored with concrete blocks to minimize the clearing. Power will come from an armored cable running from the existing tower compound. Telephone service to the COW will run from Pole 33. The COW will be able to stand up to 80 mph winds. It will have no generator back up. The COW tower is proposed to be 120 feet. It will temporarily provide the location for 6 new AT & T antennae.

The group walked to the existing tower compound. The locations of the new shelter, generator, propane tanks and tower were pointed out. A number of state agencies (DRED, NHDOT, Fish and Wildlife, State Police), the Town of Hanover and private companies (Verizon Wireless, Unicell) use the tower which is owned by NH Public Broadcasting. The tower is at the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced prior to any equipment addition or upgrade. A staging area will be sited adjacent to the compound. Materials for the proposed improvements and a crane will be situated in the staging area. The existing fence seems dilapidated enough to be an ineffective barrier. There is no expected impact on trails in the area. The same lighting package as exists on the current tower or whatever is required by the FAA will be installed on the new tower. The radiation generated by the proposed new antennae is way below the safe threshold even if a person were to stand immediately under the tower. The Planning Board will discuss the site plan request at their meeting later that evening.

PASTURE RD IMPROVEMENTS REQUESTED UNDER TOWN ORDINANCE #4

The Planning Board and others hiked to the segment of Pasture Road proposed for improvement by the Robes. There is some question about where Pasture Road is actually located. The Board viewed some of the area proposed for improvement and walked to the point where the proposed driveway would depart from Pasture Road. The Planning Board will decide whether to forward comments about the proposal to the Selectboard at its meeting later in the evening.

Site visit adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Vicki Smith, Scribe