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September 7, 2010 Planning Board Minutes

Members Present: Rick Leif, Chairman; George Pember, Leslie Harrison, Dan Lewis, Michelle Gillespie

Others Present: Kathy Joubert, Town Planner

Meeting began at 7:00pm

Continued Discussion of Wireless Communication Facilities Zoning Bylaw

- 45 WCF bylaws from other MA communities were reviewed by Town Planner and presented to Board in a spread sheet
- Bolton, Boylston, Upton, Wayland, Stow, and Carlisle all have setbacks to residential structures greater than Northborough
- Chelmsford and Marshfield residential setback equal to Northborough at 500'
- Follow-up with Bolton, Boylston, Stowe, and Upton regarding how/why residential setback was determined

Board discussed setbacks.

Mr. Pember said board should consider setback for aesthetic and safety reasons only.

Mrs. Gillespie stated existing bylaw is very reasonable and is inline with what other MA communities are requiring.

Regarding a different setback from schools, Mr. Pember, Mr. Lewis, and Mrs. Gillespie all agreed there should not be a different setback for schools.

Mr. Lewis questioned what areas of town are underserved by cell coverage.

Mr. Leif would like to invite consultant to be chosen by town for construction of cell tower at police station to a future Planning Board meeting to provide the Board with an overview of cell towers and coverage requirements.

Mr. Leif stated if the Board is going to propose any changes to the WCF, the changes should be ready by December 31, 2010.

Planning Board Rules & Regulations

- Revised draft sent to Board
- Discuss at next meeting

Old/New Business

- Beeman Road site plan decision signed
- Town Planner provided update to Board on SA Farm at 429 Whitney Street
- Wind Turbine Committee will be invited to October meeting to make presentation

Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm