

TOWN OF GOSHEN  
JOINT PUBLIC HEARING ZONING AND PLANNING BOARDS  
FINAL MINUTES  
MARCH 27, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT PLANNING BOARD: Chairman Ed Peckham, Vice Chairman Doug O'Clair, John Wirkkala, George Hebert, Select Board Representative William Ball, Select Board Representative Bob Bell, Alternate Members Rich Moen, Jack Scranton, and Sue Peacock, Secretary.

MEMBERS PRESENT ZONING BOARD: Chairman Ray Porter, Doug O'Clair, Keith Hall, and Mark Rissala.

OTHERS PRESENT: Jack Warburton, Allen Howe, Dan Peterson, Bea Jillette, Gigi Schendler, Mary Wirkkala, Shaun Carroll, Jr., Madeline Stevens, Alicea Bursey, Steve Bursey, Alan Greenhalgh, Cynthia Phillips, Patrick Nysten, SAI Communications, John Lawrence, SAI Communications, Jonathan McNeal, SAI Communications, Lisa Fearon, Will Dodge, Downs, Rachlin Martin, PLLC.

The first order of business was to nominate positions for offices on the Planning Board as there are newly elected members. Mr. Peckham was elected Chairman. Mr. O'Clair was elected Vice Chairman seconded by Mr. Peckham. Mr. Wirkkala was nominated Special Accounts Manager by Mr. Peckham, and seconded by Mr. O'Clair. All of the elections were unanimous. The Planning Board agreed to appoint Mr. Moen as an alternate member.

The joint hearing for the Planning and Zoning Boards was called to order at 7:20 PM.

The purpose of this hearing is to act upon an application including a Zoning Board request variance for a Person Wireless Services Facility proposal to be located at 143 Cross Road, Goshen.

Mr. Dodge started the hearing by introducing colleagues Patrick Nysten of SAI Communications, John Lawrence of Centerline Communications, Jonathan McNeal of SAI Communications, Deepak Rathore, a radiofrequency engineer for A T & T, Lisa Fearon of Downs Rachlin, Martin, PLLC. Mr. Dodge stated that he would focus on the variance request for the Personal Wireless Services Facility. Mr. Dodge also said that he has brought his own stenographer to the hearing to transcribe the meeting, and he will provide copies to both the Planning and Zoning Boards.

Mr. Dodge then showed an overview presentation of the proposed site. Mr. Dodge then reviewed what still needs to be done for this proposed project. A variance application for the height still needs to be filed, as well as the special exception application for the wetlands. Both of these applications will need to be approved by the Zoning Board. A site plan review application still needs to be completed.

Mr. Dodge showed the map of the area proposed for this Personal Wireless Services Facility and said that this site will open up for more areas of roaming coverage. Mr. Dodge said that the proposed facility will include a 100 ft. monopole communication tower which will have the capacity for up to three additional co-locators. This would require a filing of a special exception with the Zoning Board.

Mr. Dodge stated that there is a 12 ft. proposed wooden fence for a sound barrier around the 50 X 50 fenced compound where there will be an outdoor 50 kW generator. Mr. Dodge said on February 13, 2012 a balloon test was done at 143 Cross Road which showed low visibility of the tower.

Mr. Dodge said that a power density study was done which resulted in /01 of the maximum permissible energy.

The Planning and Zoning Boards then discussed if this area could be considered a wooded area. Mr. O'Clair made a motion to consider this a wooded area, Mr. Hebert seconded, and all were in favor.

The Zoning Board members then went over the presentation and asked the Chairman if the criteria required for granting the variance had been met, Mr. Peckham stated that all of the criteria had in fact been met. All of the members were impressed with the presentation and were all for passing the variance. Mr. O'Clair made a motion to grant the variance, and all were in favor. Motion passed, and the variance was approved.

Mr. Wirkkala stated that the Planning Board needs to deal with the completeness of the application. Mr. Wirkkala said that there was an application for a Personal Wireless Services Facility, but no application for a site plan review was filed, which needs to be filed by the next meeting. The fees for the site plan review will also need to be paid by the next meeting, which is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Wirkkala went over the application checklist and it was deemed to be completed. This joint hearing is continued until May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7 PM.

Mr. O'Clair made a motion to adjourn the joint hearing, Mr. Wirkkala seconded, and all were in favor to adjourn at approximately 9 PM.

/SUBMITTED BY:

Sue Peacock

Planning Board Secretary