

Gallatin Planning Board
667 County Route 7 Gallatin NY
Meeting Minutes

ACCEPTED

May 21, 2012

Attending: Chairman Terry Porter, Bruce Humphries, Ira Levy, Phil Peeples, Brian Arico

Chairman Porter called the May 2012 GPB meeting to order at 7pm. He welcomed new Board member Brian Arico.

Terry discussed the application for the Proposed Wireless Communication Facility at Route 82 and Wilmer Hill road. He commented to the Board, that as consulting RF Engineer for the Brody Tower, Dave Groth had suggested that it would take four (4) Towers to give complete Cell coverage to the Town of Gallatin, than it would be beneficial to know the ideal locations for the 4 towers. Ira asked, "Is there a way to have Mariner provide the locations for Cell Towers"? It is possible that Dave Groth could do it. , was the reply. Terry believes A T & T has made that determination, but is unsure if that information could be passed along to the Board. Chairman Porter advised the GPB that the Board should make its SEQRA determination before accepting the applications as complete and announcing the Public Hearing. Additionally, the application must show all the ground elevations for the proposed Wireless Communications Site.

Ira wanted to know if Mariner can give us an estimate to remove the Tower, because down the road, the cost might go up as high as \$50,000 or more, we should raise the Bond to more than \$20,000. Ira fears that the current Bond is not enough for removal at a later date. It was noted that the Landowner ultimately has all the liability. Brian commented that perhaps the Bond should be tied to inflation rate. The following checklist was suggested

1. SEQRA determination must be made before accepting the application as complete and announcing the Public Hearing.
2. The amount of the removal bond should be reviewed and possibly raised to keep up with inflation and rising costs.
3. Balloon Test must be done to see location and sighting. Should this happen before the Public Hearing to aid with the SEQRA determination?
4. Is the best location on site for the Tower the proposed location?
5. Check with Mariner to find out if the Board could be provided with any information that A T & T might have regarding the ideal locations for towers to cover the Town or engage Dave Groth to provide the Board with this information.
6. The access driveway is shown as connecting to the landowners existing driveway on a separate parcel. If this is the case then there must be a deeded right of way over the parcel for access. Or does it make more sense to provide an access road solely on the parcel where the Facility is proposed?

7. Should we have our Engineer address Radio Activity Data given to us and how the radio transmissions might affect the health of those around the tower?
8. Are all buildings farther than 750 ft. from the tower site? It is difficult on the map provided to make this determination. Additionally, are future buildings restricted in the 750 ft. zone? If future buildings are not allowed in the 750 ft. zone, how would this be enforced?

Terry advised the GPB that the Road Maintenance agreement and request of Fire Pond was given to Attorney Replansky, on the Joseph Frank subdivision. There is nothing in the Zoning Regulations regarding the requirement for a pond for fire department use. Board of Health approval is necessary. Warren suggested that the application must be reviewed by the Town Engineer and an escrow account must be set up for the review in the amount of \$3000. But Warren had not answered the question of whether or not the Planning board could require a pond for fire department use.

Meeting minutes from April 2012 were read. Terry made a motion to accept as amended. Bruce 2nd. All were in favor.

With no other business, Terry made a motion to adjourn at 8:40pm. Phil 2nd. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Fecci