

Minutes

Town of Otego Planning Board

June 20, 2017

REGULAR PLANNING BOARD MEETING

APPROVED

The Regular Planning Board Meeting officially opened at 7:06 PM.

ROLL CALL:

Board Members Present: Chairwoman Kate Lawrence, Elizabeth Callahan, Mark Dye, Lois Chernin, Katie Higgins (as a voting member.)

Board Member Excused: Roberto Romano

In Attendance Tonight: Teresa DeSantis, Planning Board Recording Secretary

Not in Attendance Tonight: Codes Officer Dan Wilber

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**REVIEW OF THE MEETING MINUTES FOR THE MAY 16 REGULAR MEETING:**

**The unapproved meeting minutes for the May 16, 2017 Planning Board Regular Meeting were reviewed. A Motion was made by Elizabeth Callahan to accept the Minutes as amended.**

**MOTION to accept the May 16, 2017 Planning Board Regular Meeting Minutes as amended.**

**Motion by Elizabeth Callahan and seconded by Mark Dye.**

**Voice Vote: YES   5                        NO   0**

**All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**American Tower and T-Mobile- Antenna Amendment-704E Configuration- and Structural Amendment of Cell Tower at 3575 State Highway 7:**

**The Planning Board reviewed the submitted materials for the American Tower and T-Mobile Cell Tower Project involving a 704E Configuration and Structural Amendment of the cell tower located at 3575 State Highway 7. The application materials were submitted**

by Michael Slavotinek, c/o T-Mobile and American Tower. The name of the company to be performing the actual work on the tower is TSC Construction of Johnson City, NY.

The project calls for "installing three panels, three TTA s, six 1-5/8" coax cables, and one 6201 cabinet to T-Mobiles existing telecommunications array on the existing tower. Structural reinforcements per plans submitted to ensure the structural capacity of the tower will withstand additional load of the new antennas." This is necessary because an engineering study determined that the tower will be overloaded by 136% of its structural capacity when the new equipment is added. The tower will be fortified with additional concrete at the base and additional crossbars in the tower itself. Additional anchor bolts will also be added to the leg of each tower.

The Planning Board reviewed and discussed the extensive tower revision plans and materials submitted by the applicant, signed and stamped by a licensed professional engineer.

Mark Dye stated that if there is a Special Use Permit on file, that this work would fall under that original Special Use Permit. The Planning Board had previously reviewed the fall zone for the tower under a previous application. Mark would also like to see something in writing as to the radiation output of the tower and its directions with the addition of the new equipment. After extensive discussion, the Planning Board agreed that the project did not need a Special Use Permit, because it was a renovation of existing equipment with no change in use, and no new buildings were being built at the site.

**MOTION that the work by American Tower does not need a Special Use Permit, with the condition that they give us detailed information on the radiation coming off the equipment and the directions.**

Motion by Mark Dye and seconded by Elizabeth Callahan.

Voice Vote: YES   5   NO   0  

All in favor, none opposed, motion carried.

**Bernard Freudenmann on Franklin Mountain Road- Pre-Application meeting for a lot split**

**Bernard Freudenmann did not attend this evening, and has not dropped off any completed application materials. He was going to come to the Planning Board for a pre-application meeting.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**John Attanasio- Simple Lot Split- 1641 Co Hwy 8; TM #272.00-1-30.00:**

**John Attanasio did not attend this evening. He has previously dropped off all his completed application materials.**

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

**The Codes Officer Dan Wilber was not present at the meeting tonight. An email letter was received from Beth Westfall, along with a copy of the 2015 State Law on Manufactured Housing. Chairwoman Kate Lawrence stated that she had recently talked with Beth Westfall, the Town's Attorney, and that Beth will generate a memo on how to move forward with the Town Board on the possible review and revision of the Town's Subdivision and Zoning Laws. It was hoped that this would be ready to present at the July Town Board meeting.**

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR: Mark Dye handed out a reprint of a recent article about a proposed solar farm installation in the Town of Morris.**

**TRAINING REPORTS: Kate Lawrence, Elizabeth Callahan, Mark Dye, Lois Chernin, Roberto Romano, Katie Higgins and Teresa DeSantis attended the Town Attorney Beth Westfall training presented to the Planning Board members on Thursday, June 8th- 6-8 pm. ZBA member Stuart Anderson and Town Board member Dave Sheldon also attended. All received two hours of training.**

**The Meeting was adjourned at 7:48 PM.**

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**Respectfully Submitted-**

**Teresa DeSantis**

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**Town of Otego Planning Board Recording Secretary**