

Board of Selectmen
SPECIAL MEETING
May 23, 2017 7:00 PM
Fire Safety Complex – 23 Goshen Hill Road

MINUTES

Members present: First Selectman Betsy Petrie and Selectman John Bendoraitis

Others present: Robert Burns of APT Engineering, Elizabeth Jamieson from Verizon Wireless, Michael Libertine from APT, Dean Gustafson from APT, Martin Lavin from C Squared, James Smith of Structure Consulting Group, Kenneth C. Baldwin of Robinson & Cole LLP, John Tierney from Structure Consulting Group, Ray Luke Paradis from Verizon Wireless, Town Planner Philip Chester, Mark Elliot, President of Lebanon Volunteer Fire Department, Bob Cady Sr, Jane Cady, Chris Connelly, Kristian Cwirka, Steven Zickmann, Ekaterine Tchelidze reporter from The Chronicle, and Administrative Assistant Linda McDonald

1.0 Call to Order: B. Petrie called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

2.0 Pubic Hearing for Proposed lease of a portion of Town owned property located at Lyman Memorial High School, 917 Exeter Road, Lebanon, Connecticut, to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for the purpose of the construction and operation of a communications tower:

Attorney Kenneth Baldwin from Robinson & Cole LLP representing Verizon Wireless introduced members of the Verizon team. He presented background information that led to this project proposal, explaining there was a need in Town for additional cell coverage.

Robert Burns, Civil Engineer with All Points Technology Corp (APT) reviewed the site plan for the proposed project.

Michael Libertine from APT provided environmental analysis using a viewshed map with topo base computer modeling and interpretation of aerial photographs. He said no lighting of the structure is proposed. A weather balloon will be floated above the proposed site and the balloon will be photographed from several locations from the road to create an aesthetic inventory of where the tower would be visible.

Dean Gustafson, Senior Wetlands Scientist with APT, identified two wetlands areas in the project area. He explained that the access road was positioned to minimize disturbance and impact to the two wetlands areas would not be likely.

K. Baldwin explained that if the Town decided to enter into a lease with Verizon for the proposed communications tower, Verizon would present the project to the Connecticut Siting Council as communication towers are under the jurisdiction of this council. The Siting Council process would take about six months to complete and the council would hold a public hearing in the Town as part of the process. K. Baldwin addressed a Radio Frequency Exposure Report developed by C Squared Systems, LLC made available at the meeting and said RF emissions have to be addressed in the application to the Siting Council and Verizon has to comply with the FCC standard and the report supports compliance.

B. Petrie said the high school was assured the educational process would not be disturbed, so work would have to be done when students were not on site.

Resident Bob Cady said there is a need for the extra height with the proposed tower in order to provide and improve the public safety communications for the Fire Department and Public Works Department.

3.0 Adjournment: J. Bendoraitis MOVED to adjourn the special meeting at 7:28 pm. B. Petrie SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED 2:0:0.

Respectfully Submitted by Linda H. McDonald

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