

TOWN OF STODDARD  
PLANNING BOARD  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD May 5, 2015  
MEETING CONVENED AT 7:00 PM

The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Members attending included: Dale Smith, Ellen Mason, Chris Madden, Dean Huber, Selectmen's representative Arnie Stymest and alternates Margo Santoro and Harry Power. Excused were Dian Mathews and Ruth Ward.

Correspondence: Voluntary Merger for Kenneth & Jonalyn Young, Master Plan Update meeting minutes of 4/14.

Minutes of previous meeting: April 7, 2015 – Ellen Mason moved and Chris Madden seconded to accept the minutes as presented, the board approved.

Old business: Review Contoocook River Management Plan – this was postponed to the June meeting due to Ruth Ward being excused, as she is the one most knowledgeable on this subject.

New business: None

Subdivision applications: None

Site Plan Review: 7:15 PM – Public Hearing on the application of Everett & Keitha Richer for a Wireless communication Facility to be built on Tax Map # 422, Lot # 6.1 off Richer Road. Steve Grill, representative from Industrial Tower and Wireless. LLC explained the overall concept of the application. He reported that cell phones have changed since the original Tower Application was approved. Cell Phones now have GPS technology built into them. The company wishes to fill in gaps in the Route 9 corridor to allow for seamless use of cell phones along that section that now has dead zones.

It was noted that the ZBA asked to have the tower extended to 190' from the 150' request in the application. Paul Krampfert reported that it was not the ZBA that suggested the extension but the chairman of the Conservation Commission.

Kevin Delaney, from Engineering at Industrial Tower and Wireless, presented a power point program that showed the gaps in coverage, mapped the location of a 100' X 100' facility with the 150' tower being placed in the center and with access over a 25' utility easement. He explained that there would be 10' between each carrier's antennas. He also reported that the company has all departments to handle the installation and maintenance of the facility with the exception of land clearing, which would be contracted locally. The facility would also have an 8' high, chain link fence surrounding it.

Angel Nicoletti asked the coverage that would be increased if the tower was built to 190' instead of 150'. Kevin Delaney noted that only a 15% to 20% improvement would be earned, with the bottom carrier getting the most improvement. No tower could be built that would reach over Morrison Hill to the center of Stoddard.

Fred Ward asked if the company was trying to help the town or just make money.

Kevin Delaney – said not, the company was trying to provide coverage for all that drive through town on route 9. There are about 5,600 vehicles that drive over Route 9 daily, including town residents. The aim is to provide better coverage for those cell phone users. He also noted that old phones had 3 watts of power where the modern ones have less than 1. No matter how tall the tower, the coverage would not increase.

Dale Smith asked about other potential sites – Shedd Hill Road has a location that might add coverage to much of the center of town.

Margo Santoro noted that some of the yellow shading of the exiting coverage does not work as there have been 2 accidents on Route 123 South where the folks have had to walk to a house to phone in the accident due to no cell service.

Fred Ward asked about Monopole vs Unipole.

Chris Madden commented that there needs to be a start with a site to close gaps in coverage.

Harry Power thought that 674:41 called for a road waiver due to Richer Road being laid out many years ago and, if it hadn't been abandoned by town vote, it would still be a Class VI road.

Paul Krampfert reported that the ZBA had not given approval and had only met with the applicants in an open meeting.

The Public Hearing was closed and Dean Huber moved and Ellen Mason seconded to accept the application as complete, the board approved.

Ellen Mason moved and Chris Madden seconded to approve the Site Plan Review with 2 conditions, the board approved.

Conditions:

1. The Fire Department evaluation must be submitted.
2. ZBA must approve use by special exception or otherwise, prior to issuance of the Building Permit.

Public rudimentary questions: None

Other business: Dale Smith and Chris Madden reported on attending a NH Office of Energy and Planning Spring Conference where they learned that abutters that are located across a State Highway are not actual abutters. The State is the abutter to be notified. They also learned that Solar Panels require a building permit due to the snow load that exists.

Dale Smith also reported that blighted properties need to have an ordinance to regulate them.

Secretary's Cumulative Hours: 47.50

Adjourned: Ellen Mason moved and Chris Madden seconded to adjourn at 8:55, the board agreed.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia E. Putnam  
Secretary

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**TOWN OF STODDARD  
PLANNING BOARD  
MONTHLY MEETING  
AGENDA**

DATE: May 5, 2015

CONVENED:

1. Roll Call:
2. Correspondence: Voluntary Merger for Kenneth & Jonalyn Young, Master Plan Update meeting minutes of 4/14.
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting(s): April 7, 2015
4. Public Rudimentary Questions:
5. Old Business: Review Contoocook River Management Plan
6. New Business: None
7. Subdivision applications: None
8. Site Plan Review: 7:15 Pm – Public Hearing on the application by Everett & Keitha Richer for a Wireless Communication Facility to be built on Tax Map # 422, Lot # 6.1.
9. Other Business:
10. Secretary's Cumulative hours: 47.50
11. Adjourned: