

Town of Mendon

Selectboard

June 3, 2020

Members of Selectboard present: Richard Wilcox, Geoff Wells, Scott Bradley

Members of the Planning Commission present: Teri Corsones, Fred Bagley, Justin Lindholm,

Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment present: Jack Kennelly, Mike Curran

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator & Health Officer, Jesse Bridge, Assistant Clerk and Bookkeeper

Visitors present: None

The Selectboard Meeting was reconvened from the meeting on June 1, 2020 at 5:30 PM with all participants participating remotely.

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As Chair of the Town of Mendon Selectboard I find that, due to the State of Emergency declared by Governor Scott as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and pursuant to Addendum 6 to Executive Order 01-20 and Act 92, this public body is authorized to meet electronically.

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Planning Commission, ZBA, Selectboard Reconvened
Wed, Jun 3, 2020 5:30 PM - 7:30 PM (EDT)

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- b) Providing a mechanism for the public to alert the public body during the meeting if there are problems with access. If anybody has a problem, please *e-mail mendonclerk@comcast.net* and
- c) Continuing the meeting if necessary. In the event the public is unable to access this meeting, it will be continued to a time and place certain.

Please note that all votes taken during this meeting that are not unanimous will be done by roll call vote, in accordance with the law.

Let's start the meeting by taking a roll call attendance of all members participating in the meeting.

Roll call: Richard Wilcox, Geoff Wells and Scott Bradley

Agenda: R. Wilcox moved to approve the agenda. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Announcements

AT&T Wireless Communication Facility Public Information Session, June 10th, 6 PM

This meeting will be conducted electronically or via teleconference. Directions on how to participate was mailed to each taxpayer and voter as well as publicly posted and posted on the Mendon website.

Business

AT&T Wireless Communication Facility The Selectboard requested to meet with the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment to review the balloon test results and discuss the town's involvement in the Public Utility Commission's application process.

On February 27th Mendon requested from AT&T the following renditions of what the tower will look like and have not been provided:

1. Computer generated photos of what the tower would look like with the attached transmitters – taken at less than a mile view.
2. Pictures of similar facilities that AT&T has constructed in VT.
3. Pictures of projects before and after construction of the facility, meaning what did they say the tower was going to look like to compare to what it actually looked like after construction.

J. Lindholm and F. Bagley discussed the balloon test and issues with excessive wind speed and the presented deceptive and washed out pictures.

The regulations set forth in the Mendon Telecommunication Bylaws and Mendon Town Plan were discussed extensively.

The Selectboard and Planning Commission continue to have concerns on how the project meets these regulations.

T. Corsones will compile all the town's points and assertions for the June 10th meeting. Each member will submit comments to her.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 6:45 PM. Motion seconded by G. Wells. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date Approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Geoff Wells

Scott Bradley