

Town of Mendon
Joint Meeting Selectboard, Planning Commission,
Zoning Board of Adjustment
August 19, 2020

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

Members of Planning Commission present: Teri Corsones, Justin Lindholm, Gary Sihler, Phil Douglas,

Members of the Zoning Board of Adjustment present: Jack Kennelly, Mike Curran, Teri Corsones, Harvey Zara

Town Officers and employees present: Sara Tully, Town Administrator

Others present: Will Dodge, Chris Voda, Jeff Dellicolli, Janielle Smith, Sohail Usami, Brooke Dingleline, Neil Langer

The Selectboard called to order at 5:00 PM with all present participating remotely.

In response to COVID-19, the Selectboard strongly encourages the public to participate in this meeting by video or teleconferencing. The public can follow the directions on the agenda and posted publicly on the Mendon website at www.mendonvt.org.

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.

In accordance with Act 92, there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to this meeting. However, in accordance with the temporary amendments to the Open Meeting Law, I confirm that we are:

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Joint Meeting of the Selectboard, ZBA, and Planning Commission
Wed, Aug 19, 2020 6:00 PM - 8:30 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.

The purpose of the joint meeting is to discuss various amended documents filed by New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC[PET] for case 20-1149-PET - Petition of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC requesting a certificate of public good, pursuant to 30 V.S.A. § 248a, authorizing the installation of wireless telecommunications equipment at 3410 US Route 4 in Mendon, Vermont.

Please download and review:

<http://epuc.vermont.gov/?q=downloadfile/423935/149108>

To view a list of this and related documents go to:

<http://epuc.vermont.gov/?q=node/64/149108/FV-PFEXAFF-PTL>

or a comprehensive summary at [AT&T.Mendon.Supplemental.PFT.Exhibits.08.10.2020](#)

W. Dodge conducted a 20 minute presentation on the major changes in the new proposal of a 96' tower versus the formerly proposed 140' tower. A copy of the presentation can be obtained by contacting the Town Office. Below is also a link provided by AT&T:

<https://drmpllc.sharefile.com/share/view/sea3e718ea694487b>

In addition to the outlined changes of lowering the tower's height and making it look like a pine tree, AT&T offered the following additional considerations:

1. Antenna sock
2. Additional balloon test one morning Aug. 23-25th weather depending
3. Maintain 250' radius of vegetation around tower location.
4. Removal bond to the town to ensure removal of the tower if no longer in use.

The Selectboard, Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment were able to ask questions

about the project.

Motion by D. Wilcox to enter Executive Session at 6:30 PM with the Planning Commission, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Selectboard, S. Tully and B. Dingedine present. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

The chair declared the board out of Executive Session at 7:15 PM. No action taken.

The Town agreed they would request the balloon test be scheduled between Aug. 23-25 weather depending. The Chair requested the Planning Commission and Zoning Board of Adjustment make any comments and concerns regarding the new proposal and submit them to the Selectboard before August 24th.

There being no further business, R. Wilcox moved to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Motion seconded by S. Bradley. The Selectboard unanimously approved the motion.

Date Approved _____

Richard Wilcox

Sara Tully - Clerk of the Board

Geoff Wells

Scott Bradley