

**TOWN OF BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
JANUARY 9, 2017**

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Keeler	Wes Miller
Jean Depatie	Kurt Dudley
Paul Gillette	Jean Peglow
Wilford Wraight	Kirk Mathes

BOARD MEMBERS EXCUSED

Darryl Sanford

Others Present: Ben Yasman

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of the December 12th with no corrections; seconded by Mr. Gillette and carried (7-0).

II. OLD BUSINESS

The Town Board has asked for us to review and give recommendations for the met tower applications.

- By our zoning laws, all three applications would be reviewed by the County Planning Board. They will be sent to the County following a completed SEQR by the Town Board completed at their meeting on January 11th.
- The Town Board will be setting a public hearing date of February 8th at 7 pm.
- The Special Use Permit would be renewed yearly.
- Mr. Yasman stated the towers should not change our zoning as only the guide wires will be in the ground.
- The met towers would be measuring winds and ice load.
- Town to obtain wind/ice calculations from tower manufacturer.
- Would the information be shared with the Town?
 - There is a lot of technical information but a summary could be given on a quarterly, semi-annually, or annually depending upon our request.
- A specialist will also be at the County Planning Board to help explain things.
- Town to obtain a copy of property deed giving Heritage Wind to place tower on their property
- Lights would be needed on the West Lee Road met tower
 - Heritage Wind would notify the FAA
 - Lights are run by solar power – no electrical hookup is needed

- This (FAA) should be listed on the Special Use Permit
- Because of the snow mobile trails around, Mr. Mathes would like some kind of a fence around tower and/or guide wires to help prevent injury to riders.
 - Guide wires are a bright color
 - Heritage Wind would comply with any request of the property owner
- The towers should be there 1 to 1½ years, maximum of 3 years.
- The property owners would do the maintenance – lawn mowing/snow removal etc.
- We would request a schedule of time lines involved for the entire project, updated if necessary. The time line should include erection of the MET tower to the time it will be removed.
- The project is federally regulated.
- Project would be within Town limits, except for 2 miles around Pine Hill Airport, migratory paths, would not interfere with wetlands or endangered species.
- They are working with the DEC regarding the wetlands.
- Sites picked should be a good representation of the Town.
- There will be two informational meetings, January 18 & February 11 both 5-7 pm. January's will be at the Town Hall and February will be at the office located at 49 North Main Street in Albion.
- Performance bond required.

In regards to the Comprehensive Plan

- Agricultural district map should be a separate map.
- Remove the mixed residential/industrial at the corner of Rt. 31A & 98.
- Remove the special conservation around the airport because no one knows what it is or why it's there.

III. NEW BUSINESS

Cell tower modifications was discussed in regards to having a public hearing along with the expenses involved in regards with not involving structural modifications.

Resolution 1117 Made by Wiliford Wraight
 Seconded by Kurt Dudley

As of today, January 9, 2017, existing towers which require not structural modifications such as

- Collocation of new transmission equipment,
- Removal of transmission equipment, or
- Replacement of transmission equipment.

will not require a modification to the Special Use Permit. Building permits will be issued by the CEO directly.

IV. COMMUNICATION

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The December meeting was canceled due to weather.

VI. ADJORNMENT

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 pm, seconded by Mr. Gillette and carried (7-0).

Lee A. Preston, Clerk