

**TOWN OF BARRE  
PLANNING BOARD  
MAY 9, 2022**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The board met at the Town Hall and the meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM by co-chair Mr. Miller.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Wes Miller                      Jean Depatie  
Kurt Dudley                    Kirk Mathes  
Jean Peglow

**EXCUSED BOARD MEMBERS**

Tom Keeler                    Stephen Harling  
Anna Shuknecht (Alt.)

**ABSENT BOARD MEMBERS**

Eric Watson (Alt.)

Others present: Cullen Morgan from American Tower (Centerline Communications) by phone, Justin Butterfield. PE from American Tower (DRW NX) by phone

The meeting was declared to have a legal majority number of voters for any votes needed to be accomplished.

**I.     APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Mathes made a motion to approve the April 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes as presented with no corrections. Motion was seconded by Mr. Dudley and carried. (5-0)

**II.    NEW BUSINESS**

An application has been received for a Special Use Permit modification & Site Plan Review for American Tower, Inc. Agent Cullen Morgan of Centerline Communications (agent to T-Mobile & American Tower). The application is for new colocation of T-Mobile equipment on the existing American Tower located at 12615 West County House Road. Mr. Morgan stated that there will be equipment added to the tower itself and a concrete pad will be installed for any ground equipment. He will be obtaining all building permits needed for the project. Hopefully work will start this summer.

**Resolution 5-2022**

Introduced by:     Jean Peglow  
Seconded by:      Kirk Mathes

**WHEREAS** the Town of Barre Planning Board has reviewed Part 2 of the FEAF SEQR form for the application of American Tower/Centerline Communications/T-Mobile at 12615 West County House Road (93-1-3.1) and

**RESOLVED**, to declare a negative FEAF SEQR

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Miller – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Dudley – Abstained  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye

The resolution passed.

**Resolution 6-2022**

Introduced by: Jean Peglow  
Seconded by: John DePatie

**WHEREAS** the Planning Board has reviewed the application of American Tower/Centerline Communications/T-Mobile at 12615 West County House Road (93-1-3.1) for a Special Use Permit Modification and Site Plan Review

**RESOLVED**, to approve the Site Plan and Special Use Permit modification.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Miller – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Dudley – Abstained  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye

The resolution passed.

A second Special Use Permit Modification and Site Plan Review was received from DRW NX. This application also happens to be on the cell tower located at 12615 West County House Road (93-1-3.1). The applicant is proposing to collocate two 6’ microwave dishes, four SAF Radio, associated cabling and mounding equipment on existing cell tower. The ground scope includes the installation of an equipment cabinet within lease are within existing tower compound and a new 100-amp electrical service. Mr. Butterfield was aware of the same information discussed with Mr. Morgan.

**Resolution 7-2022**

Introduced by: Jean Peglow  
Seconded by: Kirk Mathes

**WHEREAS** the Town of Barre Planning Board has reviewed Part 2 of the SEAF SEQR form for the application of DRW NX at 12615 West County House Road (93-1-3.1)

**RESOLVED**, to declare a negative SEAF SEQR

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Miller – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Dudley – Abstained  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye

The resolution passed.

There was no further discussion.

**Resolution 8-2022**

Introduced by: Jean Peglow  
Seconded by: John DePatie

**WHEREAS** the Planning Board has reviewed the application of American Tower/DRW NX at 12615 West County House Road (93-1-3.1) for a Special Use Permit Modification and Site Plan Review

**RESOLVED**, to approve the Site Plan and Special Use Permit modification.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Miller – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Dudley – Abstained  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye

The resolution passed.

A question was asked why we need to see applications concerning cell/communication towers since they cannot be denied. In the past the board had agreed that they would like to see them at least to make sure everything is in order.

Mr. Miller stated the Mrs. Dale-Hall had sent him an email concerning Project Stork in the former Barre Deli. Project Stork is an organization that helps mothers and babies living in poverty. They would like to do some remodeling creating office space and a conference room on the first floor. It will not be a food thing. There would be one staff member and 3 volunteers. Mrs. Dale-Hall asked that since the property is located in the business district, do they need to come for before the board with a site plan review. Mr. Mathes stated that it could be like the Grange being too close to the road and a variance needed. The upstairs is considered a single-family resident; will it remain so?

**Resolution 9-2022**

Introduced by: John DePatie  
Seconded by: Kirk Mathes

**WHEREAS** the Planning Board has discussed an email submitted from Mrs. Dale-Hall to Mr. Miller asking if Project Stork needed to have a site plan review for remodeling

**RESOLVED**, that since the remodel did not change anything outside of the building a site plan review was not needed.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Miller – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Dudley – Aye  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye

The resolution passed.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Mathes feels that there are a few other things to think about besides food trucks during construction. Mr. Mathes stated that he talking with the Supervisor from Martinsburg, Terrence Thisse who has an existing wind farm. Mr. Thisse stated that the worse part of a wind farm is construction and to make sure that all agreements have been worked out like the road agreement. Legislation 575b was discussed in regards with assessment of older wind farms. Mr. Thisse is also willing to show anyone around. Mr. Mathes would like to go and look around after planting and has opened it up to the board members to get together and go. Mr. Mathes would need to know ahead of time who would want to go.

The possible zoning on food trucks was discussed again that is should be in general and not just for the construction phase of the wind turbines. Mrs. Peglow stated that West Barre Church had a food truck during music nights in the park. They must have all their current licensing and follow all health department rules. It should be limited to residents first and have some registration process.

#### **IV. COMMUNICATION**

##### **ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

Mr. Keeler had gone to the April meeting, so therefore there is no report at this time. However, the Orleanshub had articles on the applications heard.

Training was discussed. The topics picked is not known at this time. It was asked if Hoag Library was large enough for participants to attend to provide social distancing.

#### **V. ADJORNMENT**

Mr. Mathes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm; seconded by Mrs. Peglow and carried (5-0).

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Lee A. Preston, Clerk