

**TOWN OF BARRE  
PLANNING BOARD  
JANUARY 9, 2023**

**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. Keeler.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Keeler                      Jean Depatie  
Stephen Harling                Kirk Mathes  
Jean Peglow                     Anna Shuknecht (Alt.)

**EXCUSED BOARD MEMBERS**

Wes Miller                      Kurt Dudley

Others present: Robert Wilson and William Grover by phone from Pyramid Network Services representing Verizon Wireless, Margaret Swan

Mr. Keeler appointed Anna Shuknecht as a voting member for this meeting due to excused absences with Resolution 1-2023 made by Mr. Mathes and seconded by Mrs. Peglow.

**I.        APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mr. Mathes made a motion to approve the November regular meeting no changes. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Peglow and carried. (6-0)

**II.       NEW BUSINESS**

An application from Pyramid Network Services on behalf of American Tower/Verizon Wireless for the cell Tower located at 12615 West County House Road (93-1-3.1) for a Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit modification. Mr. Keeler asked Mr. Wilson and/or Mr. Grover to present the application. They first thanked the board for allowing them to call in and not be present due to the location of their business office. They are proposing to add three antennas on the existing mounts on the tower and replacing two existing hybrid cables to the antennas. The proposed antennas will be installed next to the existing antennas on the current mounts located on the tower. The new cables will run off the tower. There will be no structural or ground work involved. The structural analysis which was included with the application, revealed some reinforcement is needed on L21 -L51. The board would like to have a current up to date structural analysis after repairs are made on file before Mrs. Dale-Hall issues the building permit.

Mrs. Peglow stated that the application was a very detailed.

**Resolution 2-2023**

Introduced by: Steve Harling  
Seconded by: Anna Shuknecht

**WHEREAS** the application from Pyramid Network Service Re: American Tower/Verizon Wireless Cell Tower on West County House Road (93-1-3.1) has been received for a Special Use Permit modification and Site Plan Review

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that application does not need to be referred to the County Planning Board

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Keeler – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Harling – Aye  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye  
Mrs. Shuknecht – Aye

The resolution passed.

The SEQR was reviewed and part 2 was completed.

**Resolution 3-2023**

Introduced by: Kirk Mathes  
Seconded by: Jean Peglow

**WHEREAS** the application from Pyramid Network Service Re: American Tower/Verizon Wireless Cell Tower on West County House Road (93-1-3.1) has been received for a Special Use Permit modification and Site Plan Review

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the proposed modification will not result in any significant adverse environmental impacts therefore declaring a negative SEQR

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Keeler – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Harling – Aye  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye  
Mrs. Shuknecht – Aye

The resolution passed.

**Resolution 4-2023**

Introduced by: Jean Peglow  
Seconded by: Kirk Mathes

**WHEREAS** the application from Pyramid Network Service Re: American Tower/Verizon Wireless Cell Tower on West County House Road (93-1-3.1) has been received for a Special Use Permit modification and Site Plan Review

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the proposed Special Use Permit modification be approved with conditions of:

1. Updated structural analysis
2. Must obtain building permits
3. Inspection certificates every two years on file with the Town of Barre
4. Proof of bond and two estimates for restoration
5. Emergency contacts and procedures on file with the Town of Barre
6. Change of ownership must be on file with the Town of Barre upon transfer

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Keeler – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Harling – Aye  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye  
Mrs. Shuknecht –Aye

The resolution passed.

**Resolution 5-2023**

Introduced by: Jean Peglow  
Seconded by: Anna Shuknecht

**WHEREAS** the application from Pyramid Network Service Re: American Tower/Verizon Wireless Cell Tower on West County House Road (93-1-3.1) has been received for a Special Use Permit modification and Site Plan Review

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the proposed Site Plan Review be approved

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Keeler – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Harling – Aye  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye  
Mrs. Shuknecht –Aye

The resolution passed.

**Resolution 6-2023**

Introduced by: Anna Shuknecht  
Seconded by: Steve Harling

**WHEREAS** the calendar of meeting dates for 2023 was presented

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved to accept the meeting dates for 2023.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Keeler – Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Harling – Aye  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye  
Mrs. Shuknecht – Aye

The resolution passed.

There has not been a referral to the Planning Board from the Town Board regarding the survey being requested. Some of the discussions were:

- Hate to ask questions if we can't do anything or its out of our hands
- One answer per household not feasible as spouses don't always agree or even other adults in the house
- Questions should only be related to the Comprehensive Plan

Various ways of doing the survey were discussed when it is presented to the board including:

- Possible logistics of how to complete the survey
- Doing it like the last successful survey on Election Day
- Hiring an outside agency to complete the survey

Until the Town Board gives the Planning Board a formal request on this, there will be no action taken.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

The Town Board has received the noise ordinance however, they have not had a chance to discuss it.

#### **IV. COMMUNICATION**

##### ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD

- Town of Yates request for a Special Use Permit for a Telecommunication Facility on Yates Carlton Townline Road was approved with conditions including data for why the tower should be taller than the allowed height (height allowed should be listed in the Town Code as a starting point for applicants) and post the address of the site near the entrance in the event of an emergency so the property can be located
- Town of Kendall's request for new Zoning Ordinance/Law No. 1 regulating the Use of Transient or Short-Term Rentals and No. 2 regulating the Issuance of Licenses for Transient or Short-Term Rentals had lots of discussion
  - Due to certain safety with non-owner-occupied short-term rentals such as noise, personal and real property damage, poor upkeep of structures and large gatherings/parties
  - Other districts, other than waterfront district, have not had the same negative impacts
  - In the interim there will be no more new waterfront licenses
  - No noise ordinance included
  - Yates an adjacent town does not have such laws
- The Board was not able to have a majority vote on Local Law 1 so it was not passed
- The Board was not able to have a majority vote on Local Law 2 for denial
- New members were welcomed
- Vice-Chair seat is still vacant
- Updating the contact list with a survey requesting response on how you would like to receive documents from the monthly County Planning Board meetings
- NYS Department of State Training for December 2022 and January 2023 was given out
- 2022 Summary of referrals to the County Planning Board was given with the Town of Albion and Town of Barre with the most at four each
- The 2023 County Planning Board calendar as approved
- Climate action scoping plan was discussed regarding the eliminating natural gas. This is going to be costly for residents.

#### **V. ADJORNMENT**

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:25 pm; seconded by Mr. Depatie and carried (7-0).

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Lee A. Preston, Clerk