

**TOWN OF BARRE  
PLANNING BOARD  
JULY 10, 2023**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The board met at the Town Hall and the meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm by co-chair Mr. Keeler.

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Tom Keeler	Wes Miller
Jean Depatie	Kurt Dudley
Stephen Harling	Kirk Mathes
Jean Peglow	

Others present: Sean Pogue

**I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to approve the June regular meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Harling and carried. (7-0)

**II. NEW BUSINESS**

An application for a cell tower special use permit modifications included a letter from a lawyer stating that they did not have to go through the normal process because

- State or local government may not deny, and shall approve any request for modification that does not substantially change the dimensions of such tower or base station.
- 2014 Infrastructure Order “substantial change” defined as:
  - Towers not in the rights-of-way height not more than 10 percent change, antenna array not more than 20 percent from the existing spray or more than the width of the tower structure, or addition of an appurtenance protruding more than six feet from the edge of the structure
  - Changes in height
- The asked for Planning Board application, completed short SEQR form, and Agricultural Data Statement greatly exceed the required information required

The letter was presented to the planning board for discussion.

- Board is aware they cannot deny an application concerning a modification

- Applications have not been sent to the County Planning Board or has a public hearing been asked for
- Conditions given for modifications are done as a reminder to the applicant
- EME report has been added due to new information and/or technology that becomes available
- Board just validating any original stipulations
- Other applicants have not had trouble completing an application and coming before the board for review
- Board assumes that Mrs. Dale-Hall is checking on this
- Would not hurt to have the Town's lawyer review the letter
- Planning Board would like to continue reviewing any modifications

**Resolution 16-2023**

Introduced by: Kirk Mathes  
 Seconded by: Kurt Dudley

**WHERE AS** discussion was had regarding a letter received regarding cell tower modification application,

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved to send the letter to the town attorney, Bridget O'Toole for her to review it and give her opinion

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Keeler – Aye  
 Mr. Miller - Aye  
 Mr. DePatie – Aye  
 Mr. Dudley – Aye  
 Mr. Harling – Aye  
 Mr. Mathes – Aye  
 Mrs. Peglow – Aye

The resolution passed.

A letter of resignation has been from Mrs. Shuknecht this evening as they will soon not be a Town of Barre resident. Openings have been advertised recently in the past with no response.

**Resolution 17-2023**

Introduced by: Kirk Mathes  
 Seconded by: John Depatie

**WHERE AS** the planning board and zoning board have alternate position vacancies

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved to advertise for the alternate positions for the planning board and zoning board to include the required training per year along with submitting a letter of interest.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Keeler – Aye  
Mr. Miller - Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Dudley – Aye  
Mr. Harling – Aye  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye

The resolution passed.

**III. OLD BUSINESS**

LaBella Associates and Wendall Engineers proposals to help with updating the Comprehensive Plan was discussed:

- Both companies came and talked with the board and then sent a quote to Mr. Keeler
- Next step would be to make a recommendation to the Town Board
- Wendall wanted \$16,617.00 in cash with a total of \$36,666.00 for the project
  - Mr. Reilly would not our lead person to be working with
  - Was applying for the Ag & Markets farm land protection grant included?
  - Inventory for the land use map would be done
  - Does the cost include a survey?
  - Is not familiar with the area however is working with the Town of Shelby on the Hemlock Ridge Solar Project
- LaBella’s cost would be \$29,800 for the project
  - Mrs. Johnston would be our lead person to work with
  - Time table would be 12 months from start to finish
  - Has worked/working with nine of the municipalities in the County
  - Survey cost would be included
  - Applying for the Ag & Markets Farmland protection plan would be \$1,000.00

**Resolution 18-2023**

Introduced by:

Kurt Dudley

Seconded by:

Steve Harling

**WHERE AS** the planning board has interviewed LaBella Associates and Wendall Engineers for the purpose of helping with an updated Comprehensive Plan

**NOW THEREFORE** be it resolved that the board is recommending LaBella Associates to the Town Board due to their familiarity with the area and included a survey in the cost.

**UPON ROLL CALL VOTE:**

Mr. Keeler – Aye  
Mr. Miller - Aye  
Mr. DePatie – Aye  
Mr. Dudley - Aye  
Mr. Harling – Aye  
Mr. Mathes – Aye  
Mrs. Peglow – Aye

The resolution passed.

**IV. COMMUNICATION**

**ORLEANS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD**

The meeting for June was cancelled. There should be a meeting in July based on their bi-laws

**V. ADJORNMENT**

Mr. Depatie made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 pm; seconded by Mrs. Peglow and carried (7-0).

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Lee A. Preston, Clerk