



MINUTES

Town of Binghamton Planning Board

Monday October 18, 2021 | 6:30pm

In attendance: Bill McGowan – Planning Board | Dave West – Planning Board
Kathy Kiekel – Planning Board | Ray Mastin – Planning Board
Michael Donahue – Town Board Liaison
Elizabeth Rounds – Town Supervisor
Alan Pope – Attorney | Rose Pope – Attorney

Attending via Zoom: Jeff Barbador – Crown Castle

Absent: Christopher Streno – Planning Board

The meeting was called to order at 6:30pm. Joint Legal Corner presented to the Planning Board & Zoning Board re; Public Utility Variance presented by Rose Pope, Use Variance presented by Alan Pope.

Joint meeting ended 7:01 pm

Planning Board meeting continued after Zoning Board members broke for their meeting.

Jeff Barbador from Crown Castle discussed T Mobile's request to modify existing cell tower on Ingraham Road. Replacing existing 6 antennas. Replacing ancillary equipment in existing building on site. Improvement to cell service should be expected for some, but not all T Mobile customers, based on the customer's location. Work expectation is approximately 1 week. Would like to be finished by year end. Motion to vote on this project made by Ray Mastin. Seconded by Kathy Kiekel. Voted 4 to 0 to proceed on this project. Jeff to contact Nick Pappas for next steps on application.

Minutes reviewed from last meeting and accepted.

Atlas Solar Project on Powers Road meeting will be scheduled for 11/08/21 per Elizabeth Rounds. Planning Board shouldn't expect to see anything on this until 2022.

November 2021 Kick-off for Energy Storage Systems. Bill McGowan will be working on this project.



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Review of training sheet by Planning Board. Chris Streno to update spreadsheet to include the New York State Harassment training for 2021.

Verizon project on hold at the Town level. Still in Broome County for review. Any work done on cell service has to benefit the TOB. We are not seeing this benefit in the existing documentation we've been given to date. Towers appear to be positioned to benefit Binghamton University, not the TOB. Elizabeth Rounds may consider asking the county to challenge the Verizon plan on behalf of the TOB to ensure the town benefits from this plan.

Wind Energy Law has been reviewed. Ray Mastin wants to ensure the strobe lights are removed from the document. Alan Pope indicates that we may not be able to remove the strobes ourselves. Research is needed and the FAA may have to be consulted. Dave West has reviewed the document and had no issues with it beyond what Ray noted. Elizabeth Rounds indicates that we will now submit this to the county for their 239 Review.

Next scheduled meeting is 01/17/2022.

No other items. Meeting adjourned 7:34 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Christopher Streno -Planning Board Chairperson (via Kathy Kiekell)