

**Zebulon  
Joint Public Hearing  
Minutes  
November 13, 2018**

Present: Robert S. Matheny, Dale Beck, Curtis Strickland, Don Bumgarner, Beverly Clark, Annie Moore, Joe Moore-Town Manager, Lisa Markland-Town Clerk, Stacie Paratore-Deputy Town Clerk, Mark Hetrick-Planning, Sam Slater-Attorney

Planning Board Present: David Covington, Shannon Baxter, Laura Johnson, Stan Nowell, Stephanie Jenkins

Absent: Larry Ray, Gene Blount

Mayor Matheny called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

**PUBLIC HEARING**

*A. ZA 2019-01 -- §152.1465 Wireless Telecommunications Facilities*

Mark Hetrick explained the Board would consider an amendment to update and replace the existing Wireless Telecommunications Facilities ordinance and introduced Chad Meadows from CodeWright Planners, LLC. Chad Meadows presented the PowerPoint Presentation to the Board and explained the purpose of the proposed standards was to accommodate changes in technology and to accommodate changes in state law. A brief history of wireless communication evolution and wireless infrastructure evolution was explained to the Board. The current regulation - §152.1465 was detailed to the Board.

Mayor Matheny asked if either Board had any questions.

Commissioner Strickland inquired if small wireless towers could be installed in residential or wooded areas. Chad Meadows said State regulations did not allow towers to be placed on a residence. Wooded areas were not preferable because there had to be a line of sight from the antenna to the wireless device for service.

There was discussion about collocation options, use of public right-of-way and temporary facilities.

Mayor Matheny asked if the Town could require a developer to put equipment cabinets underground. Chad Meadows explained the Board could make that a requirement, but underground equipment cabinets were very expensive. The Board could add provisions for placement of underground equipment in specific areas. There was discussion about esthetics of wireless equipment and authority the Board would have regulating the equipment.

Mayor Matheny asked if there were any questions from either of the Boards.

Stan Nowell inquired who was responsible for policing towers. It was explained that a tower in use would have electricity, but was difficult to tell if a tower was actually in use. The abandonment standard helped to control towers being abandoned.

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It was explained the land the towers were located on was typically either leased by wireless companies or owned by companies that were tower owners. Most large name wireless providers built towers.

Shannon Baxter inquired if the Board could require an annual transmittance report in the abandonment report. Chad Meadows explained the Board could require a report, but a radio frequency engineer may be required to read the report to determine if the tower was still working. The Board could add a policy to receive an annual report on which towers were being utilized.

Mayor Matheny asked if there were any more questions from either of the Boards. There were none.

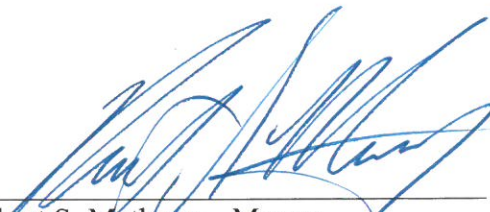
Mayor Matheny declared the public hearing closed and referred the matter to the Planning Board for a recommendation.

Commissioner Clark made a motion, second by Commissioner Bumgarner to adjourn the meeting. There was no discussion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07pm.

Adopted this the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2019.



  
Robert S. Matheny—Mayor

  
Lisa M. Markland, CMC—Town Clerk