Town of Somerset Planning Board August 6, 2020

Present: Norm Jansen, Chairman

Krista Atwater Laura Bishop Chris Czelusta Charles Neal

David, Haylett, Town Attorney

Attendance Chairman - Jon Hotaling

Richard Hanson -- Representative from Pyramid Network Services

Drew Reilly -- Wendel Engineer

Chairman Jansen called the meeting to order at 7:34

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

On a motion by K Atwater, seconded by C Neal, the following resolution was ADOPTED Ayes 5 Jansen, Atwater, Bishop, Czelusta, Neal

Nayes 0

Resolved: The minutes of the July 2, 2020 meeting were accepted as submitted.

**COMMUNICATIONS**: There were no Communications

**OLD BUSINESS**: There was no Old Business

**NEW BUSINESS**: Richard Hansen shared new information regarding the tower:

Mercy Flight does not want a light on the tower because it is under 198'.

Regarding the use of barbed wire, Horvath Communications says they would do whatever the town wants.

R Hanson is asked if it is necessary to have a backup generator. He responded that it most likely will not have a generator, but he will need to contact Verizon regarding this.

D Reilly questioned if the tower is in a certified county agricultural district. He explained that the applicant is required to fill out an Agricultural Data Statement which describes the project. This is to be sent to the County Agricultural Board and adjoining agricultural operations.

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D Reilly distributed a written review dated August 4, 2020 regarding the tower application. Much discussion ensued concerning the SEQR and other requirements that are written in the review.

Attorney Haylett and D Reilly stated that the following decisions need to be made regarding the tower, before a vote can be taken:

**SEQR** Decision

Findings based on a Special Use Permit

Chairman Jansen stated that the vote tonight is to call for a Public Hearing to be held on September 3, 2020 regarding the Verizon Communications Cell Tower. On a motion by L Bishop, seconded by C Neal, the following resolution was

ADOPTED Ayes 5 Jansen, Atwater, Bishop, Czelusta, Neal Nayes 0

Be it resolved that a Public Hearing will be scheduled for September 3, 2020 regarding the Verizon Tower located on Lake Road, adjacent to Mayer Brothers.

**ADJOURNMENT**: There being no further business, K Atwater made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 pm, seconded by C Neal. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lewis
Planning Board Secretary