

Town of Somerset
Planning Board/Public Hearing
September 3, 2020

Present: Norm Jansen, Chairman
Krista Atwater
Laura Bishop
Chris Czelusta
Charles Neal
David Haylett, Town Attorney

Attendance: Jon Hotaling, Councilman
Richard Hanson -- Representative from Pyramid Network Services
Drew Reilly -- Wendel Engineer
Residents: Richard & Marcia Ray
James Hoffman

Chairman Jansen called the Public Hearing to order at 7:30PM

PUBLIC HEARING -- Re: Horvath Communications/Verizon Cellular Tower

Richard and Marcia Ray (7406 Lake Road) expressed their concern that there has been an issue regarding "brown outs" in their power due to activity at Mayer Bros. and that flickering now happens more frequently. They shared their concern that a heavier draw on the the power grid from the impending cellular tower could make things worse. They said that National Grid installed a reader on the meter at Mayer Bros., and expressed that equipment could be added to mitigate the problem, but it is costly.

R. Hanson stated that the tower is a normal 220 and pulls less electricity than a house does. He was unsure if the brown outs could affect the efficiency of the cellular tower and that he would share this information with Horvath.

M. Ray asked when the project would start? R. Hansen said that it would not begin until the end of this year, or even January or February of 2021. The project still needs Tribal Approval, which has been slowed because of the pandemic.

Concern was expressed by J. Hotaling regarding the tower's possible disturbance to nesting eagles.

A written statement was distributed by J. Hoffman reviewing the design package for the tower which approves the absence of guy wires and lights on the tower. He urged that current and future towers follow the same guidelines.

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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: with no one else desiring to be heard, to close the public hearing at 7:48PM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by L. Bishop, seconded by C. Neal, the following resolution was

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

Resolved: The minutes of the August 6, 2020 meeting were accepted as submitted

COMMUNICATIONS: There were no Communications

OLD BUSINESS: There was no old business

NEW BUSINESS: D. Reilly distributed the following for review:

Memo discussing the requirements of Article XIII for Telecommunications facilities
(Section 205-43.1) and Article XX (Special Use Permits)

Agricultural Data Statement

Full Environmental Assessment Form. Part 2 - Identification of Potential Project Impacts

Waterfront Consistency Determination/Findings for 7389 Lake Rd. Telecommunications Tower

Atty. Haylett recommended that a vote be tabled for the October Planning Board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, C. Czelusta made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:03PM, seconded by K. Atwater. Carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Lewis
Planning Board Secretary

