

Town of Hamburg
Planning Board Meeting
December 20, 2017
Minutes

The Town of Hamburg Planning Board met for a Regular Meeting at 7:00 P.M. on Wednesday, December 20, 2017 in Room 7B of Hamburg Town Hall, 6100 South Park Avenue. Those attending included Chairman Daniel O'Connell, Vice-Chairman William Clark, Doug Schawel, Augie Geraci, Dennis Chapman, Robert Mahoney and Al Monaco.

Others in attendance included Town Planners Andrew Reilly and Sarah desJardins and Planning Board Attorney Mark Walling.

REGULAR MEETING

Upstate Tower - Requesting Site Plan Approval of a cellular tower on property located at 3725 Jeffrey Boulevard

Don Carpenter, representing the applicant (Blue Wireless), stated that since the Planning Board's last meeting, he had compiled additional information regarding the existing cellular tower on Jeffrey Boulevard north of 3725 Jeffrey Boulevard in response to the Planning Board's request for such information. He stated that the existing tower is too far north and west of the McKinley Mall, and the R F Engineer for the project advised his client that locating on this existing tower would not work. He further stated that the existing cellular tower north of 3725 Jeffrey Boulevard is only 120 feet tall, which would mean that Blue Wireless could only go 110 feet tall on that tower. He noted that the 50 foot difference is fairly significant.

Mr. Carpenter stated that he researched several properties close to the Mall but could not find a location that would not require a number of zoning variances. He noted that he found the property on which the cellular tower is proposed, and the R F Engineer for the project approved the site.

Mr. Carpenter stated that locating a new cellular tower on the site at 3725 Jeffrey Boulevard would cover 19% more population and 27% more geographical land mass than what is covered now by Blue Wireless.

Mr. Clark made the following motion regarding SEQR, seconded by Mr. Chapman:

"In accordance with New York State SEQR Law, the Town of Hamburg Planning Board has reviewed the Upstate Tower proposal to erect a telecommunications facility on property located at 3725 Jeffrey Boulevard and the associated materials submitted with the Site Plan application, including a Short Form EAF. The Planning Board has concluded that the project's environmental impacts have been avoided or mitigated to the maximum extent practicable. Therefore, the Planning Board has determined that the Upstate Tower proposal to erect a telecommunications facility on property located at 3725 Jeffrey Boulevard is not anticipated to result in any significant adverse impacts and that a Negative Declaration is hereby issued and in doing so authorizes the Chairman to sign the EAF."

Carried.

Mr. Clark made the following motion regarding approval, seconded by Mr. Schawel:

“The Hamburg Planning Board hereby grants Conditional Site Plan Approval with the following condition:

1. The tower will be removed if it is not in use.”

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Schawel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mahoney, to approve the minutes of December 6, 2017 and the minutes from the Special Meeting held on December 15, 2017. As there were six (6) ayes and one (1) abstention (Mr. Monaco), the motion carried.

Mr. Schawel made a motion, seconded by Mr. Chapman, to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Doug Schawel, Secretary
January 2, 2018