

**TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD
PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2021
TOWN OF NEW HARTFORD MUNICIPAL OFFICES
8635 CLINTON STREET, NEW HARTFORD, NEW YORK**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chair Heather Mowat at 5:30 P.M. at which time the Pledge of Allegiance was recited. In attendance were Board Members Julius Fuks, Jr., John Latini, Manzur Sikder, and William Morris. Members absent: Wilmar Sifre and Brymer Humphreys. Also in attendance: Town Attorney Herbert Cully; Highway Superintendent Richard Sherman; Councilman Richard Lenart, and Secretary Dory Shaw.

Minutes of the February 8, 2021 Planning Board meeting were addressed. Motion was made to approve these minutes as written by Board Member John Latini and seconded by Board Member Manzur Sikder. Board Member Fuks abstained. Approved.

Public Hearing, Special Use Permit for **Verizon Wireless** to install two antennas and equipment mounts on the rooftop of the existing former Toys R Us building, **4505 Commercial Drive, New Hartford**. Tax Map #328.007-1-6. And 328.008-1-20; Zoning: C1 General Commercial. Scott Olson, Esq. appeared before the Board.

Town Attorney Cully mentioned that this is a public utility and this public hearing/special use permit is because it is located within 750' of a residential district.

Mr. Olson provided a detailed submission and presented a sketch of the proposed antennas and equipment. This is a minimal structure and intended to provide service (not full service) but for an area that has a lot of traffic, i.e., Route 5A, Middle Settlement Road, etc. This equipment can barely be seen on top of the building. This is not a portable system, it is a micro small facility.

Board Member Fuks asked about the non-interference letter in Section 10 of the application on 7/21/20 – is it still valid – Mr. Olson said yes. This has been in the works for a while, nothing has changed. They lease from the property owner.

Highway Superintendent Rick Sherman has no problems with this request. Planning Board Secretary Dory Shaw has not received any calls or letters on this application.

Town Attorney Cully referred to where the archeological site is located and if there is one – Mr. Olson was not sure – it is not applicable here. Reference was made to 4g or 5g. Mr. Olson stated we are still trying to catch up – this is a 4g. It will not accommodate 5g currently.

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Reference was made to coverage near the Village/Town of New Hartford. Representatives are aware of the problems that exist and are working on it.

At this time, Chair Mowat opened the Public Hearing – there was no one in attendance from the public or interested persons. The Public Hearing closed at approximately 5:45 P.M.

Motion was made by Board Member John Latini to grant the Special Use Permit for Verizon Wireless, issue a negative declaration under SEQR with a determination of no significance; seconded by Board Member Bill Morris. All in favor.

Chair Mowat gave an update to other projects that will appear before the Board and some that are in the process.

Further, Chair Mowat advised the Board Members that the next Planning Board meeting would be changed to Monday, April 19, 2021 and to mark their records accordingly as it is a week later than scheduled.

There being no further business, motion was made by Board Member Manzur Sikder to adjourn the meeting; seconded by Board Member Bill Morris at approximately 6:00 P.M. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Dolores Shaw, Secretary
Planning Board

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