

**TOWN OF PITTSFORD
PLANNING BOARD
September 13, 2021**

Minutes of the Town of Pittsford Planning Board meeting held on September 13, 2021 at 6:00 PM local time. The meeting took place in the lower level meeting room of Pittsford Town Hall, 11 S. Main Street.

PRESENT: Sarah Gibson, John Limbeck, John Halldow, Kevin Morabito

ABSENT: Dave Jefferson, Jeffrey Donlon, Paula Liebschutz

ALSO PRESENT: Robert Koegel, Town Attorney, Kate Munzinger, Town Board Liaison, Douglas DeRue, Director of Planning, Zoning & Development,

ATTENDANCE: There were 5 members of the public present.

Planning Board Chairman John Limbeck made a motion to call the meeting to order seconded by Planning Board Member John Halldow. Following a unanimous voice vote the meeting opened at 6:30 PM.

NEW HEARINGS:

Linden Park Tower Extension – New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (“AT&T”) Preliminary Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit

The application was introduced and represented by Mark Fuentes of Airosmith Development Corporation. Mr. Fuentes explained to the Board that the applicant, New Cingular Wireless, LLC (“AT&T”), is proposing to add a 20-foot extension to the current 130-foot cellular tower. The site is located on Linden Park, off of Linden Avenue. There are nine new antennae proposed, as well as further equipment on the tower. In addition, radio equipment and a generator is proposed for the site, to be placed on a platform inside the existing fenced-in area.

Board Member Sarah Gibson asked Mr. Fuentes if the AT&T cellular service should improve surrounding the cell tower site. Mr. Fuentes assured Board Member Gibson that cellular service should improve.

Board Chairman John Limbeck questioned if Mr. Fuentes had a chance to review the Development Review Committee Report surrounding this application, to which Mr. Fuentes informed the Board that he has not had a chance to thoroughly read comments, but that the applicant will acknowledge and comply with comments.

Board Chairman John Limbeck made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Board Member Kevin Morabito. Following a unanimous vote, the hearing was opened.

After hearing no public comments, Chairman Limbeck motioned to close the hearing, seconded by Board Member Sarah Gibson. Following a unanimous vote, the hearing was closed.

Board Chairman Limbeck read the resolution for the Linden Park Preliminary/Final Site Plan and Special Use Permit, see attached. The resolution was approved with a motion by Planning Board Member Kevin Morabito, seconded by Planning Board Member John Halldow. The Board unanimously voted to approve the resolution.

123 S. Main Street Antenna Array – Dish Wireless, LLC, Preliminary/Final Site Plan Review and Special Use Permit

The application was introduced and represented by Melanie Dorn, of Tilson Technology Management. Ms. Dorn described that the stealth tower is located at 123 S. Main Street, the United Church of Pittsford. The applicant, Dish Wireless, LLC, is proposing to add antennae inside the existing bell tower structure, as well as a fenced-in area for ground equipment. Ms. Dorn acknowledged a main concern from the DRC Report and Director of Planning and Zoning, Doug DeRue. She stated that although plans appear to have an exposed cable on the leg of the bell tower, diminishing the stealth of the tower, the cable will actually be located within the leg of the tower and will not be visual.

Board Chairman John Limbeck questioned the use of Dish Wireless, LLC antennae. He asked Ms. Dorn if the cables were to be used for cellular service or television services, as most know Dish to be a television provider.

Ms. Dorn informed the Board that the antennae will be used for telecommunications and wireless cellular services.

Board Chairman Limbeck questioned the visibility of the cable, to which Ms. Dorn stated that the cable will be contained within the leg of the bell tower and will not be exposed.

Board Chairman John Limbeck made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Board Member Kevin Morabito. Following a unanimous vote, the hearing was opened.

Chairman Limbeck read a public comment that was received from the Town on September 13, 2021. The caller, Joe Hicks of 118 S. Main Street, was concerned about the wood fence proposed behind the existing brick enclosure. Mr. Hicks was wondering if the proposed wood fence could be changed to a brick enclosure to match with the existing structure.

Following, Audrey Johnson, Town Historian and Chair of the Council for the United Church of Pittsford, spoke on behalf of the church. Ms. Johnson stated that the church received no notice of the antennae array from Tilson or Dish Wireless. She was only informed of the application through the legal notice published in the Brighton-Pittsford Post. After calling the Town in regards to the lack of notification, she was contacted by Todd Bowman of Tilson Technology Management. He apologized for the miscommunication and briefly explained the proposal. Ms. Johnson then reached out to Town Staff Members April Zurowski and Doug DeRue in efforts to view the plans for the bell tower. Upon reviewing the plans, she learned that Mr. Bowman had not informed her of the proposed fence and ground equipment.

Melanie Dorn returned to the podium after public comment for further discussion. Chairman Limbeck asked if ground equipment will be enclosed in the existing structure. Ms. Dorn informed the Board and the public that the equipment will be within a new enclosure and that the suggestion of brick instead of wood fencing will be taken into consideration. Chairman John Limbeck recommended that Tilson should be in contact with the United Church of Pittsford in regards to the enclosure and specifics of the lease agreement. Chairman Limbeck stated that the two should be on the same page before moving forward.

Planning Board Chairman Limbeck informed the public that the hearing will remain open at this time.

Ms. Dorn asked the Board for advice on the best way to show the proposed enclosure, to which the Board agreed that a photo simulation of the site, as well as the enclosure's dimensions would be best.

Director of Planning and Zoning, Doug DeRue, mentioned that a simulation overlooking the site from Sunset Boulevard would be best, and that the Board should take into consideration that the site may need a landscaping plan. He stated that the extra cost of a brick enclosure may not be necessary, as long as the equipment is well hidden with landscaping.

Mr. DeRue also requested from Ms. Dorn that Tilson confirms that the cable will be hidden within the bell tower leg and will be noted on the final plans to be concealed.

Town Attorney, Robert Koegel, noted that the property owner, the United Church of Pittsford, is suggesting that they are unaware of the project. Mr. Koegel asked Tilson to provide the church with further information, as well as keep them in the loop moving forward.

440 Canfield Road – Cohen Re-Subdivision, Preliminary/Final Subdivision Review

Dave Staerr of Parrone Engineering, as agent for Joel Cohen, introduced the application. Mr. Staerr informed the Board that the applicant is requesting a re-subdivision of his property located at 440 Canfield Road. Currently, the subdivision has a remaining 30 acres and is proposing to subdivide further into a 20 acre lot and a 10 acre lot. The 10 acre lot is expected to be utilized for a single-family home in the future. No building plans are proposed or submitted at this time. Mr. Staerr acknowledged that he did receive the DRC Report and will respond to comments in a timely manner. He stated that the future subdivision plans will show existing structures on the property, a comment made from the Town in the DRC Report.

Board Chairman John Limbeck made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Board Member Kevin Morabito. Following a unanimous vote, the hearing was opened.

Director of Planning and Zoning, Doug DeRue, mentioned that a resolution was not prepared at this time, as the Town was expecting numerous public comments. The Town received many inquiries about the project by phone and was expecting members of the public to be in attendance. Mr. DeRue also mentioned that the DRC Report contains numerous comments about requirements for future building plans and it is important that these comments are acknowledged.

2590 & 2594 Clover Street – Friederich Re-subdivision, Preliminary/Final Subdivision Review

Dave Staerr of Parrone Engineering, as agent for Thomas Friederich, introduced the application. Mr. Staerr informed the Board that the property lines between 2590 and 2594 Clover Street will be swapped. There is no construction proposed on either site at this time. The owner of both properties, Tom Friederich, is changing the lot lines to attach the large piece of land to his property, 2594 Clover Street, and is expecting to sell the smaller lot with the historic home on it, 2590 Clover Street.

Board Member John Halldow questioned Mr. Staerr if there is existing homes on each lot, to which Mr. Staerr informed the Board that there are already homes on each lot.

Board Chairman John Limbeck made a motion to open the public hearing, seconded by Board Member John Halldow. Following a unanimous vote, the hearing was opened.

Hearing no public comments, the hearing was closed following a motion from Chairman John Limbeck, seconded by Board Member Kevin Morabito.

Board Chairman Limbeck read the resolution for the Friederich Preliminary/Final Subdivision, see attached. The resolution was approved with a motion by Planning Board Member John Halldow, seconded by Planning Board Member Sarah Gibson. The Board unanimously voted to approve the resolution.

OTHER DISCUSSION:

The minutes of August 9, 2021 were approved following a motion by Planning Board Chairman John Limbeck, seconded by Planning Board Member Sarah Gibson. Following a unanimous voice vote, the minutes were approved, none opposed.

Board Chairman John Limbeck motioned to close the meeting at 6:55 PM seconded by Board Member Kevin Morabito and was approved by a unanimous voice vote, no opposition.

Respectfully submitted,

April Zurowski
Planning Board Secretary

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