

June 22, 2017

The regular Meeting of the Newfield Town Board was held at the Town Hall Board Room June 22, 2017 at 7:00 PM. The meeting was called to order by Councilperson Joanne James and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Present were: Councilperson Mike Allinger, Councilperson Joanne James and Councilperson Casey Powers. Also present: 3 attendees. Supervisor Jeff Hart and Councilperson Christine Laughlin were absent. Councilperson James noted that due to the tragic event earlier at the school this evenings meeting would be abbreviated.

Agenda Changes:

Councilperson James asked to remove under Old Business: Revise the Solar Energy Facilities or Solar Farms Law and discussion on the water meters.

Councilperson James asked that she would like noted that the Town Board consider the joining the municipalities involved in the lawsuit against NYS DEC regarding Consolidated Animal Feed Operation (CAFO). Councilperson James also commented she would like to see follow through regarding a nuisance law and the completion of a Personnel Handbook.

Old Business

Discussion and vote on SEQRA Resolution & Special Permit for microcell telecommunications facility to be located on Douglas Road

Councilperson James read Resolution No. 12-2017 as follows:

RESOLUTION No 12-2017

SEQRA RESOLUTION & SPECIAL PERMIT

WHEREAS, the Town of Newfield has received an application by Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems of Allentown, Inc. d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Applicant”) to construct a microcell telecommunications facility on an existing 38.5’ tall utility pole at 311 Douglas Road (the “Project”) under Local Law No. 4 of 1998 regulating the location and maintenance of communications facilities within the Town of Newfield (the “Town Telecommunications Law”);

WHEREAS, pursuant to the New York State Environmental Quality Review Act, Article 8 of the Environmental Conservation Law and associated regulations including 6 NYCRR 617.1, et seq. (“SEQRA”) the Town is required to undertake a review of potential environmental impacts associated with the Project;

WHEREAS, the Town has reviewed the Full Environmental Assessment Form regarding the regarding the project prepared by the Applicant (the “EAF”);

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WHEREAS based upon the information contained in the EAF, the other information submitted by the Applicant, and the knowledge and review of the Town Board members and the recommendation of the Code Enforcement Officer and after due deliberation;

NOW, THEREFORE, upon motion duly made by Councilperson Powers and seconded by Councilperson Allinger it is

BE IT RESOLVED, as follows:

Upon a thorough review and due consideration of the EAF, which the Town now adopts, the Town makes the following findings:

1. The Town has considered the Project pursuant to the criteria set forth in applicable law and regulations, including SEQRA;
2. The Town has taken a hard look at possible environmental impacts of the Project pursuant to SEQRA regulations;
3. The Town determines that the Project will have no significant negative environmental impacts and hereby issues a negative declaration under SEQRA.
4. The Town finds, pursuant to the Town Telecommunications Law that the Project (i) is necessary to meet current or expected demand for services for the Applicant's network; (ii) conforms to applicable regulations; (iii) is designed in a manner which minimizes its visual impact to the extent practical; (iv) complies with the Town Telecommunications Law; and (v) is the most appropriate site within the technically feasible area for the location of the facility.
5. The Town hereby approves the special permit for the Project under the Town Telecommunications Law.

AYES	3	Councilpersons: James, Powers and Allinger
NAY	0	
ABSENT	2	Supervisor Hart and Councilperson Laughlin
Carried		

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Michelle Henry the EMC representative asked if she could give her EMC report at the second meeting of the month. She sited that the EMC meeting is the same evening as the Town Board Business Meeting and that she would like time to review and compose her notes for the report. The attending Board Members agreed, and asked if there were pressing items for the Board, that they be notified at the Business Meeting.

At 7:14 PM, Councilperson Powers offered a motion to move to adjournment seconded by Councilperson Allinger.

Respectfully Submitted,

June 23, 2017

Karen Miller Kenerson
Newfield Town Clerk