



Town of Newfield Planning Board

Meeting Minutes

January 13, 2021- Special Meeting

Opening

A special meeting of the Town of Newfield Planning Board was called to order by Chairman Leo Tidd at 7:00 PM. The meeting was held virtually via ZOOM.

Present

Planning Board: Chairman Leo Tidd, Vice Chairman Jacob Marnell, Brenda Lapp, Jim Haustein; Town Board: Mike Allinger; Nixon-Peabody: Robert Burgdorf; Verizon Wireless: Tim Zarneke; C&S Companies: Eric Kenna, Brett Morgan.

Privilege of the Floor

No items of discussion.

Verizon Wireless “Millard Hill” Monopole Project

- To remediate capacity limitations of existing wireless telephone service infrastructure at a location denoted as the “Millard South” site, Verizon Wireless is proposing a 155-foot-high monopole (plus four-foot antenna) and additional site improvements to a .25-acre portion of tax parcel 4-1.23.22, on West Danby Road.
- On October 8, 2020 Tarpon Towers, and Bell Atlantic Mobile Systems LLC d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Verizon Wireless”) applied to the Newfield Town Board and Planning Board to construct and operate a wireless communications facility on West Danby Road. The Applicant presented the project to the Planning Board on November 4, 2020.
- On November 13, 2020, the Planning Board provided written comments requesting additional information regarding drainage, environment, and visibility. The application was deemed complete except for the additional information requested.
- On January 6, 2021, the Applicant returned to a meeting of the Planning Board to present additional information addressing the questions and comments to the application.



- On the January 13, 2021 Special Planning Board meeting (conducted with appropriate public notice), the Planning Board completed the Site Plan Review for this project. Four out of the five Newfield Planning Board members (Leo Tidd, Jacob Marnell, Brenda Lapp, Jim Haustein) voted to approve the site plan application and negative SEQRA declaration for the project. (Planning Board member Randy Brown was not present.)
- The conditions of approval include the requirement that the applicant abide by the recommendations of the Tompkins County Department of Planning and Sustainability GML 239 comment letter.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Leo Tidd and seconded by Jim Haustein. The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Leo Tidd at 7:14 PM.

Submitted by Jim Haustein