

Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, June 6, 2017

A regular meeting of the Edgartown Planning Board was scheduled for Tuesday, June 6, 2017 at 5:30 PM at the Edgartown Town Hall, 70 Main Street, Edgartown, Massachusetts.

SITE VISITS

No site visits were scheduled.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM, and the roll was called.

Call of Roll:

Present: Robert “Coo” Cavallo (Chair), Fred Mascolo, Michael McCourt, Sam Sherman, Lucy Morrison.

Absent: James Cisek (Alternate)

Also Present:

Douglas Finn (Planning Board clerk)

A quorum was declared.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

5:30 PM Public Hearing & Administrative Review: Verizon Wireless, 59 North St (29A-96)

A public hearing was held to receive comment on an application to modify a previous administrative review, to extend deadline to start construction; and revise maintenance plans to eliminate the proposed installation of the approved propane-fired emergency generator and related propane storage tank at the site and replace it with a second battery cabinet in its currently designated area in the existing equipment shed. The application was filed by Elizabeth Mason, of McLane Middleton, PA, representing Verizon, Inc.

The public hearing was opened by the Chair at 5:31 PM. Present for the Applicant

Ms. Mason explained that the request consists of an extension of time for the purpose of completing the construction as requested; further, the previously-planned installation of a generator at the site will not be done, and will be replaced with a battery-cabinet. The proposal will reduce the on-site noise, and improve the environmental impact on the site. Verizon, as well as other Cellco operators, are moving away from generators and moving toward battery backup with extended capability.

Mascolo: *What will the battery life be?*

Mason: The batteries are designed to fill the same need as the generator – providing power in case of downed trees, etc.

McCourt: How are the batteries maintained?

Mason: The three-page plan, presented tonight, provides details as to the battery location. Batteries will be charged off the grid, and regular (once-a-month) service will be completed.

Ms. Mason stated that there would be minimal to no visual impact of the battery packs, versus the generator as previously planned, as the battery packs have a slimmer profile than the generator.

Ms. Mason presented an Environmental Sound Assessment (previously presented to the board last year), for reference. A lesser sound impact is expected with the battery pack than with the generator.

Mr. McCourt suggested that the revised plan would be better for the public than the previous plan for a generator, as it will be quieter, and safer.

The existing generator and propane tanks would remain, as they are owned and operated by other tower lessees.

No members of the public were present. There was no other public comment. No written comment was received.

The public hearing was closed at 5:39 PM.

Action:

It was moved by Mascolo SECONDED by Sherman

To accept the changes made to the plan, as requested, to modify the backup power system by adding batteries, in place of a generator, and to extend the deadline for construction to May 2, 2018, the proposed work providing reduced sound impact, and being of benefit to the public.

VOTED: 5, 0, 0.

OTHER / NEW BUSINESS

Form A – Joseph V. Gosselin Jr., 11 & 17 Pleasant Av (45-111; 114; 115) – (Doug Hoehn)

The board reviewed a “Plan Not Believed to Require Approval”, as submitted by Doug Hoehn, on behalf of Navigator Nominee Trust, Joseph V. Gosselin, Trustee.

The plan presented was determined to have frontage for all lots on an appropriate right of way, and will provide adequate frontage for the two lots to be created, in compliance with applicable zoning.

It was MOVED by Mascolo, SECONDED by Sherman

To endorse the plan as presented.

VOTED: 5, 0, 0.

Mr. Hoehn was thanked for his time.

ITEMS REQUIRING SIGNATURES

Decisions: Chapman Subdivision

The board signed the Chapman Subdivision decision, as presented.

The board declined to sign the minutes, requesting additional time to review.

OTHER BUSINESS

Alan Wilson

Mr. Mascolo read a draft of a letter to the board, addressed to the editor of the local papers, in appreciation of Mr. Wilson for his service.

The board generally approved of the direction of the letter, and Mr. Mascolo will forward it to the board for final revisions.

Housing Production Plan

The board took no action on the Housing Production Plan.

BII District Plan

The board took no action on the plan. The chair encouraged members to continue reviewing B-II and Housing Production plans.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for June 20, 2017, 5:30 PM.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, it was MOVED by Sherman, SECONDED by McCourt

To Adjourn.

VOTED: 5, 0, 0.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 6:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Finn, Clerk

<p>APPROVED by vote of Planning Board at a regular meeting, held on</p> <p>_____</p> <p>(date of vote)</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Member</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Member</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Member</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Member</p> <p>_____</p> <p>Member</p>
