

Town of Haverhill
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, March 24, 2022, at 6:00 PM
R. E. Clifford Memorial Building
65 South Court St.
Woodsville, NH 03785
And on Zoom

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mike Bonanno, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call Attendance: Rick Henson (Here); Esther Hodges-LeClaire (Here); Katie Williams, ex officio (Here); Sandi Pierce, Vice Chair (Absent); Mike Bonanno, Chair (Here). A quorum was met.

Town Employees Present:

- Jennifer Boucher, Assistant Town Manager (ATM)
- Joanna Bligh, Zoning Board of Adjustment Clerk

Members of the Public Present

In Person: Francis Parisi (Vertex Towers), Joe Driscoll (Mitchell Municipal Group, LLC), Susie Tann, Mary Patridge, Joe Longacre, Alex Nuti-de Biasi (*Journal Opinion*).

Online: Paul Hayes (*Caledonian Record*), Tom Johnson (Vertex Towers)

2. AGENDA APPROVAL

MOTION #1: Hodges-LeClaire made a motion and Chair Bonanno seconded the motion to approve the Agenda as written.

Voice Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING

MOTION #2: Hodges-LeClaire made a motion and Chair Bonanno seconded the motion to approve the Minutes from the Public Hearing on **February 15, 2022**, as written.

Voice Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

4. WELCOME NEW MEMBER: Katie Williams

Chair Bonanno introduced and welcomed Katie Williams and asked her if she has read all the materials related to Vertex Towers for tonight's discussion. Williams responded that "Yes" she has read all the materials and feels comfortable

discussing the denied variances. Chair Bonanno asked the applicant, Fran Parisi, Vertex Towers, if he had any objections, and he replied that he had none.

5. PUBLIC HEARING

MOTION #3: Hodges-LeClaire made a motion and Henson seconded the motion to open the Public Hearing at 6:07 PM.

Voice Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair Bonanno introduced the applicant, Fran Parisi, Vertex Towers.

Parisi provided background on the various meetings and Public Hearings related to the applicant's site plans and variances that were addressed by the Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment. In conclusion, Parisi asked the Zoning Board of Adjustment to make a finding that the 2-mile requirement between personal wireless service facilities (PWSF) as cited in the *Haverhill Personal Wireless Service Facility Ordinance*, in this case between the proposed tower and the public safety tower at the adjacent site, is not needed. Parisi offered a second option -- for the Board to grant the variance.

Comments by the Board Members: None.

Comments by the Public:

- Susie Tann asked to speak to the proposed color. Paris responded that the color and design are Planning Board issues and were addressed in the last meeting, and Parisi stated that he could have withdrawn the variance now before the Zoning Board of Adjustment related to camouflage. Tann continued that a gray finish would minimize the contrast of the tower against the sky and conflicts with the basic values of the Ordinance. Parisi replied that Vertex can paint the tower any color.
- Mary Patridge stated that she agreed with Tann that gray would offer more camouflage and asked if they would take that into consideration.

Parisi made his final comments stating that he had asked for joint meetings, which could have shortened the timeline, and he added that a denial tonight would result in the company going to federal district court.

MOTION #4: Hodges-LeClaire made a motion and Williams seconded the motion to close the Public Hearing at 6:30 PM.

Voice Vote: All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed unanimously.

RECESS

Chair Bonanno recessed the meeting for 10 minutes at 6:34 to confer with Town council.

