

**TOWN OF BARRE
PLANNING BOARD
MAY 13, 2024**

CALL TO ORDER: The board met at the Town Hall and the meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm by co-chair Mr. Keeler.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Tom Keeler	Wes Miller
Jean Depatie	Kurt Dudley
Stephen Harling	Ben Mathes
Jean Peglow	Gary Palmer (Alt)

Others present: Jake Monacelli of Airosmith, Kirk Mathes

I. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Mrs. Peglow made a motion to approve the April regular meeting minutes. Motion was seconded by Mr. Harling and carried (7-0).

II. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Keeler stated that an application was received from Dish Wireless C/O Airosmith Development for 15079 East Barre Road, Tax ID 96.-1-45/RAD for a Special Use Permit. He asked Mr. Monacelli to inform the board on the project. Mr. Monacelli stated that Airosmith is representing Dish Wireless as a liaison to help with the project. They would like to install a 3-sector antenna array on the radio tower at the 186, RAD including 1 antenna and 2 RRUs per sector with corresponding ground equipment to be located on a platform at the base of the tower. Discussion took place.

- Dish will be leasing space on the tower from CSN (Family Worship Center)
- Is there a letter from CSN (Family Worship Center) allowing them to lease? Mr. Monacelli was not sure as he was just filling in tonight. A letter would be needed before the application can be approved
- A Structural analysis of the tower is also needed. Mr. Monacelli will obtain a copy
- Is this a modification or a new application?
- Why is Kirk Mathes listed as the owner? He owns the land on which the tower sits. The owner of the tower is CSN
- The tower was put up in 2001 according to Mr. K Mathes
- Should the owner be the one making the application? Airosmith is the liaison company. It is different in the various towns on who applies
- An EMI report is needed as well.
- Is there a current approved Special Use Permit

- Proof of bond and two estimates for restoration should be included

The application was tabled to next month to obtain the missing information.

III. OLD BUSINESS

In regards to the land separation, our attorney was going to dust off the zoning she had started and forward that to the board. So far, no one has heard or received anything from her on this. It is a good idea to consider a land separation. When discussing land separation, we often imagine a significant division that accommodates multiple homes, rather than a single parcel separation. The Town of Victor is going crazy with subdivision plots and its even starting in Brockport, so it is coming. Mr. Keeler will connect with Mrs. O'Toole on this again.

Discussion took place regarding our review of the fee schedule:

- Mr. Keeler spend some time reviewing them. They were set last in 2006 with a few updated in 2009
- Clarendon has updated theirs every couple of years at least on some of them
- We want to entice but not have fees to put anyone out of existence
- With the inspection fee, it could essentially be \$50.00 with mileage out and back from the town hall
- Mileage is reimbursable with submitting an invoice
- Would the inspection fee offset the salary or is the time spent part of the salary – this may not be the goal
- We are just making a recommendation
- Inspection fees should cover travel expenses
- What about the driver's insurance?
- Many liked what Clarendon did with so many inspections included depending upon the project.
- What about FOIL requests? Time spent is part salary and copies if needed is charged.
- Demo permits should have no charge but still apply
- With more green energy coming it might be more on the Code Officer. Some is supervised by the state. Isn't this what the bond is for?
- Where are the solar fees and some wind fees that were in the zoning?
- Mr. Fabry's solar fees was a 1-time fee
- How much has the different fees generated in the last five years?
- It would be interesting to ask a solar company what they have paid to various municipalities
- Maybe just raise the fees by 10, 20 or 25 percent. The Bureau of Labor states the rate of inflation from 2006 is 46 percent.
- Need to know what we are trying to achieve
- Time over budget allotment
- Our fees are on the low side compared to the surrounding towns
- Mr., Keeler will organize our questions and after approval of the board will give them to Mr. Pogue

IV. COMMUNICATION

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From the April meeting:

- The Village of Holley's request for review of the new Comprehensive Plan as approved. Their last one was from 2010
- The Village of Albion's request for an amendment to the Zoning map changing a parcel from Residential-Commercial to General Commercial on South Main Street was approved. The action was not considered spot zoning
- Mr. Bensley is out of the office for an extended amount of time. Mr. Winters was elevated to Interim Deputy Director
- The annual Department of State In-Person training session will be on June 11th at HOAG Library, from 5 pm – 9 pm. The topics are Comprehensive Planning, County Planning Board Review, and Question and Answers.

V. ADJORNMENT

Mr. Mathes made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm; seconded by Mr. Dudley and carried (7-0).

Lee A. Preston, Clerk