



**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES
VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEETING
May 13, 2020**

C. Howard Post, Chairman, opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Present: C. Howard Post, William Creen, Ken Goldberg, Len Bouren, Mike Tiano, Dan Ellsworth, Robert Hlavaty (alternate) and Adriana Beltrani (Town Planner)

Also Present: Jimmy Mullen (Chief Centerville FD), Dennis Doyle (Ulster County Planning Board) and Steve Peterson (Ulster County Director of Emergency Services)

Absent: Carole Furman.

NOI UCPB SAFETY TOWER

This is a SPECIAL MEETING for review a “Notice of Intent” (NOI) received from the Ulster County Planning Board requesting to serve as “Lead Agency” for the site plan review of an installation of a 911 Safety Tower at 35 Quarry Road in Saugerties, NY. The Planning Board has some concerns regarding the details of the application and the process.

Beltrani-a response letter was drafted. The Board was sent the draft version for their comments/input before the final copy will be sent. The concerns that the Saugerties Planning Board has are the description of the project was not explicit. Is this a Public radio or Safety Tower? Will there be commercial entities that will be able to use the tower? Visual impact? Elevations and area of disturbance need to be provided. The ZBA may need to be involved for a use variance/determination. Goldberg-Verizon was before the ZBA recently for a use variance to install a tower at the Mt. Marion Fire House and they requested that a balloon test be completed for visual impact simulation. How would this tower meet the needs of the public? Who would be able to use the tower? Beltrani-NOI response as a host community will be for more information and a thorough SEQRA review on the site plan. Doyle-this will be a public safety tower, no public service. It will be used for first responders/emergency services. There are no plans to lease to a private or commercial entity. Used for public safety relative to the host town. Will ensure that the support of the structure will meet the needs of the tower in the future. The County has conducted a general analysis to show where the services will be improved and why the site was chosen. There is currently poor cell service north and south of Saugerties and this will ensure that service is available for emergency services. A “Balance of Interest” test will be used and a use variance from the Town ZBA will not be necessary. A Site Plan review done by the Lead Agency, once determined, and the Town of Saugerties will be kept up to date on all relative information. The community will have significant input. There will be a public meeting, not a public hearing, hosted in the Town of Saugerties. The County is not a fan of balloon tests but will ensure that visuals are collected for review by using contours, GIS and photo simulations. This

location was a former tire dump that has been cleaned up. The DEC liens were released and there has been no contamination found in the soil. There will not be a significant amount of soil disturbance, mostly on rock. There is an existing access road that will be used for maintenance. Post-thank you this clears many questions up that the Saugerties Planning Board has. Poll the Board for additional questions/concerns. Creen-no comment. Ellsworth-let County be Lead Agency. Bouren-let County be Lead Agency. Tiano-Dennis covered all questions. Fire Company will be given first preference, good to know. Let County lead. Hlavaty-no objection to UCPB being Lead Agency. Goldberg-UCPB be Lead Agency.

A motion was made by Goldberg, seconded by Ellsworth, to approve the modified letter to the UCPB supporting their request to be Lead Agency. Board Vote:

Goldberg-Aye

Post-Aye

Creen-Aye

Bouren-Aye

Ellsworth-Aye

Tiano-Aye

Hlavaty-Aye

None opposed, motion carried.

Adriana Beltrani will modify the draft and send to Dennis Doyle.

ADJOURNMENT:

Since there was no further business for this special meeting to discuss, a motion was made by Creen, seconded by Ellsworth, to adjourn the meeting. All in favor, none opposed, carried. Board Vote:

Goldberg-Aye

Post-Aye

Creen-Aye

Bouren-Aye

Ellsworth-Aye

Tiano-Aye

Hlavaty-Aye

None opposed, motion carried and the meeting was closed at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Becky Bertorelli

Planning Board Secretary