

Planning Board Meeting Minutes

Town of Oakland

Date: 8/20/2024
7 PM

- Call to order - roll call at 7:00 P.M.

Present- Robert Knowlton, Rick Mackenzie, David Roy, John Cox, Shawn Stevens, Jamie Phair

- Old Business- Approval of January meeting minutes.
- New Business-

Review the plans for a 198 Foot communications tower located on Map38 Lot9. Developer (Shawn Landry) explained his intent. Landry has maps to show existing coverage as well as future coverage if the tower is accepted. Landry explained that a study was conducted for co-location on other towers, and it was determined that a new tower would be beneficial for cell coverage in “dead areas”. Landry explained that the tower would have space for 5 different carriers. Rick Mackenzie asked who makes the classification for class 2 and class 3 towers. Landry stated that its done on the federal level.

A question was asked if the tower could be a natural looking “tree tower”. Landry stated that those towers are not conducive to the area. “Ice builds up on the towers and can cause it to fail and fall”. Dave Roy asked “who is building the structure” Landry explained that he will be building it. Jamie Phair asked if the tower would be temporary. Landry stated “no” it will be permanent. Rick Mackenzie, Robert Knowlton and Shawn Stevens all recommended that all abutters be notified, and the public hearing time and date be posted in the local newspaper.

Robert Knowlton requested a survey of the lot and site location be put on that survey showing specific location of all proposed buildings, roads and tower. He also requested a TOPO map. Rick Mackenzie asked Landry to study the FCC requirements for this tower along with the National environmental policy act. Landry stated that his tower would not fall under the guidelines of the FCC because the height is under the requirement.

Rick Mackenzie asked if the site would be fenced off. Landry stated “no” because the site will be off from a gated private road.

Robert Knowlton made a motion to table the plans until the next meeting. John Cox seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

Adjourn - Motion made by – Shawn Stevens at 7:30 P.M.
Seconded by – Jamie Phair