

Enfield Planning Board – Draft Meeting Minutes

SITE VISIT--PROPOSED VERTEX CELLULAR TOWER

April 24, 2021

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Linda Jones, Dan Kiley, Erik Russell, Phil Vermeer, David Fracht (chair)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Kurt Gotthardt, Kate Plumley Stewart and Jim Bonner (alternate and videographer)

STAFF PRESENT: Rob Taylor- Land Use and Community Development Administrator

GUESTS: Sandy Lea, Brian Donnelly, Celie Aufiero, William Mann (owner), Francis Parisi (Applicant's Representative)

Chairman Fracht called the site visit to order at 9:00 am and declared a quorum of the Planning Board to be present. Guests were asked to identify themselves and their relation (if any) to the project. Francis Parisi was introduced as representing Vertex Towers, the applicant. He gave a brief overview of the project and collected signatures on liability waivers from all present before the group walked the short distance to the location of the proposed tower.

Parisi stated that the delineating stakes had been placed in January, but the actual site of the tower had been moved approximately 100' following concerns expressed by some at the Enfield Zoning Board of adjustment's hearing on April 13th that the fall zone was very close to Old County Road. He stated that an area approximately 75' x 75' would be clear-cut and leveled. The fenced-in area would be approximately 50' x 75'. A foundation for the tower would be constructed with approximately 1' above grade. Parisi stated that the existing road would be adequate for construction of the facility and a short spur leading from the existing road to the tower site would be constructed. Power and communications lines would be brought to the site overhead.

Linda Jones inquired about generators and RF interference with GPS signals in the immediate proximity to the proposed facility. Parisi stated that, at a minimum, each tenant wireless carrier would have battery back-up and generators were optional at the discretion of the carrier. He was unable to respond with certainty to the question about GPS interference.

Brian Donnelly (abutter) inquired about the levels of RF in the vicinity of the facility. Parisi stated that the RF levels would be measurable but would be lower than the RF emitted from a cell phone.

Celie Aufiero asked about tower lighting. Parisi responded that preliminary information did not indicate requirement for lighting the tower as it was lower than towers requiring lighting by the Federal Aircraft Administration.

Parisi described the coverage area of the tower and explained how individual antennas would be adjusted to obtain the desired coverage. He stated that the tower would be of a tri-angular, lattice construction and would be mostly visible from Rt 4A and areas to the west. The tower would have minimal to no visibility from the east.

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48 Rob Taylor stated that he had Board Packets in his truck and invited board members to pick up a copy
49 before they left.

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51 Chairman Fracht declared the site visit over at 9:30.

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53 Minutes submitted by David Fracht, Chair

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