

Chw. Annabel Resnisky, 1st Vice-Chm. Steven Weiss,
2nd Vice-Chm. Leslie Adams, Jr., Judith Pehota,
Evelyn Russo

BOARD MEMBERS
PRESENT

Sheila Walsh

BOARD MEMBERS
ABSENT

William Warner, Director, Wayne T. Bell, Zoning Enforcement Officer

STAFF

There were approximately twelve members of the public.

PUBLIC

Board Member Evelyn Russo submitted the following change: under Item #2.1, change date of minutes from "4/6/00" to "6/6/00". On motion and second by Board members Evelyn Russo and Steven Weiss the Board approved the minutes as amended of the August 3, 2000 meeting. Vote was unanimous.

ITEM 2.1
APPROVED THE
MINUTES OF THE
8/3/00 MEETING
AS AMENDED

Atty. Neil Alexander and the engineer explained the proposal to construct a wireless facility with a 150 foot monopole. The engineer used boards displaying plans to explain the proposal. Atty. Alexander explained the need for the variance, the topography of the area and the need to fill the gap. He explained the health and safety report. William Warner commented on the existing Southern New England Telephone pole. Atty. Alexander continued on co-location and roof top locations. Board Member Evelyn Russo questioned various technologies. Board Member Steven Weiss questioned the number of of uses per day. Board Member Judy Pehota questioned laws regarding use in vehicles. Board Member Steven Weiss questioned the tower across I-91. Atty. Alexander and William Warner commented on the need for co-location. Board Member Leslie Adams questioned discussions with Nextel. Atty. Alexander responded that they are open to co-location with Nextel. Board Member Leslie Adams continued on the problem with two towers on I-91. Atty. Neil Alexander continued. Board Member Steven Weiss suggested they obtain documentation from the Department of Transportation that they will not construct a tower. Board Member Leslie Adams questioned the type of tower. Discussion continued on two poles and the problems with two poles. The engineer summarized on: 1) a letter from the Department of Transportation; 2) a letter from the Department of Transportation giving local control of building a tower on state property; and 3) a letter from carriers interested in the Department of Transportation site. Board Member Evelyn Russo spoke

ITEM 3.1
CONTINUED P.H.
FOR A PROPOSED
VARIANCE TO
SECTION 45A WITH
REGARD TO THE
YARD AND HEIGHT
REQUIREMENT FOR
A WIRELESS
FACILITY AT 290
PRESTON AVENUE

at length regarding improving technologies. Board Member Leslie Adams commented on trap rock ridges and the impact to those ridges. William Warner questioned the hardship, the possibility of purchasing the entire property and indicated that this is a self-imposed hardship and can't be an economic hardship. Atty. Neil Alexander responded and reviewed the tax maps. From the public, Arline Rich, Westfield Residents for Rational Development of Middletown, Inc., spoke in opposition. She raised various questions, had concerns over excessive number of towers in the corridor, and expressed concern over trap rock ridge protection. K. Tomalski expressed concern over quality of life in the area, power lines, microwaves and other types of radio waves, noise, the visual quality of the area, spot zoning, and feels this variance would start a precedent. Matt Marin expressed concern, feels the elevation at the rest area is higher and that it should be at the state rest area. Atty. Neil Alexander responded to the public concerns and reviewed federal legislation. Arline Rich commented on the temporary driveway. Atty. Neil Alexander indicated that Southern New England Telephone, Verizon Wireless and AT&T have agreed that three sites are still available. Board Member Evelyn Russo commented on speeding. On motion and second by Board Members Steven Weiss and Leslie Adams the Board continued the public hearing on a proposed variance to Section 45A with regard to the yard and height requirement for a wireless facility at 290 Preston Avenue. Vote was unanimous. Applicant/agent AT&T Wireless Services, Inc./Neil J. Alexander of Cuddy & Feder & Worby, LLP ZBA2000-17

The Commission accepted withdrawal of a proposed variance to Section 21.02 with regard to the front yard requirement for a single family dwelling in the R-60 zone at 756 Brooks Road. Vote was unanimous. Applicant/agent Salvatore Lastrina/Fortuna & Cartelli, P.C. ZBA2000-18

There was no Old Business.

ITEM 3.2
ACCEPTED WITH-
DRAWAL OF A PRO-
POSED VARIANCE
TO SECTION 21.02
WITH REGARD TO
THE FRONT YARD
REQUIREMENT
FOR A SINGLE
FAMILY DWELL-
ING IN THE R-60
ZONE AT 756
BROOKS ROAD

ITEM 4
OLD BUSINESS

There was no New Business.

ITEM 5
NEW BUSINESS

The Board adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

ITEM 6
ADJOURNMENT

Respectfully submitted,

William Warner
Director of Planning, Conservation and Development