



ZONING BOARD of APPEALS

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES

MAY 26, 2010

Hearing #10-06, 47 J St., Turners Falls, MA

Meeting was opened present were Ernest L. Brown - Chairman, John Burek – Vice Chairman, Dennis Booska – Member, John Reynolds – Member and Ericka Almeida – Alternate Member, David Jensen – Building Inspector and the applicant New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC by AT&T Mobility Corp. it Manager and Michael R. Dolan, Esq. In the audience William Doyle and Ryan Doherty. Absent Robert Sojka – Member and Karen Casey-Chretien – Clerk.

David Jensen: Reads Public Notice, 33 Public Notices were sent, 4 Returned, 1 Objected, 2 Did Not Object, 1 Undecided.

Zoning Board of Appeals discusses the replacement of 3 antennas located at 103 feet in the steeple of the former St. Anne's Church with 6 antennas located at 118 feet and adding related supporting equipment.

The Board of Appeals Finds:

Special Permit #03-01 approved an unmanned, wireless telecommunications facility consisting of a set of 3 antennas at 103' above ground level, supporting equipment cabinet(s), telephone and electric service connections, air handling and condensing units. The facility was installed inside the existing steeple of the church. There were no exterior changes to the steeple or the church as a result of the initial installation. The new antenna location will require modification of the steeple's sheathing and roofing material.

The new 6 antenna array at 118' proposes to enhance wireless telephone service, resulting in more area coverage, improved pattern of reception, more private communication capacity and increased ability to handle data thus better providing telecommunication service for the residents and businesses of Montague and the area.

The Board of Appeals concludes that the new antenna array and steeple modifications, with conditions, will not be of harm to the neighborhood, or to the natural resources of the Town and will not create nuisance, hazard or congestion. The proposed facility upgrade is anticipated to enhance the infrastructure of the Town.

The Board of Appeals States:

The governing permit is and remains #03-01 including condition #4 (*Additional antennas or other carrier locations are not within the scope of this approval.*)

Pursuant to condition 4 SP #03-01 THE BOARD OF APPEALS VOTED:

1. To grant a Special Permit that allows the replacement of the 3 antennas now located at 103 feet above ground in the steeple of the former St. Anne's church with 6 antennas to be located at 118 feet and the installation of related supporting equipment.

Condition: The exterior modifications shall to the extend possible retain the architectural and ascetic character of the steeple.

Modification and Approval: Final design, engineering or proposed changes shall be reviewed and approved if consistent with the application and findings of the Board and Special Permit Approval. Significant design changes will be referred to the Board, which may allow the changes without further hearings if within the project scope and consistent with the project concept. Further hearings shall be at the discretion of the Board. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

Vote:

<u>Ernest L. Brown, Chairman</u>	YES
<u>John Burek, Vice Chairman</u>	YES
<u>John Reynolds, Member</u>	YES
<u>Dennis Booska, Member</u>	YES
<u>Ericka Almeida, Alternate Member</u>	YES