



ZONING BOARD of APPEALS

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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING MINUTES **JULY 14, 2010**

John Reynolds made the motion on August 18, 2010 to approve the minutes of July 14, 2010. Second by John Burek and approved unanimously. Ernest L. Brown – Aye, John Burek – Aye, Dennis Booska – Aye, John Reynolds – Aye, Robert Sojka – Aye.

Hearing #10-09 Country Hill 50 Ellis Rd., Millers Falls, MA

Meeting was opened at 7:32 pm. Hearing was held the Montague Town Hall, Upstairs Conference Room at One Avenue A, Turners Falls, MA. Present were Ernest L. Brown – Chairman, John Burek – Vice Chairman, John Reynolds – Member, Robert Sojka – Member, Ericka Almeida – Alternate Member, David Jensen – Zoning Enforcement Officer, Karen Casey-Chretien – Zoning Board Clerk Michael Brown – Superintendent of the Turners Falls Water Dist. and the applicant David Rydelek for Pyramid Network Services, LLC. Dennis Booska – Member absent.

A letter from Ernest L. Brown of a Conflict of Interest was filed with the Town Clerk on July 14, 2010.

Karen Casey-Chretien reads Public Notice, 6 Notices were sent, 1 returned and did not object.

Zoning Board of Appeals discusses the Special Permit and Site Plan Review to replace the 71 foot telecommunications tower with a 120 foot guy wire tower and antennas.

The Board of Appeals Finds:

A guy wire tower is needed for the directional stability of specialized antennas.

Relocation of the facility to comply with hill top setbacks would be of limited or negative ascetic purposes.

The proposed replacement tower will be constructed while the existing tower functions until removed.

Full compliance with the setbacks would require expanding the compound increasing disturbance of the area without benefit. and;

The new tower height anticipates room for a second telecommunications carrier.

The Board of Appeals voted: To approve the Site Plan and grant a Special Permit to replace a 71 foot telecommunications tower with a 120 foot guy wire tower with seven additional antennas in substantial conformance with the plans submitted. Existing antennas (six) may be relocated onto the new tower. Relief from Sections 7.5.3 (c), (d) & (f) is also granted.

Other carrier locations or additional antennas are not within the scope of this approval.

Vote: With approval of Site Plan

Ernest L. Brown, Chairman **YES**
John Burek, Vice-Chairman **YES**
John Reynolds, Member **YES**
Robert Sojka, Member **YES**
Ericka Almeida, Alternate **YES**
Dennis Booska, Member **ABSENT**