



BELLINGHAM ZONING BOARD

10 MECHANIC STREET

BELLINGHAM, MASSACHUSETTS 02019

Meeting Minutes, February 2, 2023

At 7:00 PM

This meeting is Zoom and in person.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Brian Wright – Chairman

Arturo Paturzo – Member

Brian T. Salisbury – Member

Rayan Shamas – Member

Jason Berthelette – Alternate Member

ABSENT

Peter Gabrielle – Vice Chairman

ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS PRESENT

Amy Sutherland, Assistant Town Planner

The Chairman Brian Wright opened the meeting at 7:00 PM.

CONTINUATION PUBLIC HEARING 236 MAPLE STREET

The Chairman Brian Wright asked for a motion to open the continued public hearing for 236 Maple Street.

On a motion made by Brian T. Salisbury and seconded by Art Paturzo the board voted unanimously to open the hearing.

The applicant, Brian Martinelli was in attendance via Zoom from Centerline Communications for the owner, American Tower. The Board was presented with simulation photos showing the tower at the proposed height. He explained they are photoshopped with a 3D model to scale within one-sixteenth of an inch. The Board did request a balloon test be done. He has never seen this done on an existing structure. His team thought the simulation photos would be best. There will be no other negative effects. The coverage is needed in the area. There is only one resident zone in its proximity. Their environmental team did not find any issues to the area or wildlife.

The Board reviewed the photos presented. They discussed the current height of the tower and how another extension may affect the area. They would like to see how it would look from the highway and from the entrance from the facility where it sits. Brian T. Salisbury stated that the

only way the Board could get a better sense of aesthetics is by having the balloon test done as first requested. The Board agreed it did not have to be done from the structure but could easily be done from the ground going up. They could then observe the balloon at the exact height the extension would be at. The Board also asked the applicant to supply a coverage map of the area showing any gaps in coverage.

The applicant requested a continuation to March 2, 2023 in order to set up the balloon test for the Board Members to view. They would give notice to Amy Sutherland of the date and times it will be up and able to view. Amy Sutherland will relay that to the members. They agreed to supply a coverage map of the area.

On a motion made by Art Paturzo and seconded by Brian T. Salisbury the board voted unanimously to allow a continuation as requested.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Red Mill on The Charles – Extension of Earthwork Permit

Attorney Steven Greenwald was in attendance to extend the Special Permit for earth work for one more year. He explained the work was not started due to issues with MEPA. The owner has not closed the sale as of yet but with the extension they can start tree removal, etc. soon.

Amy Sutherland explained that there were no requests to change any part of the decision that was previously issued. They just want an extension of time until February 2, 2024.

On a motion made by Art Paturzo and seconded by Brian T. Salisbury the board voted unanimously to allow a continuation of the Special Permit to February 2, 2024.

Amy Sutherland will draft a letter stating the vote and the extension for the applicant.

Minutes:

January 5, 2023

On a motion made by Rayan Shamas and seconded by Art Paturzo, the Zoning Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of January 5, 2023, as presented.

Adjourn:

On a motion made by Brian Wright and seconded by Rayan Shamas, the Zoning Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Laura Renaud
Minutes Clerk
Approved