

**Ashland Planning Board  
Approved Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday, October 27, 2021**

CALL TO ORDER: Mardean Badger, Chair of the Planning Board, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM

MEMBERS PRESENT: Mardean Badger, Kathleen DeWolfe, Andy Fitch and Paula Hancock

OTHERS PRESENT: Wendy Downing

DISPOSITION OF MINUTES

The Board reviewed the minutes from their Wednesday, October 6, 2021, meeting. Kathleen DeWolfe made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Andy Fitch seconded the motion. The motion passed on a 4-0 roll call vote.

REVIEW OF ZONING ORDINANCE ARTICLE 4.6 RECREATIONAL CAMPING PARKS  
REVIEW OF NH RSA 216-1 RECREATIONAL CAMPGROUNDS AND CAMPING PARKS

The Board reviewed the Ashland Zoning Ordinance Article 4.6 relative to Recreational Camping Parks. The Board also reviewed the NH RSA 216-I Recreational Campgrounds and Camping Parks. The Board determined that both the Ashland Zoning Ordinance and the NH RSA 216-I regulate all recreational campgrounds and camping parks in the Town of Ashland. After review, the Planning Board members recommended that the Ashland Zoning Ordinance 4.6 include a statement that all of RSA 216-I applies to campgrounds in Ashland. The Board felt that the following sections of the NH RSA 216-1 are the most important:

- Section 216-I:1 Definitions
- Section 216-I:2 relative to the Density Requirements for individual campsites
- Section 216-I:3 relative to provision of Water Supply
- Section 216-I:4 relative to provision of Disposal System
- Section 216-I:9 relative to Fireplaces and Fires

It was also noted that Section 216-I:13 needs more discussion/review by the Board relative to the use of recreational vehicles on private parcels of land and the compliance regulations within the section.

REVIEW OF HISTORY OF VERIZON CELL TOWER ORIGINAL APPROVAL

The Board reviewed extensively the Planning Board minutes relative to the history of the Verizon Cell Tower's original installation. The Board reviewed the minutes from January 4, April 5, May 17, June 7, July 21, and November 1, 2005. From these sets of minutes, the current Planning Board made the following observations:

- From the January 4, 2005, minutes, it was evident that Article 9 of our Zoning Ordinance was in effect at the time and that the Planning Board had the authority to waive Article 9.
- From the June 7, 2005, minutes, on pages 3-4, there is a list of the conditions that had been met by Verizon at the time.
- In the June 7 minutes, there was a second list of conditions that the Planning Board

asked Verizon at the time to provide further information.

- From the June 7 and July 21, 2005, minutes the Board agreed that Verizon had shown that their proposed cell tower meets the regulation that the tower will be able to withstand a wind speed of 130 mph.
- From page 4 of the June 7 minutes, the bond at that time was set at \$10,000. The bond would be used if the cell tower needed to be dismantled and the site returned to its original state.
- From the July 21, 2005, minutes the Planning Board determined that the bond for dismantling the proposed Verizon cell tower had been raised from \$10,000 on May 17, 2005, to \$25,000.
- From the July 21, 2005, minutes (page 4) there was a discussion about the state of the access road to the cell tower.
- From the July 21, 2005, minutes, on page 7, a motion was made to approve the construction of a 190' wireless communication tower with conditions.
- From the November 1, 2005, minutes an amended site plan dated 10/31/05 was approved for this proposed cell tower in a new location, with the conditions previously approved.

At the conclusion of the Verizon history review, the Planning Board had the following questions:

- Where are the final revised plans dated 10/31/05 as mentioned in the November 1, 2005, minutes?
- Was the access road created to the specifications that were approved on July 21, 2005, and has it been maintained?
- Was the bond for dismantling the tower created and filed, and has it been reviewed as noted in the July 21, 2005, approval? Although this issue is not part of the current T-Mobile request, it is a question that will be forwarded to the BOS for follow-up.
- If the current request from T-Mobile is approved, the Planning Board will notify the BOS for their follow-up relevant to the current lease.
- The Planning Board would like to know the reason(s) for the downgrade of the wind speed from 130 mph (as required by the Zoning Ordinance and as approved in 2005) to 109 mph, as presented in the new request to add T-Mobile apparatus to the tower.
- From the May 2, 2012, minutes there is reference to a Cellco letter that was signed by the Planning Board chairman at the time. Reference to the contents of the letter were not given in the minutes.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Mardean made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded. The motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM. The next Planning Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 3, 2021, at 6:30 PM at the Conference Room at 6 Collins Street.

*Minutes submitted by Paula Hancock*