

Marblehead Planning Board
Minutes of Meeting
February 12, 2014

Members present: Phil Helmes, Ed Nilsson, Jim Bishop and Paul Elser. Others present: Becky Curran – Town Planner

A quorum being present the chairman called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM

Cont public hearing – Site Plan Approval – 8 Follett – Goodby

A letter was read from the applicant's attorney Paul Lynch requesting a continuance to the board's next regularly scheduled meeting. The board discussed allowing this continuance but if at the next meeting another continuance with no evidence was requested the board would ask that the applicant withdraw and reapply when they were ready to proceed.

A motion was made and seconded to continue to the board's next meeting March 12, 2014. All in favor. 4-0 Helmes, Nilsson, Bishop, Elser.

Public Hearing - Wireless Communication Special Permit - 67 Cornell Road Cingular Wireless LLC by and through AT&T Mobility Corp.

The chairman read the public hearing notice. The applicant's representative Attorney Edward Pare Jr. of Brown and Rudnick explained they are seeking a Wireless Communication Special Permit to install wireless communication antennas in the church steeple structure of Saint Stephens Church at 67 Cornell Road. They are proposing this location because they have done a study how to improve areas where coverage is limited.

He explained the proposal is for the installation of six panel antenna, two panel antennas per sector, concealed within the lantern portion of the existing church steeple together with related amplifiers, coaxial cables, fiber and other associated antenna equipment, and the associated electronic equipment installed inside an equipment shelter with a brick façade, to be located adjacent to the church building. The antennas will be connected via cabling that will run through tubing from the steeple to the equipment building.

Jim Bishop asked about the voltage in the equipment building and the security of it. The applicant replied that it is 220 and locked and alarmed for security.

Jim Bishop also asked about new technology and what happens with the increase demand will more and more sites be needed.

Paul Elser asked what the tubing will look like and will it be concealed and whether the equipment building is brick or a brick façade. The applicant stated the tubing will be painted to match the brick facade of the building. The façade of the equipment shelter will be not be real brick. It will be colored to match the brick of the church.

The board asked how big the equipment shelter will be and what is the purpose of it being located 3' away from the building. The equipment shelter shall be 12' x 20' and located on the ground adjacent to the northwest side of the existing church building.

Betsey Ganglani – Representing Saint Stephen's Church 67 Cornell Road stated that the area between the building and the equipment structure will be roofed and used for storage.

Jim Armstrong of 62 Cornell Road stated his concern about flooding. He stated the area is prone to flooding. The attorney stated that an environmental study has been done and the shelter is located about the flooding elevation.

His other concern was whether he will have radio interference. The applicant explained that the frequencies are different so there could not be any interference in radio reception.

Phil Helmes asked them to describe the equipment. The applicant explained that it is 220 power with a separate meter.

A motion was made and seconded to close the public hearing. All in favor 4-0 Helmes, Nilsson, Bishop, Elser.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the application as complying with the requirements for the issuance of wireless communications facility special permit subject to the standard Wireless conditions. All in favor 4-0 Helmes, Nilsson, Bishop, Elser.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. All in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Rebecca Curran