September 4, 2024

MARTINSBURG PLANNING BOARD MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Martinsburg Planning Board was held on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 at the municipal offices on Cemetery Road and called to order at 7:00 PM. Present were: Chairman Michael Colwell; board members Paul Kelly, Mark Pominville, Michael Pleskach; Secretary Mary Kelley; Attorney James LaValle; Dustin Wyman, Verizon Site acquisition representative. Absent: Gordon Yancey.

MINUTES

Mr. Pominville made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pleskach to approve the minutes of the July meeting. (There was no August meeting.) All were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

SUP-03-2024 St. Lawrence Seaway "Mill Creek Falls" RSA Cellular Partnership d/b/a Verizon submitted an application for the installation of an unmanned wireless communication facility on tax parcel #226.00-01-30.200 6504 Borkowski Road. Mr. LaValle gave a presentation.

- It will be a 195 foot self support tower.
- Acres disturbed will be less and 1/3 of an acre.
- Lattice tower on leased land
- It will be fenced in.
- Underground utilities
- 199' with lighting rod
- No need for lighting on the tower
- This tower will provide necessary and critical upgrade to Verizon network

Mr. Colwell asked if they checked with nearby Air Force Base and Fort Drum regarding fly over zones. Mr. LaValle stated that the structure does not require registration with them. They can get written notice if needed.
The company is aware the facility will be on an unplowed road. Contour of land discussed. And it was determined there would be no wetland disturbance.

The board reviewed the application and short environmental assessment form. The application will be referred to the ZBA for a height variance. The Secretary will send a copy of the application to Lewis County Planning. A Public Hearing was set for the next meeting, October 2, 2024 at 7:10 PM.

Mr. Kelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pominville that the application was complete. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Pleskach made a motion, seconded by Mr. Kelly to approve the application. All were in favor. Motion carried.

The entire board was saddened to learn that board member William Tarasek had passed. His contribution to the board, presence at meetings and insight will be certainly missed. He had been a board member for 16 years, being appointed by the town board March, 2008. The Town Board has appointed alternate Michael Pleskach to fill his vacancy.

Mr. Kelly made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pominville to adjourn at 8:45 PM. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Kelley

Mary Kelley, Secretary