

PRESENT: Paul Jusko, Chairman  
Patricia Hacker, Vice Chairman  
Kevin Maxwell, Secretary  
Margaret Andrzejewski  
J. David Early  
Tom Edington  
Michael Pohl (alt)  
David Stringfellow

ALSO Liaison, Councilman Damian Wiktor  
PRESENT: Town Attorney Michael Perley  
Richard Brox, Planning Consultant  
Ken Cowley – Nextel  
Ken O’Neil - Nextel

Chairman Jusko called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

**MINUTES**

Chairman Jusko asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of February 13, 2001. Being none, Mrs. Hacker made a motion to accept the minutes, second by Mr. Stringfellow. All were in favor.

**CORRESPONDENCE**

Mr. Maxwell read the following correspondence:

- Letter of February 15, 2001 to Town Board recommending approval of the site plan as submitted for the addition at 8651 Boston State Road
- Letter from Margaret Andrzejewski, to Town Board, requesting appointment as regular member of the Planning Board, upon the resignation of Zintars Zadins
- Letter dated March 8, 2001 from Town Clerk Shenk noting the appointment of Margaret Andrzejewski to Planning Board, term to expire February 1, 2006

Chairman Jusko reminded everyone that there is a Master Plan meeting at the Town Hall on Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. All interested persons are most welcome to attend.

**LIAISON – COUNCILMAN WIKTOR**

Councilman Wiktor reported the following from the Town Board meeting of March 7, 2001:

- Received and accepted the resignation of Zintars Zadins
- Approved appointment of Margaret Andrzejewski to Planning Board
- Referred to Planning Board the application of Nextel Partners for co-location on existing tower at 6504 Ward Road

**NEXTEL PARTNERS**

Chairman Jusko stated that the tower is capable of being expanded to 300 foot, however will not be necessary to do so with this request.

Nextel Partners, con't.

Chairman Jusko asked Mr. Perley if this application would require a Public Hearing, Mr. Perley said, yes at the Town Board level.

Chairman Jusko asked for an explanation of the charts provided and asked why this co-location is needed.

Mr. Cowley displayed and described the proposed coverage map. He added that Nextel prefers to co-locate on existing towers, rather than to construct additional towers.

He explained that at a 155-foot level, Nextel would be able to enhance the portable service coverage, particularly in the Route 219 area (on the coverage map the middle green area is the area which would receive the enhanced service).

Mrs. Hacker asked the location of the current tower on Ward Road, Mr. Cowley said it is at 6405 Ward Road. Mr. Perley stated that the tower is actually closer to Serpentine Drive, but the tower itself is reached by an access road off of Ward Road.

Mr. Brox asked Mr. Perley if a propagation study is necessary. Mr. Perley suggested that the package be reviewed by William Thompson, a Radio Propagation Specialist, he expected that the Town Board would request this review, so Mr. Perley will forward this package to him.

Mr. Perley said that he would like to see written confirmation that Nextel has the right to access the tower. Mr. Cowley said that could be done.

Mr. Perley asked the operating elevation. Mr. Cowley said the RAD Center is going to be at 155 feet. Mr. Perley asked if this is the lowest operating height at which the antenna can be placed. Mr. Cowley said yes. Mr. Perley asked if propagation studies were done at a lower height. Mr. Cowley said he did not know. Mr. Perley advised him that Mr. Johnson would probably ask.

Mr. Jusko stated that an earlier co-location request was approved April, 2000 at 165 feet, and asked if 10 is sufficient room between antenna so as not to cause interference. Mr. Brox said five to ten feet is usually sufficient.

Mrs. Hacker asked if the weight of the additional antenna and the normal high wind situation, in this area, was a cause for concern of damage to the tower or surrounding property. Mr. Perley said this is a guyed tower and this is sufficient support.

Chairman Jusko asked if there were any other questions or comments.

Mr. Stringfellow made a motion to recommend approval to the Town Board for the co-location application submitted by Nextel subject to the applicant demonstrating the need of the antenna by appropriate, and reimbursed, Radio Frequency Propagation study, second Mr. Edington. All members were in favor of the motion.

Mr. Perley said the Public Hearing would be on April 18, 2001, at approximately 7:45 P.M.

CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER KRAMER – not in attendance

Chairman Jusko reminded the members of the Master Plan informational and public comment meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2001 at 7:00 P.M. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Chairman Jusko asked if there was any other business to be brought before this Board.

Being none, Mrs. Hacker made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 P.M. Second by Mr. Edington. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Kevin G. Maxwell  
Secretary