



TOWN OF TRURO

PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2022 – 5:00 pm

REMOTE PLANNING BOARD MEETING



Members Present (Quorum): Rich Roberts (Vice Chair); Jack Riemer (Clerk); Paul Kiernan; Ellery Althaus

Members Absent: Anne Greenbaum (Chair); R. Bruce Boleyn; Caitlin Townsend

Other Participants: Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Barbara Carboni; Select Board Liaison John Dundas; Timothy Greene of TerraSearch, LLC and representative for Crown Castle (Applicant)

Remote meeting convened at 5:03 pm, Wednesday, September 7, 2022, by Vice Chair Roberts who announced that this was a remote public meeting aired live on Truro TV Channel 18 and was being recorded. Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Carboni also provided information as to how the public may call into the meeting or provide written comment. Members introduced themselves to the public.

Public Comment Period

Public comment, for items not on the agenda, was opened by Vice Chair Roberts and there were none.

Planner Report

Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Carboni reported that there will be a Local Comprehensive Planning Committee (LCPC) live event held on October 15th at the Community Center from 10am-1pm. The Open Space Committee will have its first meeting with consultant Jeff Thibodeau tomorrow morning.

Chair Report

Vice Chair Roberts announced that there would be no Chair Report this evening.

Board Action/Review

2022-005/PB - Regan McCarthy seeks approval of Form A- Application for Determination that Plan Does Not Require Approval (ANR) pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Town of Truro Rules and Regulations Governing the Subdivision of Land with respect to property at 35A Higgins Hollow Road, Truro MA, Atlas Map 47, Parcel 2, Registry of Deeds title reference: Book 20807, Page 42.

Vice Chair Roberts announced that the Applicant requested a continuance until the Planning Board meeting on September 21, 2022. Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Carboni confirmed the request and stated that no vote was necessary to grant the continuance.

2022-009/SPR - Crown Castle, on property located at 344 Route 6 (Atlas Map 39, Parcel 172). Applicant seeks a Special Permit under Section 40.5 of the Truro Zoning Bylaw, and as an Eligible Facilities Request

for a minor modification under Section 64091 and the rules of the Federal Communications Commission ("FCC"), to modify an existing tower: remove or replace antennas, ancillary equipment, and ground equipment as per plans for an existing carrier on an existing wireless communication facility; and replace equipment on existing concrete pad. Such modification will not substantially change the physical dimensions of such tower or base station. The modification does not constitute a substantial change to the existing tower under 47 C.F.R. §1.6100.

Vice Chair Roberts recognized Mr. Greene who provided a summary to the changes which were proposed. Due to the merger between T-Mobile and Sprint, there will be a consolidation of equipment that will result in less equipment on the site. Vice Chair Roberts and Members discussed the following questions and concerns with Mr. Greene:

There is an issue of sparse cellular coverage for emergency service calls in Truro, particularly from the beaches, so are the services provided by the tower redundant? Mr. Greene responded that it is not redundant.

Does the tower have any antennas for emergency services? Mr. Greene was unsure if any antenna was specifically designated for public safety, but he said that it could be added.

What is the fall zone for this tower as it is adjacent to the Public Safety Facility? Mr. Greene responded that the tower is rated for a wind speed up to 139 miles per hour and has been on location for nearly twenty years without issue. Mr. Greene didn't identify a specific fall radius but emphasized that the wind speed ratings for the tower have been significantly increased over the last twenty years and the tower is compliant with today's standards. The risk factor category for the tower is 2.

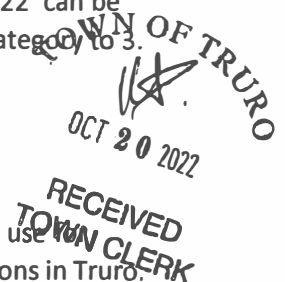
Vice Chair Roberts noted that the risk factor category for the tower is 2 but expressed concern that the Applicant's engineer, located in Oklahoma, who performed the study may not know that the tower is in such proximity to the Public Safety Facility as it is not indicated on the Site Plan.

Is it possible to install repeaters to ensure better coverage in emergency situations? Mr. Greene replied that he does not represent the carrier but Crown Castle.

Vice Chair Roberts asked Mr. Greene to resubmit an analysis addressing those antennas at 122' can be removed unless they are placeholders to be used in the future and increase the risk factor category to 3. Mr. Greene agreed to provide this information by the next meeting on September 21st.

Development of Warrant Articles

Vice Chair Roberts recognized Member Kiernan who said that he is compiling an email list to use for outreach as there are 150 different people who sit on various boards/committees/commissions in Truro. A challenge has been that individuals who serve on regulatory boards have Town email addresses and others use either business or personal email addresses. Once the list is compiled, with assistance from Town Hall staff, Member Kiernan will contact those individuals for input on changes for Warrant Articles.



Minutes

Vice Chair Roberts, after consulting with Town Planner/Land Use Counsel Carboni, deferred the approval of the Minutes on tonight's Agenda until the next Planning Board meeting as only two Members from those meetings were present tonight.

Vice Chair Roberts announced that the next Planning Board meeting will be on Wednesday, September 21, 2022, at 5pm.

Member Riemer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:49 pm.

Member Kiernan seconded the motion.

So voted, 4-0, motion carries.

Respectfully submitted,



Alexander O. Powers
Board/Committee/Commission Support Staff

