

TRURO PLANNING BOARD

Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2015 - 6:00 pm

Truro Town Hall

Planning Board Members Present: Leo Childs, Chris Lucy, Bruce Boleyn, Steve Sollog, Lisa Maria Tobia, William Worthington and Michael Roderick

Member Absent: None

Others Present: Carole Ridley, Consultant to Planning Board and Shawn Grunwald

Mr. Childs opened the meeting at 6:00 pm.

2015-002/PB T-Mobile by agent Gary Bostwick, for property located at 344 Route 6, Truro (Atlas Sheet 39, Parcel 172) (Reg. of Deeds Title ref:book 7197, Page 177)

Applicant is seeking a Special Permit with reference to Sec. 40.5B(17.) of the Zoning Truro Bylaw to remove existing equipment and replace with upgraded equipment on the Public Safety Facility Tower, as per plans submitted to the Planning Board.

Mr. Childs opened the public hearing on this matter but stated that Mr. Bostwick has requested some additional time to provide the information asked for by the Planning Board in a letter sent by Ms. Greenhalgh on February 20, 2015.

Ms. Tobia referred back to the concern that the new tower equipment needs be adequately grounded for lightning strikes. This has been done for the existing equipment. Ms. Ridley will submit this request to Mr. Bostwick.

Hearing no public comment, a motion was made by Mr. Worthington and seconded by Mr. Lucy to continue the Public Hearing on this matter until May 5, 2015.

Review and Approval of Minutes March 31, 2015

Ms. Tobia made a few corrections in spelling and grammatical changes to the minutes. On a motion by Mr. Boleyn and seconded by Mr. Worthington, the minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

Planning Board Member's Reports

Mr. Childs presented a draft outline of talking points concerning the proposed bylaw amendment addressing the new street definition for the Board's consideration.

Ms. Tobia believes that part of the negative comments and reactions have more to do with the presentation of the information rather than the substance, particularly the table in Section 30.11B. Ms. Grunwald confirmed her perception.

Mr. Sollog believes the Planning Board has made a valiant effort to address this issue but is concerned that the voters are going to defeat this in Town Meeting.

Mr. Lucy referred to the list of nonconforming roads and believes this bylaw amendment addresses this list as defined by the court.

Ms. Tobia reiterated her concern that the language needs to be simplified so that the voters can understand where they stand when they refer to the amendment, especially if they have a house on an existing road.

Mr. Roderick stated that people are hesitant to support change and the idea of having to go through an appeals process is not palatable.

Mr. Worthington suggested that it is important to come up with a strategy to keep people engaged in the topic and to gather more information from residents in the event that the proposal is voted down or withdrawn. He also suggested that the Planning Board collect email addresses from residents who show interest or concern in topics such as the street definition so the Board can be more interactive.

Mr. Lucy believes this should move forward as the Planning Board needs to address this and has been working on it for a long period of time.

Mr. Sollog raised the issue of the lack of support by the Selectmen for this proposed amendment. Mr. Childs responded that it was his understanding that the Selectmen did not feel the political climate was right at this time to move ahead with this amendment.

After considerable discussion, it was decided by consensus to post the Pre-Town Meeting as a Planning Board meeting to provide voters the opportunity to become educated about the articles and voice any concerns. Ms. Ridley will revise the talking points draft prepared by Mr. Childs and have copies available for the meeting. Assignments were reviewed for which Board member will speak to the various articles. Mr. Lucy will speak on behalf of Article 23 (street definition).

The Board members thanked Mr. Childs for his work on the draft talking points document.

Adjourn at 7:35

Respectfully submitted,

Shawn Grunwald
Recording Secretary