

TOWN OF BEDFORD
May 24, 2018
BEDFORD TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bedford Telecommunications Committee was held on Wednesday, May 24, 2018 at the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH. Present were: Bill Duschatko (Chairman/Town Council Rep), Kathleen Bemiss, Jason Lacroix, Chris Magay, Karen McGinley, Chris Swinarski, and David Tuttle. Absent: Bill Greiner, and Bill Jean. Also present: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager, and Rebecca Hebert, Planning Director.

Chairman Duschatko called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Chairman Duschatko indicated that the Committee now had two alternates Chris Swinarski and David Tuttle, and that Kathleen Bemiss had been appointed as a regular member. Chairman Duschatko asked that each member introduce themselves.

New Business

- Chairman Duschatko requested that Planning Director Rebecca Hebert review the status of the pending cell tower court cases.
- The Committee reviewed the issues associated with health concerns and the Telecommunications Act.
- The Committee reviewed the history of applications for cell towers on the town owned Chubbuck Road site and the Committee briefly discussed the pros and cons of having towers on town property. The Committee questioned the tax and lease revenue generated by having towers on town land.
- The Committee discussed Bedford's standards and the planning and zoning application process and how our regulations compare with other communities. A desire for the staff to produce a frequently asked questions sheet for the process was identified.
- Mr. Swinarski reviewed RSA 12-K:10, IV which indicates that, "...an authority may not mandate, require or regulate the installation, location, or use of PWSFs on utility poles." This led to a discussion of Bedford's potential inability to regulate the roll out of 5G networks within our community.

Chairman Duschatko adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Sawyer, Town Manager