

TOWN OF BEDFORD
July 19, 2018
BEDFORD TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bedford Telecommunications Committee was held on Wednesday, July 19, 2018 at the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH. Present were: Bill Duschatko (Chairman/Town Council Rep), Kathleen Bemiss, Jason Lacroix, Chris Swinarski, and David Tuttle. Absent: Bill Greiner, Bill Jean, Chris Magay, and Karen McGinley. Also present: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager.

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

New Business

- Mrs. Bemis made a motion to approve the minutes of June 21, 2018 as written, seconded by Mr. Lacroix. The motion passed unanimously.
- Mr. Swinarski walked the committee through the current Zoning Board of Adjustment Special Exception Application for Telecommunication Facilities and indicated items that he felt work useful and not useful to the board as it relates to federal law. Items discussed by the committee included:
 - o Showing where towers could go within a gap area versus the current required 3-mile radius around the proposed tower.
 - o Having applicants indicate why they can't go on existing towers.
 - o Having applicants look to see if gaps can be filled by extending the height of existing towers.
 - o The Town should consider producing a list of preferred tower locations.
 - o Changing required correspondence "letters" to "evidence" to reflect that letters may no longer be the actual form of communication.
 - o The required master plan is constantly changing.
 - o The Board should make use of experts paid for by applicants.
 - o The Town should consider guidelines outside of the ordinance.
 - o Viewshed analysis is the most important aspect of the application.
 - o Consider extending the public notice requirement for the balloon tests.
 - o Tower heights should be based on proven need.

- Tower heights may be higher than needed due to needing to provide for co-location.
 - The Town should consider implementing a maximum tree clearing requirement.
- The committee indicated that they should also look at the next wave of technology to make sure our ordinances provide for the needed flexibility and it was pointed out that San Jose, CA has a good model ordinance.

Chairman Duschatko thanked the committee for their time and adjourned the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rick Sawyer, Town Manager