

TOWN OF BEDFORD
August 23, 2018
BEDFORD TELECOMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES

A meeting of the Bedford Telecommunications Committee was held on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at the Bedford Meeting Room, 10 Meetinghouse Road, Bedford, NH. Present were: Bill Duschatko (Chairman/Town Council Rep), Kathleen Bemiss, David Tuttle, Chris Swinarski and Bill Greiner. Also present: Rick Sawyer, Town Manager and Rebecca Hebert, Planning Director.

Chairman Duschatko called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m. and asked that each member introduce themselves.

Mrs. Bemiss made a motion to approve the July 19, 2018 minutes, seconded by Mr. Greiner, the motion passed unanimously.

New Business

- Mrs. Bemiss provided an overview of her discussions with Ivan Pagacik, the engineer who has worked for the town as a third party reviewer of wireless telecommunications applications. She said that he only has the data for two carriers in Bedford – Verizon and T-Mobile. She explained that she is also working to identify which carriers are located on the existing towers in Bedford. The information could be used to determine potential colocation opportunities. The group discussed the how to find this information. Mr. Swinarski offered to look into which carriers are located on each tower.
- Mrs. Bemiss said that she has asked a friend who designs cell tower components to answer a series of questions about tower design. She will share his response with the group as soon as it is available.
- The group discussed the current zoning regulations for wireless telecommunication towers. Discussion ensued regarding the merits of the height limitation of 130 feet in commercial/industrial districts and 75 feet in residential districts and whether or not it would be better to base the tower height on the minimum height required to fill the gap in service coverage. The group also discussed the stealth criteria for towers.
- Mr. Duschatko reviewed the mission statement for the committee. The group agreed to review the town's zoning and also discussed whether or not towers should be allowed on town-owned property. The group discussed how the tower proposals would need to be reviewed individually and that commercial and industrial sites should be treated differently from residential sites. It would be difficult to have one policy for all situations.
- Mrs. Hebert will email a copy of the zoning ordinance in word format so the committee can begin editing the document and making suggestions. Any proposed zoning

amendments would need to be finalized and reviewed by the Planning Board this fall if they are going to be placed on the 2019 ballot.

- Mr. Duschatko said the next meeting will be on Thursday, September 20th at 11:30.

Chairman Duschatko adjourned the meeting at 1:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Hebert, AICP, Planning Director