

Town of Austerlitz
Meeting of Planning Board
July 9, 2019

In attendance: Town Attorney, Joseph Catalano , Chairman Lee Tilden, Deborah Lans, Richard Madonia, Perry Samowitz.
Abs. Eric Sieber

Meeting called to order at 7 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the June minutes was made by D.Lans, seconded by P. Samowitz . Approval 4:1

Unfinished Business

Aerosmith representative A.J DiBella notified the Board that AT&T lacked the preparedness for a proposed July 25th Public Hearing on their application.

Motion to cancel the proposed July 25th Public Hearing of the AT&T application, upon company's request for needed time to complete necessary data requirements, was made by P. Samowitz, seconded by D. Lans.

Approval: 4:1

Under State regulations on the State Environmental Quality Regulation Act (SEQRA) submitted applications require classification as being Type 1, 2, or unclassified and a lead agency delegation before any Public Hearing date is set.

A review of Austerlitz Zoning law on structure height above sea level indicated that the proposed AT&T 300 ft. tower exceeds that listed and therefore requires this application to be designated an unlisted action under review in Austerlitz Planning Board as the lead agency.

Motion to designate the Aerosmith AT&T application as an unlisted action under SEQRA made by D.Lans, seconded by P.Samowitz. Approval: 4:1

Under SEQRA we are considered the lead agency with discretionary approval. The building permit is issued through our Code Enforcement Officer.

A long form of SEQRA will be required and applicant is required to fill out Part 1. The AT&T application is not yet complete, awaiting data from the company.

Attorney Catalano outlined the coming steps in the process.

Public Hearing – 20 days after application is accepted as complete.

SEQRA approval and final certification is considered after the Public Hearing.

Planning Board Training followed using this AT&T application as an example.

All materials need review, application, maps etc. Determination to be made on land impact – moderate, large, none.

Considered are geological features:

moderate or unusual land forms, ground water; Flooding, air,
plants and animals, agriculture, aesthetics.

Part 1 of Environmental Form (SEQRA). All questions need to be answered related to impact.

Consistency needed with land use plans., protection of ridge lines.

Questions: Do Towers contribute to tax rolls - yes

Do County Boards get involved in these applications?

Yes, if related to boundary lines, parks, or within 500 ft. of highway.

Main rule: Procedures must be followed.

Note, Last application on subdivision on Fire Hill Road has been withdrawn.

Next meeting scheduled for August 1.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.,

Constance Mondel