

**Town of Austerlitz
Columbia County
New York**

Lee Tilden, Chairman, Richard Madonia, Deborah Lans, Perry Samowitz, Eric Sieber

Planning Board Meeting

July 9, 2019

7:00 p.m.

*******AGENDA*******

- 1) Call Regular Meeting to Order**
- 2) Approval of June minutes**
- 3) Unfinished Business**
Airosmith Development – New Tower on West Hill Rd
- 4) Public Comments**
- 5) Adjournment**

*******Next Regular Planning Board Meeting August 1, 2019*******

Town of Austerlitz
Planning Board Meeting
June 6th, 2019

In attendance: Town Attorney, J. Catalano , Chairman L. Tilden, D. lans , R. Madonia,
P. Samowitz, E. Sieber

Meeting

Called to order at 7:00 p.m.

D. Lans made the motion to approve May minutes Second: P. Samowitz 5:0

Unfinished Business

Aerosmith Development. A Representative, A.J. DiBella, presented plans showing the tower as photographed from various locations. This mode of presentation is deemed most suitable and verified by a motion made by D. Lans, seconded by P. Samowitz, to wave balloon photography requirement for height assessment and visibility. 5:0
Suggested locations will be used and presentations submitted to the Board

Plans for Beacon lighting for both day and night was reviewed and will be supplied by At&T. Due to the presence of several towers on West Hill, the feasibility of co-location of some of the carriers being moved to the proposed larger tower needs to be explored and presented as well as data on the cumulative radiation from the group of towers. FFA regulations on negotiation in cases where damages occur should parts of the tower fall added, were added in readiness for possible public hearing questions and concerns. This data will be supplied at the meeting prior to the Public Hearing.

New Business

1. Three lot subdivision on Rigor Hill Road was presented by surveyor Dan Russell. The maps indicate the property having two lots within the boundary of the Town of Ghent and one lot, designated as lot 3, in the Town of Austerlitz. There is no plan to subdivide lot 3, and consideration is being asked for a letter from our town government indicating that the outlined plan is acceptable. The boundary lines are in place as to jurisdiction.

With agreement from Board members a motion was made by D. Lans, seconded, P. Samowitz, that the Austerlitz Planning Board defers to the Town of Ghent, the YMc LLC sub division plan provided that Lot 3 remains without sub division as noted on the map. 5:0

2. Fire Hill Property: Property line Easement Andrea Kowalski in representing owner Raquel Dutka, submitted the plans where a minor subdivision will allow having a residence and a needed driveway. Since there will be another residence on a back lot questions arose as to having private or shared driveways.

The first request for the owner is to present a map of the entire property with building area noted. Chapter 160 of Town code (on website) will give the road standards which need to be met. Highway Supervisor and Fire Dep't needs to be informed, and consulted. Any deviation from the standard needs to be approved by ZBA. Application and SEQRA have been submitted

Public Comment

Frank Fizzinoglia, a property owner in tower locality presented information on the entry roads and gates to the towers, and care and conditions which he believes need improvement to avoid property devaluation in the area. Mr. Fizzinoglia was encouraged to attend the Public Hearing where the tower establishment will be discussed by many who live in the surrounding area.

The Board members discussed the dates for the next meeting which will address only the outstanding needs in data for AT&T tower installation and for the Public hearing.

Motions followed

Motion for the Planning Board to meet on July 9th to address Aero Development data on AT&T tower by R. Madonia, second, P. Samowitz 5:0 approval.

Motion to designate July 25th as date for Public Hearing on Aero Smith Development of AT&T tower in Austerlitz by D. Lans, second, E. Sieber 5:0 approval.

Meeting concluded with having arrangements made by Mary Davis about the needed timely communications...letters to neighbors, website and newspaper notice on the Public hearing date.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50

Respectfully submitted, Constance Mondel

Project Action Summary

Application Date From: 12/20/2018 - Application Date To: 12/20/2018

Owner: < All >

Project #: PL-2019-01

Type: Site Plan Review

Status: Active

Location: West Hill Rd

Identifier: PL-2019-01

App Date: 12/20/2018

Owner: Goosetown Network Svcs LLC

Description: New Cell Tower

Action Type	Action Date	Action Information
Minutes	02/07/19	<p>Planning AIrosmith Development – New Cell Tower on West Hill Rd Airosmith representative A. J. DiBella and Daniel Schwegard described the intent of a new tower for the Town, noting that a full Environmental Assessment will be sent to the Board shortly. The tower will serve to provide wireless service in areas where there presently are large gaps. Emergency services will also be included.</p> <p>AT&T is licensed by the FDC, the Goosetown location has the availability for additional towers. Maps were provided indicating where large, moderate and little service is presently provided.</p> <p>Board members indicated needs to be filled in this application.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) A report of existing tower service. b) Drawings with one being on line of sight technology c) The letter of intent d) A discontinuation plan e) Public Impact <p>Many of these points will be addressed in the SEQRA. Request was also made for aerial photographs and full size maps. Neighbors will be notified for the required public hearing which may occur in April.</p> <p>Noted was the need for the service of a Town Engineer and plans. A motion will be made at the Town Board meeting for that service.</p> <p>This meeting will have helped to address the issues to be discussed and ruled on at the March meeting</p>
Minutes	03/07/19	<p>Planning Airosmith Development- New Tower on West Hill Road. Airosmith representatives A.J. Dibella and Dan Schweigard reported that a blockage on a 20 foot antennae on the present tower prevented their ability to obtain productivity data as requested by the Board. They have requested and are awaiting the listed termination date for these towers which at present are not compatible with VHF or UEH service</p> <p>Coverage aerial view maps of the AT&T towers which are directed toward multi areas were provided to Board members with copies for Ray Jackowski and Bill Johnson.</p> <p>Radio Frequency from existing towers not known. AT&T radio frequency was described. Board requested the RF engineer to provide frequency assessment, emergency services as well as safety issues around additional antennae. Proposal for towers placement is designated at State Rte. 295 to connect with other At&T towers. Goosetown denied access.</p> <p>When all the obligatory date required for this application has been received there will be a date discussed for a Town of Austerlitz Public Hearing.</p>

Project Action Summary

Minutes

04/04/19

Planning | Aerosmith Development - New Tower on West Hill Road

A review of the proposed Aerosmith Development had been sent to both William Johnson, RF Engineering Consultant and Ray Jurkowski, Austerlitz Town Engineer. Wm Johnson's and R. Jurkowski's written comments were sent to each Bd. member and Ray Jurkowski was also in attendance at this meeting. The Cell Tower provisions contained in the Town Zoning law figured in his observations.

With respect to the visual assessment through photographic simulations, Ray Jurkowski suggested and identified 7 locations to be used for public presentation since the map presented earlier was not based on visual verification. With Bd. member agreement that photographic verification was best suited in this assessment, a motion to waive the requirement for a balloon test was made by D. Lans, seconded by P. Samowitz, approved 5-0.

Further discussions included beacon lights. Aerosmith rep. Schweigard noted FAA regulations on beacon lighting are being consulted. Questions arose and discussion ensued about use of the backup generator, and noise, fuel storage, mufflers, arrangements with the fire department, cumulative radiation effect from all the towers, night and day time simulation plus FAA regs. Safety issues also need consideration. i.e. ice damage, falling parts. Base photos were also requested. AT&T representatives stated their intention to obtain the requested in good faith and noted they will reach out to the Fire Dep't and will seek and provide radiation data.

The capacities of the existing towers are not exactly known nor is there a final termination date for the present towers. Co-location needs to be discussed as to feasibility and whether some carriers on present towers can be moved to the proposed tower. A letter is being requested by the applicant from Goosetown owner on this matter. RFA has no oppositions to number of towers; does require that zoning code be followed.

Responses from William Johnson and Ray Jakowski were discussed and considered.

Wm. Johnson recommended that data on heights of carriers on colocations be brought to a certainty and additional propagation maps were requested.

No additional tower is being considered for future use by AT&T. The meeting covered the scope of the information needed for approval by the Bd. members. Requested material will be mailed to the Board, for discussion in at the next meeting.

An invoice received for the services of the RF Engineer's report were submitted to Aerosmith representatives after which the meeting was concluded.

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Minutes

05/02/19

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Aerosmith representatives stated that the requested letter, describing the proposed AT&T tower has been sent to the Austerlitz Vol. Fire Co. Inc. The proposed tower's self contained attenuating enclosure were described Including that a specified time would be set for automatic operation test to insure the least intrusive noise to any surrounding housing.

The determination of any hazard from equipment will be sought by AT&T from the FAA. Hazard exposure will be indicated by flashing lights through an alarm system.

Description of the lighting system was questioned and photographs of the lighting system will be provided in time for the Public Hearing.

Concerning shared use, a letter from Goosetown Tower Director indicated that it is not feasible for them to move to a new tower. Crown Castle Tower indicated they would not be able to fit all their equipment on this proposed new tower. A requested letter from Goosetown describing their existing shelter has not yet been received.

Goosetown has responded to Board inquiry about their tenants as being Homeland Security, Emergency Services and Verizon as the only cellular tenant. Crown has not yet sent the description and number of tenants on the whole property.

Photo simulations of the proposed tower from various vantage points were provided by AT&T. A request that relative distance from tower location, as well as scale be noted on each photo.

Attorney Catalano will provide any new source comments, to the Aerosmith representatives and reminded the representatives to analyze the zoning requirements prior to next meeting. If all the required outstanding material is had by the next meeting, a public hearing can be arranged.