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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Chairperson – Joseph Viscusie

Members

Randy Barnes, Brenda Naizby, Mark Riley, Vacancy

Recording Secretary – Tammy L. Chmielewski

October 27, 2020

ATTENDED: Robert & Barbara Griffin, Peter & Ruth Jaikin, Brenda Blask-Lewis, Matt Kerwin, Penny Primeau, Lorrie Mott, David Fox Julia Jaikin, Michele Armstrong, Amber Kraszewski.

ZBA Chairperson Joseph Viscusie at Village Hall called the Village of Dolgeville ZBA Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited.

Chairperson Viscusie announced this is a ZBA working meeting not a public hearing.

Chairperson Viscusie acknowledged receipt of a petition dated October 25, 2020 (email) in favor of the cell tower with 409 signatures and an updated petition dated October 27, 2020 (email) in favor of the cell tower with 422 signatures be added to the meeting minutes.

Matt Kerwin – AT&T Attorney for Barclay Damon came before the Board on the following:

Last appearance before ZBA – April 22, 2020, summary of AT&T's extensive site selection analysis. The ZBA requested an additional 10-12 sites be evaluated and AT&T asked the Board to be more specific on which sites to pursue. The three alternatives and potentially feasible are the IDA site in the Town of Manheim, Heath Williams property – Spencer Road and Dolge Mansion Property – Dolge Avenue. The ZBA selected the IDA property as the preferred location. Due to this request the ZBA and AT&T agreed to toll the shot clock on the variance application until November 6, 2020. Brenda Lewis-Blask – AT&T engaged with IDA officials regarding leasing space on October 9, 2020, and negotiations went no-where and they couldn't agree on lease terms.

Part of the original agreement (April 24, 2020) was to come back and pursue the fire department site. Overviews were analyzed and the alternate sites won't work. AT&T reviewed 19 sites and this leaves us with the fire department site.

SEQR Process

AT&T SEQR performed September 9, 2019 and referred to Planning Board. Planning Board completed a Full Environmental Assessment Form on January 14, 2020, and a motion for the SEQR determination was made. Planning Board meeting on February 11, 2020 revised the January 14, 2020 meeting to make a negative declaration on the SEQR form and provide a copy to Matt Kerwin.

The site plan is approved and it is subject to a use variance.

ZBA reviewed SEQR Part 2 & 3, target questions with moderate or significant impact. Joe used the original SEQR application as prepared by former ZBA Chairperson Patricia Callahan and himself.

Several issues/questions arose ex: landscaping, fencing, drainage, height, SHPO, open space and recreational opportunities/plan, aesthetics.

Due to the issues/concerns ZBA took a break separately to discuss further action.

ZBA reconvened and due to the concerns and interpretation decided to sit on any action until they could review the SEQR Guideline book and set up another meeting.

Final action deadline is November 6, 2020.

Chairperson Joseph Viscusie hereby adjourned meeting.

By Randy Barnes

Motion to adjourn ZBA meeting at 6:56 p.m. sec. Brenda Naizby. Ayes all.

