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**PLANNING AND ZONING MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 5, 2012**

Chairman Ackerman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at Mallory Town Hall. Commissioners present: Chairman Barbara Ackerman, Neil Volkmar, Ted Hollander, Monty Clark, Jeannene Burruano and alternates Jan Desiato and Mary Lee. Also present was Michele Battaglia, Clerk. Absent was Mark Weber, Jill Finch, Paul Voorhees and Ron Cooper, ZEO. There was no audience member recording or videotaping the meeting.

Election of Officers

Commissioner Burruano spoke on behalf of the nominating committee. The recommendation of the committee is to keep the slate the same as last year (Barbara Ackerman as Chairman, Ted Hollander as Vice Chairman and Mark Weber as Secretary). Commissioner Volkmar motioned to accept the committee's recommendation. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Public Hearing

- 1. Application for a Special Permit for the Modification of Cell Tower at Happy Acres Farm, 2 Taber Road:** Chairman Ackerman read into record a letter received from Kate McConaghy regarding her concerns. Derek Creaser & Neil Alexander were in attendance representing AT&T. AT&T is proposing to add three (3) new antennae panels with radios at the top of the silo. Currently there are six (6) antennae attached to the silo by pipe. Mr. Creaser stated that the bracing will have the same angle; however, the pipe size will be increased from 3" to 4" to handle the additional load. Mr. Alexander commented that essentially the coverage area will be the same; however, the new antennae will increase broadband speed. It was discussed that there will be an increase in emissions to 3% of FCC guidelines. The Commission scheduled a site walk for Saturday, January 7, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. in order to view what the difference in height the new panels would be verses the current panels. Mr. Alexander stated that there will only be about a 9 inch difference in height. First Selectman Clay Cope stated that the concerns Ms. McConaghy had in regards to Town commitment and any financial benefits to the Town will be addressed at the First Selectmen's meeting being held on January 26th. Commissioner Volkmar motioned to continue the public hearing until February 2, 2012. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Old Business

- 1. Application for a Special Permit for the Modification of Cell Tower at Happy Acres Farm, 2 Taber Road:** Public Hearing will be continued on February 2, 2012.

Additional Items

- 1. Audience Participation:** There was no audience participation.
- 2. Minutes:** Commissioner Hollander motioned to accept the meeting minutes of December 1, 2011. Commissioner Clark seconded the motion. All voted in favor.
- 3. Correspondence:** There was no correspondence.

- 4. Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report:** The December 2011 ZEO Report was distributed and reviewed by the Commissioners due to Mr. Cooper not being in attendance.
- 5. Committee Reports:** There were no committee reports. Commissioner Volkmar volunteered to serve on the Land Acquisition Board representing P&Z.
- 6. Chairman's Report:** Chairman Ackerman welcomed Commissioner Desiato and Commissioner Lee to the Board. She stated that there will be a mid-month meeting on January 19th to continue to work on the POCD.
- 7. Commissioner's Comments:** There were no comments.

Commissioner Volkmar motioned for adjournment. Commissioner Hollander seconded the motion and all voted in favor. Meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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