

Telecommunications Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes September 27, 2019

- Attendees: Howard Kalet, Kathy McCabe, Brett Zola, John Bellino and David Maxson
- Officer election
 - Brent nominated Howard for Chairman and seconded by Kathy. All in Favor (4 votes)
 - Howard nominated John for secretary and seconded by Brett. All in favor 4 votes
 - Meeting called into session at 3:10 PM and adjourned 4:55 PM
- Discussion on policies and protocols for conduction meetings. Howard
- Public input session. No public attendance for this meeting
- Discussion on scope of committee goals including timeline and member introduction- Howard
- Review of cell phone company site selection and permitting process – David Maxson
- Discussion regarding cell phone coverage maps – David Maxson
 - Members McCabe and Zola discussed importance of cell phone handoff
 - Member Bellino asked about map accuracy and concerns with seasonality (providing coverage along the beaches during peek Summer months)
 - Dave Maxson suggested we search for a cell tower location to resolve beach coverage issues or augment primary cell distribution antennas.
 - David Maxson reviewed data and cell tower trends related to seasonality issues.
- David Maxson Presentation
 - Coverage Study Review – All current cell tower sites
 - Review of areas with the need to improve coverage.
 - Review of Isotrope tower modeling process
 - Member Zola asked if we currently have cell tower targets in Rye.
 - David suggested we target town owned land as the primary and in the overlay district
 - Member McCabe commented we need to include the Portway tower in the modeling
 - Review of several sites including behind Rye Elementary school, Town Forest, Recreation area and Locke Road site.
 - Member Kalet question placement of cell tower near school and David Maxson stated in his opinion it would not be a safety issue.
 - Dave Maxson asked committee to research if there are any conservation restriction in the Town Forest that would prohibit the placement of a tower. Member Kalet to follow-up
 - Dave reviewed typical square footage required for tower 50x50 ft min to 75 x 75 ft”
 - Member McCabe suggested that we may be able to add town property that is not currently in the overlay district. Committee will research.
- David Maxson – Modeling for potential new cell towers will include the following potential sites
 - Recreation area
 - Portway
 - Locke Road
 - Rye Elementary School
 - Committee will need to find a location to support Jenness Beach coverage – challenge as no public land available.
- David Maxson asked for the inclusion of Kim Reed (Planning) as resource for committee. Chairman Kalet to follow up.
- Next Meeting October 22nd at 6PM Library New Hampshire Room