

## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6PM Library New Hampshire Room