

**Planning Board Regular Meeting**

**Town of Fort Ann, NY**

**May 22, 2017**

A regular meeting was held by the Planning Board of the town of Fort Ann, County of Washington, and the state of New York at the Fort Ann Town Hall, 80 George Street, Fort Ann, NY on the 22nd day of May, 2017 .  
7:00 pm.

**PRESENT:**

William Hohmann	Vice-Chairman
Chad Wilson	
Richard Winchell	
Matthew Jones	
Brian Mattison	
Jeff Myer, Esq.	Attorney
Deborah Fifield	Secretary

**ABSENT:** Don Bedeaux                      Chairman

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Leslie Halse, Mark Miller, Michael Baroody, Claire Greene, Van Sanborn

**OPEN REGULAR MEETING:**

Vice-Chairman William Hohmann called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm with the pledge of allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

-The board reviewed the 4/24/2017 Meeting Minutes. A motion to accept the Meeting Minutes was made by Brian Mattison and seconded by Chad Wilson.

Vote: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Abstain-0

**CORRESPONDENCE: None**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Michael Baroody for T-Mobile:** Co-Locate antenna's at 1684 Pilot Knob Road. Applicant wants to expand the white space. Has surpassed Sprint. No coverage in Fort Ann. Cell tower on Pilot Knot is a multi-carrier facility. Existing fenced in area will full-fill needs. It is an 8x18 fenced in area. All branches will remain. Richa Winchell asked how far is the coverage? It is based on mutes and typography. On average 2 to 4 miles. Briar Mattison asked who owns the tower. SPA network services the tower. The modification is fairly simple, shoul take about a week. The tower is secluded. The 6 panels will be 8 feet by 12" to 15" across and be buried in trees. May be room for one more carrier. Applicant produced copy of FCC license. Motion made by Richard Winchell for Public Hearing at June 26, 2017 meeting. Seconded by Brian Mattison.

Vote: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Abstain-0

**OLD BUSINESS: None**

**Lindsey Halse for Kasselmann Solar/Site Plan/Public Hearing:** Property is located at 1159 Farley Road Fort Ann, tax map #119.-2-29.3. Applicant is Van Sanborn, wishing to install solar panels on roof of garage and residence. Ms. Halse gave quick overview of the project. William Hohmann asked if there were any questions from the public. One member of the public asked what happens to the panels at the end of their life span. They will be decommissioned and up graded. The invertors have a life span of 25 years. Homeowner can take the panels down and recycle them. Currently it is difficult to recycle them. Industry is working on that. At this time no cost effective way. By 2050 solar panels will be the leading source of energy, so there will be a cost effective plan. Member is concerned they will end up in homeowner's backyards or in landfills. It will be homeowner's choice what to do with them at the end of their life. If panels are replaced then the company will dispose of them. Member feels in 25 years they will end up in people's backyards. Does Town have plan for this? Town would like plan. Company did create a decommission plan, but ultimately up to homeowner. Brian Mattison- so the first 10 years it is the company's responsibility if panels break based on storms we have. It will be a case by case study. Full warranty is for 10 years. Beyond 10 years they rely on manufacturer's warranty. Invertors, more than solar panels need work. Panels can last for 50 years. Attorney Jeff Meyer reviewed SEQRA Environmental Assessment Form with applicant. Motion made by Brian Mattison to accept negative declaration pursuant to State Environmental Quality Review Act based on responses. Seconded by Richard Winchell.

Vote: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Abstain-0

Attorney Jeff Meyer asked for questions from Board. A decommissioning plan was submitted, but seems low. \$9,000 low. In addition to cost estimate, local law requires some kind of financial surety to be in place or a bond to cover that cost. The Planning Board does not have the authority to waive that. Applicant can say that the \$500 removal will be utilized by the applicant, or provide a bond or an escrow agreement to the Town. Applicant did provide the \$500 removal, which will have to be produced 30 days before construction. William Hohmann stated approval is subject to condition of 15 year company or decommissioning plan whether it be \$500 escrow or on the company in writing. If OK with board William Hohmann will make motion. Seconded by Brian Mattison.

Vote: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Abstain-0

**Michael Morrissey/Site Plan/Public Hearing:** Property is located at 10028 State Route 149. Applicant wishes to create spaces to store boats and recreational vehicles and construct two storage unit buildings. Applicant did not show. Motion made by Richard Winchell to table Public Hearing and keep it open. Seconded by Matthew Jones.

Vote: Ayes-5 Nays-0 Abstain-0

**ADDITIONAL BOARD DISCUSSION:** Co-Chairman William Hohmann had business before the Planning Board. He wished to submit more training certificates from 5/7/2015 and 7/12/2012.

**COMMENTS FROM THE FLOOR: None**

Motion made by Brian Mattison to adjourn the meeting at 7:40. Seconded by Richard Winchell.

Deborah A. Fifield  
Planning Board Secretary, Town of Fort Ann

