

Danbury Planning Board

January 22nd, 2019

Un-Adopted

The Danbury Planning Board met on Tuesday, January 22nd, 2019 at the Danbury Town Hall in accordance with the schedule adopted and posted. John Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone present. John asked if anyone had a conflict of interest and hearing none, proceeded with the meeting.

Present:

Roxanne Winslow

Will Cowen

Rick Swift

Jim Phelps

Bernie Golden

John Taylor, Chair

Anna Offen, clerk

Not Present:

Tom Curren

Gary Donoghue

Guests: Kevin Mason, Elizabeth Kohler

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Bernie Golden made a motion to accept the minutes of January 8th 2019, as amended, Will Cowen seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.** The amendments include changing the word “indexed” to “annexed” on page 2, paragraph 2, line 2; remove “that has a proposed buyer” and add “that they wish to convey to the abutter in Hill” on page 2, paragraph 2, line 2; remove “back to the Town of Hill” from page 2, paragraph 2, line 4.

Elizabeth Kohler and Kevin Mason were guests to present a proposed project to modify an existing tower at 620 Ragged Mountain Rd. The purpose of the project is to enhance cell-phone coverage to rural areas, using FirstNet by AT&T and to assist with public safety efforts and first responders. The proposed change is to add a 40’ extension to the existing tower, add 9 panels to the extension and to add a cabinet and generator in the fenced in area around the tower. A question from the board was how wide would the panels make the tower? The exact measurements were not known at this time, but they estimated that it would be 10-12ft wide. Another question was if AT&T would be providing cell phone service to residents? The answer is yes, but the coverage might not be any different than what exists today from current providers. Does the town have a say, or will State law override our decision? State law permits extensions of up to 20’ without the town’s permission. The board’s recommendation at this time is to contact the Zoning Board to inquire about a special use permit and the possibility of a consecutive meeting with the Planning Board.

A discussion was held on the public hearing that was held on 1/8/19 in regards to the proposed changes to the LUZOs. The pages that are changing will need to be sent with all changes shaded and referenced. Anna will send that out. Jim Phelps presented the board with suggestions on how to word the questions for the proposed changes on the ballot in March. The board settled on the following language:

Question #1 - Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 1 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance?

This adopts the State Law's definition of recreational vehicles (campers) and defines when they can be used as a temporary residence.

Question #2 – Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment 2 as proposed by the Planning Board for the Land Use and Zoning Ordinance?

This defines storage units (shipping containers, Conex boxes, Tilton Trailer) and allows them to be placed on one's property for six months, before a building permit would be required. Building permit requirements will be the same as for other buildings.

The Board of Selectman requested the submissions from the boards for the Annual Town Report. John will draft the report for the Planning Board and send it to them.

Discussion was held on what needs to be reviewed for the Master and Development Agreement with Ragged Mountain. The lots that are being removed should be monitored.

There were no building permits to read into record.

At 8:24pm Bernie Golden made a motion to adjourn, Will Cowen seconded. **Motion passed unanimously.**