

Minutes of Zoning Board Meeting
Town of Whately, MA
Town Offices Building, 4 Sandy Lane
April 5, 2018

Members Present: Roger Lipton, Kristin Vevon, Fred Orloski
Members Absent:: Debra Carney, Bob Smith

Attending:

Michael A. Fenton, 1441 Main Street, Suite 1100, Springfield; Susan Gougeon and Joseph Korpiewski, 84 Haydenville Rd.

Application:

SBA Towers IX, LLC has applied for a one year extension to the Special Permit issued on 3/30/17 for the erection of a 100 foot wireless communications tower and associated equipment, on premises located at 84 Haydenville Road and owned by Joseph Korpiewski and Susan Gougeon.

Chair Roger Lipton opened the hearing at 6:45 pm. The secretary read the legal notice, and the applicant's attorney, Michael Fenton, agreed that it was accurate. Mr. Fenton, representing SBA Towers IX, LLC, explained that the requested extension is necessary to complete the large amount of due diligence work for the project. He said that in addition to the special permit, the many other pre-construction requirements include National Environmental Policy Act clearance (a minimum 6-month process), and the completion of work with Verizon Wireless on leasing, budgeting, and scheduling matters. He noted that it is difficult for a tower company to begin construction within one year given the number of towers in the pipeline.

Roger noted town counsel's advice that tonight's hearing needed to be held in order to amend the original decision. He asked whether there were any objections, and there were none. Fred Orloski asked whether the original decision included any restrictions. There was a condition, which Roger read aloud:

"All criteria designated in 178-28.2 must be met and adhered to with the exceptions of the height restriction and the criteria that the tower must be sited on town land".

Roger moved to close the public comment portion of the hearing and Kristin Vevon seconded the motion. Roger then moved to amend the original decision by extending the expiration date to May 10, 2019, still subject to the original decision's condition. The board unanimously voted its approval. Roger wrote the amended decision and the other members wrote their comments. All signed it.

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Approval of the minutes of March 1, 2018:

Roger moved to approve the minutes, Fred seconded, and Kristin abstained because she is an abutter to the subject property.

Documents Reviewed (kept in the Zoning Board files)

None.

Mary McCarthy
Secretary
Zoning Board of Appeals
Town of Whately, MA