

TOWN OF KILLINGTON ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
Meeting of July 10, 2019

Present: Ron Riquier, Gerard Gross, Daniel Milcarek, Ken Wonsor
Preston Bristow, Interim Zoning Administrator
Lucrecia Wonsor, Recording Secretary

Guests: Will Dodge and Kelsey Kehoe (Downs, Rachlin, Martin)
Glenda O'Connor (General Manager, Catamount Radio)
Jim Morrell (Owner, Pamal Broadcasting)
Bob Furlong (Executive Vice President, Pamal Broadcasting)

Ron Riquier, Chair opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

1. Approval of Agenda

Gerard Gross moved to approve the agenda as may be amended. Daniel Milcarek seconded. There being no changes, vote on Agenda as written. All in Favor.

2. Organizational Meeting

a. Floor was opened for nominations for Chair. Daniel Milcarek nominated Ron Riquier. There being no further nominations, Gerard Gross moved to close nominations. Daniel Milcarek second. All in Favor. One vote cast for Ron Riquier for Chair.

b. Floor was opened for nominations for Vice Chair. Ron Riquier nominated Ken Wonsor. There being no further nominations, Daniel Milcarek moved to close nominations. Gerard Gross second. All in Favor. One vote cast for Ken Wonsor for Vice Chair.

c. Floor was opened for nominations for Clerk. Ron Riquier nominated Lucrecia Wonsor. There being no further nominations, Daniel Milcarek moved to close nominations. Gerard Gross second. All in Favor. One vote cast for Lucrecia Wonsor for Clerk.

3. Citizen Input – None.

4. Public Hearing

Ron Riquier opened the hearing on Application 19-022 by Pamal Broadcasting Ltd dba Catamount Radio and the State of Vermont, Department of Forests, Parks and Recreation for extension to a communications tower and related activities.

Interim Zoning Administrator, Preston Bristow, explained the project consists of moving existing communications apparatus from the Fire Tower on Killington Peak to an adjacent lattice communications tower owned by the State of Vermont and under the current Zoning Bylaws, telecommunications projects are considered a conditional use and, therefore, must come before the Zoning Board of Adjustment for review.

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Applicant's Attorney, Will Dodge, gave a PowerPoint presentation summarizing the scope of the application. The proposal is to add a 20 foot extension onto an existing lattice communication tower located on Killington Peak and owned by the State of Vermont; decommission antennas on the existing adjacent Fire Tower; add 6 FM antennas and a parabolic grid dish to the State owned tower; and add a microwave dish to an existing equipment shelter. He noted that the project is consistent with the character of the area by using a designated mountain top communications site. The project takes advantage of co-location by creating more tower capacity. There will be no lighting or signage and the extension does not create a substantial increase in height. The plan is to start the project in late August/early September with targeted completion in spring, 2020.

After a brief question and answer period with the Board, Gerard Gross moved to close the hearing and go into deliberative session. Daniel Milcarek seconded. All in Favor.

The Board moved out of deliberative session at 6:40pm. Motion by Gerard Gross that Application #19-022 for Conditional Use be granted. Daniel Milcarek seconded. All in Favor.

Gerard Gross moved to authorize Ron Riquier to sign the Findings of Fact on behalf of the Zoning Board of Adjustment. Daniel Milcarek seconded. All in Favor.

5. Other Business

Preston distributed a draft Rules of Procedure and Conflict of Interest Policy for the Board's review and recommend the Board consider adopting such a policy.

Ron Riquier suggested the Board review the draft and act on it at the next meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. All in Favor

Respectfully submitted,

Lucrecia Wonsor
Recording Secretary

NOTE: These minutes have not been approved by the Zoning Board of Adjustment and are, therefore, subject to change.