



## Town of Burlington

**PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JULY 22, 2010 – 7:30PM  
BURLINGTON TOWN HALL – 200 SPIELMAN HIGHWAY**

**PRESENT:** Chairman Robert Angelillo, Christopher Chenette, George Curtis, Christopher Dupras, Richard Miller, Paul Rachielles; Alternates Rodolfo Franciamore and Matthew Reale; Recording Secretary Stacey Sefcik.  
**ABSENT:** Peter Dumais; Alternate Joseph Palmer.

Chairman Robert Angelillo called the meeting to order at 7:30PM. Christopher Chenette arrived to the meeting at 7:45PM. The entire proceedings were recorded on audio tape and are available in the Town Hall.

**1) CALL TO ORDER:**

**A. Attendance and Designation of Alternates.**

All regular members present were seated for the meeting.

**B. Approval of Minutes – July 8, 2010 regular meeting.**

**MOTION** Mr. Curtis, second Mr. Dupras, to accept the minutes of the July 8, 2010 regular meeting as written; unanimously approved.

**C. Citizen Comment.**

Barbara Pavlik Dahle, 100 Spielman Highway, addressed the Commission to express her opinion that the Town should retain a new engineering consultant as the present engineer seems to take too long in submitting reports to the Land Use commissions

**2) ZONING OFFICER REPORT:**

Mr. Angelillo read into the record the Zoning Officer Report prepared by ZEO Joseph Budrow.

**3) PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

**A. Application 2001 – Special Use Permit – LED Sign – Burlington Town Hall, 200 Spielman Highway. Applicant/Owner: Town of Burlington.**

First Selectman Cathy Bergstrom addressed the Commission regarding this application. Ms. Bergstrom reviewed with the Commission pictures of the proposed sign, explaining that it would have 2 granite posts and would be no more than 32 square feet per the regulations. She then stated that the LED area would be black with amber light, and that it would not flash. Ms. Bergstrom stated she had shown the proposed site to the Department of Transportation in order to ensure that the sign was not in the setback area.

Mr. Dupras read into the record a letter from ZEO Joseph Budrow regarding this matter which explained the requirements for the sign in order for the Commission to consider approval of the application. The Director of Public Works, Scott Tharau, next addressed the Commission to inform them that the sign would be no higher than 5 feet from the ground. At Mr. Miller's suggestion, Mr. Tharau agreed to additional landscaping so as to shield adjacent residents from the light from the sign. Mr. Franciamore cautioned that the specific plans, and not merely a conceptual drawing, should be agreed to ahead of time when purchasing the sign.

Mr. Angelillo then opened the floor to public comment. Barbara Pavlik Dahle addressed the Commission with a question as to how the sign would be powered. Ms. Bergstrom explained that it would be hooked into the Town Hall's electrical connection, and stated that the notices on the sign could be changed from within Town Hall. Mr. Angelillo asked about the hours the sign would be operational. Ms. Bergstrom stated that the sign may potentially be turned off during the early morning hours; however, Mr. Tharau stated that his crew would find it useful to have the sign operational while snowplowing.



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**MOTION** Mr. Curtis, second Mr. Rachielles, to close the Public Hearing in the matter of **Application 2001 – Special Use Permit – LED Sign – Burlington Town Hall, 200 Spielman Highway. Applicant/Owner: Town of Burlington**; unanimously approved.

5) **PENDING APPLICATIONS:**

- A. **Application 2001 – Special Use Permit – LED Sign – Burlington Town Hall, 200 Spielman Highway. Applicant/Owner: Town of Burlington.**

**MOTION** Mr. Curtis, second Mr. Angelillo, to approve the application in the matter of **Application 2001 – Special Use Permit – LED Sign – Burlington Town Hall, 200 Spielman Highway. Applicant/Owner: Town of Burlington** per all oral and written testimony; unanimously approved.

6) **NEW APPLICATIONS:**

No business was discussed.

7) **OTHER BUSINESS PROPER TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION:**

- A. **Discussion of Proposed Cell Tower on Milford Street and Finalization of Report to Board of Selectmen.**  
First Selectman Cathy Bergstrom addressed the Commission to explain that the Board of Selectmen had met the previous Tuesday and reviewed input from all Town boards and commissions, including that of the Planning and Zoning Commission, in order to draft a letter of recommendation regarding the proposed cell tower. Mr. Curtis then read into the record the letter from the Planning and Zoning Commission to the Board of Selectmen, which detailed concerns the Commission had regarding the proposed cell tower site. Ms. Bergstrom and the Commission then discussed the next steps in the application process, with Ms. Bergstrom stating that Verizon representatives had said another public informational session would be held before their proposal was submitted to the Siting Council. The Commission then discussed the possibility of expanding the cell tower already operational at the Town Fire Department.

Mr. Angelillo opened the floor to public comment on this matter. Nikki Cortes, 2 Saw Mill Road, addressed the Commission to state that Verizon had visited the Fire Department earlier in the week regarding the cell tower located there. Marianne Tuverson, 8 Saw Mill Road, next addressed the Commission in support of their recommendation letter, and asked for their support of the adjacent neighbors as this application progressed. Ms. Tuverson then asked for information regarding site maps and was referred to the Land Use office. Ms. Tuverson asked if the next public information meeting could be taped, and Ms. Bergstrom explained that as Verizon was holding the meeting, it would be their decision whether or not to tape it.

**MOTION** Mr. Angelillo, second Mr. Miller, to adjourn at 8:25PM; unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey M. Sefcik  
Planning and Zoning Clerk

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Christopher Dupras, Secretary  
Planning and Zoning Commission