

**Westwood Planning Board
Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2013
7:30 PM
Downey School Cafeteria**

Attendance & Call to Order:

Ch. Wiggin called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Present: Planning Board members Jack Wiggin, Steve Olanoff, Steve Rafsky, Bruce Montgomery and Chris Pfaff; Town Planner Nora Loughnane and Planning & Land Use Specialist Janice Barba, who recorded the minutes.

Public Hearing for Consideration of Special Permit and Environmental Impact & Design Review (EIDR) for Wireless Communication Facility at Public Storage, Inc. – 20 East Street

Ch. Wiggin read the legal notice of public hearing and opened the hearing at approximately 7:35 p.m.

Martin Cohen was present on behalf of the applicant, T-Mobile Northeast, LLC.

Highlights of Presentation:

- Nationwide modernization project to modify existing facility at 30 East Street.
- Three existing antennas will be replaced by three modernization project antennas, one per sector mounted at an elevation of 48'.6" on the existing building; a new 36" canister will be placed over the newly replaced antennas.
- Three equipment cabinets situated within T-Mobile's leased space;
- One hybrid cable will follow the route of the co-axial cables running from the antennas under the roof deck to the equipment cabinets within the building.

Board Questions & Comments:

- Why is the canister wider? (Mr. Cohen said the purpose is to hide the new antennas.)
- How high is this canister? (Mr. Cohen said it is approximately 45' high.)
- Can the canister be moved toward the center of the roof, away from the front position it is in now? (Mr. Cohen said the canister cannot be moved away from the front edge of the roof because this location is optimal for RF performance.)
- The current canister is painted a different color from the building; can it be painted with the same or complementary color to minimize visual impact? (Yes.)

Ms. Loughnane noted that she received two memos, one from the public safety officer informing that he has no traffic concerns with this application and plans; and a memo from the Health Director reporting that there are no health or environmental concerns as the applicant provided a statement of regulatory compliance.

Ms. Loughnane stated that the standard conditions and original conditions for this Wireless Communication Facility will be included in this decision.

Public Comments:

None.

Motion/Action Taken:

Upon a motion by Mr. Rafsky and seconded by Mr. Olanoff, the board voted unanimously in

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favor to approve this application, with standard conditions and conditions discussed.

New Business – Reserved for topics not reasonably anticipated, to be discussed

- Ms. Loughnane informed the board that it should consider having a settlement discussion regarding 401 Sandy Valley Road, before it goes back to the Land Court, with Town Counsel. This discussion would likely be held during an Executive Session at the next meeting of the board.
- The Finance Commission will attend the next meeting of the Board on Feb. 12th to hear the Fiscal Impact Report, as the report is pending.

Next Meetings:

Thursday, February 7th at 6:30 p.m., C/E/F Neighborhood Traffic Meeting

Tuesday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m., Downey School Cafeteria, 250 Downey Street

Wednesday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m., attend School Committee Meeting

Adjournment

Upon a motion by Mr. Montgomery and seconded by Mr. Pfaff, the board voted unanimously in favor to adjourn the meeting at approximately 8:05 p.m.

List of Documents, Materials and Exhibits

None.