

A motion was made by D. King, with a second by A. Gallagher, to adopt the resolution as drafted by the town attorney. Motion carried 5-0.

T. Dziejewicz asked if anyone could give him the time frame for which he can contest the action. No one knew the answer.

W. Keller said if he is serious about it, he could contact the Department of State and they would know if he would contact them.

Carrie Sloan commented on an unidentified man's comment about "asshole flatlanders" and said the flatlanders have some insight. They have been through this before and don't want to see it happen here.

D. Darling referred to information from an email regarding upcoming training.

On a motion by W. Keller, with a second by D. Cole, the meeting was adjourned at 8:11 p.m.. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Page
Recording secretary

D. Darling said the planning board has reviewed the application and information and has closed the public hearing. Tonight they will make a decision on the site plan. The attorney has sent all the information for review and he has sent the EAF forms Part 2 and Part 3 for the planning board to review, along with a resolution approving the siting permit and site plan approval in addition to making a negative declaration and approval for the telecommunications facility permit and site plan. See attached resolution.

Planning board members reviewed the resolution and D. Darling read it out loud for the record. The dates were amended in the resolution to reflect the improper notification for the original public hearing with a second public hearing held. See attached.

Planning board members then reviewed Part 2 of the EAF, with D. Darling reading each section and the responses out loud for the record. See attached

Planning board members then reviewed Part 3 of the EAF, with D. Darling reading each section out loud for the record. At the end of this part a determination was made. It is determined to be a Type 1 action with Parts 1,2 and 3 having no significant environmental impacts.

A motion was made by D. King, with a second by A. Gallagher that a negative declaration be issued. Motion carried 5-0. See attached.

A Gallagher said he wished to make a statement. I do agree there is a visual impact. I want the public to understand that I understand the visual impact.

An unidentified man said he hoped they had done it as a collective. He said there are historic signs all over the place. A. Gallagher answered that he didn't feel anyone here would disagree. But the way this is outlined here, I think we followed the procedure exactly.

Carrie Sloan said you all agreed there was minimum aesthetic impact. That is what all those boxes in Part 2 said.

T. Diziewit. Or recreational use. There is a snowmobile trail. Lets just put some more stuff on it. Lisa wants this, so lets get it in the books, so I can find a lawyer.

D. King said he believes they are talking about parks. There are no parks right here.

At this point, D. Darling tried to reign in the comments.

D. King said he would like to make a statement. He said there are people who cannot use their lifelines with the existing cell service. There are areas without cell service. He said the lawyer brought in by the residents at the December hearing was referring to items that require zoning laws. We do not have zoning.

Carrie Sloan said there were also better ways to select a location.

Town of Harpersfield Planning Board

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Minutes: January 29, 2025

Present: D. Darling, D. King, W. Keller, A. Gallagher and D. Cole

Also present: L. Page, N. Brower, Lawen Knox, Rich Bellinger, Debbie Rybicky, Ted Dziewit; Amanda Shaffer, Betty Jone, Amber and David Miller, Andrea Harn, Gary Harn, Pierre Bessez, Karly Bessez and Carrie Sloan.

D. Darling called the meeting to order at 7 p.m..

D. Cole will be a voting member in the absence of F. Ciulla.

The secretary printed the wrong minutes and a motion was made by W. Keller, with a second by A. Gallagher, to review the minutes for approval at the February meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

Karley Bessez was present regarding a subdivision application for property off Middlebrook Hill Road. D. Darling explained he had not submitted the notice for the public hearing to the legal publication, which changed to the Mountain Eagle. Therefore, the hearing will have to take place at the February meeting. However, planning board members reviewed the application. She provided the survey map which showed the location of the percolation test. She was asked to bring it all back next month.

Dave Miller was present regarding a possible subdivision on O'Dell Lake Road. It involves three tax parcels which he wished to recombine into a single parcel that he is conveying to the Watershed. He is making it a single tax entity. They are all whole parcels. D. Darling said there was a similar circumstance before, however, there is nothing in the town's subdivision regulations regarding the consolidation of lots. The planning board has no concerns with the consolidation of parcels. N. Brower said it depends on the level of review. Boundary line adjustments can deal with the combination of parcels or the county tax department can erase the lines with the filing of a survey map showing it as one to be filed. A letter describing the parcels will be written and he will return to the planning board with the changed survey map.

Bill Boyle, who was not present, is proposing a boundary line adjustment that was presented by board member D. King. It will combine the business property on state Rt. 23 with the old farm parcel across the highway. He will be putting the lots back together (previously subdivided) around the old barn and houses. There is a completed application and a sketch plan for the planning board's review.

A motion was made by D. King, with a second by D. Cole, to classify it as a boundary line adjustment. Motion carried 5-0.

A new deed was produced and the new deed and a new tax map and description must be returned to the planning board.

The Verizon Cell Tower proposal. The town attorney and the Verizon attorney were not present due to weather.