

Town of Cornish  
**PLANNING BOARD**

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**Monday, September 8, 2014**

**BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES (Approved 10/6/14) 5 Yeas, 0 Nays**

**In Attendance:** John Morrissey, Ken Hall, Bill Hoxie, Norm Harding, Mat Cama

**Guests:** Robyn & Brent Anderson, Peter Marchant, Seth & Nicole Brooker, Diann Perkins, Nancy Perkins, Dan Sherman, Darrell Watson, Angel Eastman, Sandra Watts, Steve & Mona Smith, Jeremy Smith, Jim Weeks

**Call Meeting to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:34 PM by John Morrissey

**New Business:**

1. **Application Continued:** Robyn and Brent Anderson wish to split the property at 26 Pavilion Road into two separate lots. A recent survey revealed that there was sufficient land to do so. Planning Board will vote on the application.
  - a. There being no further discussion Norm Harding moved to approve the application, seconded by Mat Cama. Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. The Letter of Approval was signed.
2. **Application Received:** Peter Marchant, agent for U. S. Cellular and KJK Wireless has submitted an application to upgrade the installation at the Crown Castle tower on Wadsworth Road (Map R-02, Lot 064-B) by adding three antennas to the array at the 130 foot level. Abutters have been notified. Planning Board will hear discussion and vote on the application.
  - a. Peter Marchant gave additional information on the wattage and frequency for the antennas to be added. The power being added will be 200 watts at 700 MHZ. There being no further discussion, Norm Harding moved to approve the application, seconded by Ken Hall. Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. The Letter of Approval was signed.
3. **Application Received:** Seth Brooker has applied for a permit to build a garage on his property at 42 Kimball Hill Road (Map R-07, Lot 008-D). Due to the steep slope, he is requesting a side setback variance from 30 feet to 20 feet (10 feet from the near roadside corner of the proposed garage). An inspection by CEO Wes Sunderland revealed the request to be reasonable. Abutters have been notified; Planning Board will hear discussion and vote on the application.
  - a. Mr. Brooker explained that the steep slope of the land would create an undue hardship if the side setback of 30' was adhered to. The Planning Board and Cornish CEO, Wes Sunderland agreed. Mat Cama moved that the setback variance of 10' be approved, seconded by Norm Harding. Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays. The Letter of Approval was signed.
  - b. Mr. Brooker called on Friday, September 19, and noted the Letter of Approval incorrectly listed the variance as 15' rather than the 10' requested. Upon checking the SPRC and the minutes of the meeting, it was the Secretary's error. Mr. Brooker was notified that a corrected copy would be signed at the next workshop meeting on September 23<sup>rd</sup>.
4. **Application Update:** The Cornish Planning Board received a request from Calista Cross, President of the *Cornish Veterans Monument Organization* to place a Veterans' Monument on the property at 185 Main Street [Stone Ridge Restaurant] (Map U-06, Lot 009) with permission of the owner (Richard Jiang d/b/a COUNTRY HOME, LLC). The Planning Board will hear further discussion on the application.
  - a. The Veterans Monument Organization was not represented.
  - b. John Morrissey gave the audience a brief recap of the status of the application to date.
    - i. This is the second meeting the Organization has not been represented (August 18, 2014 Workshop Meeting and September 8, 2014 Business Meeting).
    - ii. The property owner (Richard Jiang) has attended no meetings, nor has he appointed a designee.
    - iii. The Board sent a letter dated August 26, 2014 to the Organization stating our expectations for the process to move forward (attached). To date, none of the requested information has been received.
    - iv. John spoke with Richard Jiang's partner regarding the placement of the monument at Stone Ridge and gave a brief recap of that conversation.



v. The Chair welcomed comments from the floor.

1. Darrell Watson felt that John had "set a precedent" by reaching out to her without doing so to other people present tonight, and called for him to step down as chairman.
2. John responded by explaining that he was getting her take on the situation in an attempt to move the process along.
3. Norm Harding stated that since we have not seen a lease or any other information we requested, we have nothing to approve or disapprove; the application should be over.
4. Diann Perkins stated that everyone wants a monument in town, but the Organization refuses to hear input from the citizens.
5. Darrell Watson favors the cemetery, as parades start at the Town Hall and end at the gazebo in Riverside Cemetery; it makes no sense to have a monument far outside of town.
6. Jim Weeks asked what is wrong with the town? All of this controversy does nothing for the veterans. He described the existing "monuments" as inadequate. He volunteered to talk to the Organization to move things along.

c. John suggested a letter be sent to the Veterans Monument Organization explaining why the application cannot move forward, according to our Bylaws.

- i. The Planning Board Bylaws state that all applications expire 60 days after the first hearing, and cannot be extended unless a delay is caused by governmental agencies.<sup>1</sup>
- ii. The applicant or a designee must attend the hearing.<sup>2</sup>
- iii. If the property owner is not the applicant for any given application, the applicant or his/her designee must have a letter from the property owner, addressed to the Board, stating that the applicant/designee is authorized to represent the owner for the purpose of the application.<sup>3</sup>
- iv. The Organization has not responded to the Board's request for information as detailed in the letter dated August 26, 2014.

v. A follow-up letter will be sent to Calista Cross, President of the Organization. (Attached)

<sup>\*\* 1, 2, 3</sup> Cornish Planning Board Bylaws and Rules of Conduct, Article VI, Section 4, Paragraphs c, d, e. (Page 6)

5. Application Update: Justin Libby seeks permission to build a 30' x 40' garage with a small guest house above at 60 Nick Nate Drive (Map R-02, Lot 004A).

a. Justin Libby was not represented.

b. A letter inquiring the status of the application will be sent. (Attached)

6. Approve the minutes of the Business meeting of August 4, 2014.

a. Ken Hall moved the minutes be approved as presented, seconded by Norm Harding. Vote: 5 Yeas, 0 Nays.

7. Other: None

Unfinished Business: None

Public Comment: See #4 above

Communications Sent/Received:

Agenda Items for Next Meeting: Workshop Meeting – Tuesday, September 23, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

1. Approve Minutes of Workshop Meeting of August 18, 2014
2. Amendment to the bylaws re: Freedom of Access/Right to Know form. (Attached)
3. Other:

Adjourn: 8:01 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

*W Hoxie*

William Hoxie  
Planning Board Secretary