

**TOWN OF PATTERSON  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
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**AGENDA & MINUTES**

**Proposed Putnam Lake Fire Department Telecommunications Facility  
*Special Meeting***

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**Zoning Board of Appeals  
April 10, 2012 Meeting Minutes**  
Held at the Patterson Recreation Center  
65 Front Street  
Patterson, NY 12563

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Present were: Chairman Lars Olenius, Board Member Howard Buzzutto, Board Member Mary Bodor, Board Member Marianne Burdick, Board Member Gerald Herbst and Rich Williams, Town Planner.

Chairman Olenius called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

There were approximately 40 members of the audience.

Sarah Mayes was the secretary for this meeting and transcribed the following minutes.

Chairman Olenius led the salute to the flag.

Roll Call:

Board Member Bodor	-	here
Board Member Burdick	-	here
Board Member Buzzutto	-	here
Board Member Herbst	-	here
Chairman Olenius	-	here

**1) VERIZON WIRELESS CASE #07-12**

Ms. Leslie Snyder and Mr. Jordan Fry, attorneys from Snyder & Snyder, were both present.

The Secretary read the following legal notice:

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE TOWN OF PATTERSON BOARD OF APPEALS** of a public hearing to be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Patterson Recreation Center, 65 Front Street, Patterson, Putnam County, New York to consider the following application:

### **Verizon Wireless Case #07-12 – Use Variance and Area Variances**

Applicant is requesting a use variance and area variances in order to install a public utility wireless communications facility. The Patterson Town Code does not permit wireless communication facilities in the GB Zoning District. The proposed facility consists of a 140' flagpole with antennas mounted within, with related equipment at the base. §154-7 of the Patterson Town Code, Schedule of regulations, states that the maximum height of a structure is 38'; Variance requested is for 102'. The Code also states that impervious surface coverage not exceed 65%; 67.6% is being proposed; Variance requested is for 2.6%. This property is located at 72 Fairfield Drive (GB Zoning District).

Chairman Olenius stated do the applicants want to come forward and...I know you submitted some new information to us tonight.

**Audience member stated** is there any way you guys can turn up the volume.

**Audience member stated** we can't hear.

**Audience member stated** you're too far from the microphone.

Board Member Bodor stated bring the mics in closer.

Leslie Snyder stated good evening.

Chairman Olenius stated good evening.

Leslie Snyder stated good evening Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board. My name is Leslie Snyder. I'm a partner at the law firm of Snyder & Snyder. I'm here tonight on behalf of New York SMSA Limited Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless. As you recall, we appeared before this Board back in February in connection with the variance application filed by Verizon Wireless to install public utility wireless communication facility at the property known as 72 Fairfield Drive, Patterson, New York. The facility will enable Verizon Wireless to provide wireless communications to the area and has been strategically located on the property owned by the Putnam Lake Fire Department in the General Business Zoning District. The facility consists of a 140' flagpole with internal antennas together with related equipment at the base. The facility will be screened by a memorial wall, incorporating the facility into a memorial garden at the property, as well as additional landscaping. At your February 15<sup>th</sup> meeting, this Honorable Board requested that Verizon Wireless have a site visit on the property with both the Zoning Board and the Planning Board. And there was a crane located at the property that was elevated to the 140' in order to make a visual assessment of the facility. In connection with that, we have supplied this Board with a visual analysis that was prepared by Creative Visuals. That's in your packet. And that includes photos from fifteen viewpoints in the surrounded area taken during the crane test. It should be noted that the visual assessment was performed when there were no leaves on the trees, so essentially, it's you worst case scenario. And in accordance with the fifteen viewpoints, the facility was not even visible from eleven of the fifteen viewpoints. In locations where the facility was visible, we did have a simulated rendering of the facility; that's included in your packet. So you can see what the facility would look like up in those locations. The simulation of the facility also includes the proposed memorial wall and the equipment shelter, which replaces the existing shed on the property. As noted in the visual analysis, I think

you will find that through intervening vegetation, topography and the stealth design of the facility, you will not have significant visual impact on the surrounding area. In accordance with your Planner's comments, we have updated our site plan. That's all included in your packet and they're on the board here this evening. With respect to the memorial wall, we are proposing to come...leave it at 8' unless the Board would prefer that we have it at 6'. The thought at that the site visit was that the 8' helped to screen the base of the flagpole and that it looked nice in the surroundings. So we did include that as part of our variance request. But if the Board would prefer a 6' wall, you know, we have no objection. We just felt that it really wasn't keeping with its appearance. With respect to the impervious surfaces, we are not going to be adding additional gravel. So we are doing the very minor addition of impervious surfaces. We're proposing 67.6 [percent] and currently it's 66.6 [percent]. So we're just adding 1% of impervious surfaces so that it's a de minimis amount. With respect to structural information, we did submit a report from our structural engineer who is...in connection with the flagpole to show that it meets all the design standards. We also included a letter from the engineer confirming that the backup generator will comply with your noise ordinance. We did receive on, I believe it was Friday, a memorandum from the Town's radio frequency consultant, Mr. Graiff. And we did have a conference call with him today to go over the additional materials that he is requesting and we will be submitting that in connection with your...at the next meeting. So we're here tonight to answer any questions the Board may have. I have with me tonight Ms. Tammy Nosek who is the engineer from Tectonic Engineering.

Chairman Olenius stated has the office received an official amendment to your application with regards to the change in impervious surface.

Leslie Snyder stated yes. That's included in this packet.

Chairman Olenius stated okay. And the 2' for the...

Leslie Snyder stated for the wall.

Chairman Olenius stated wall also.

Leslie Snyder stated if you look at the very first visual, we did a rendering of what the wall would look like simulated so you can get a sense.

Chairman Olenius stated I haven't had a chance to review the actual architectural drawings yet. But could you tell me off the top of your head what the height of the structure is in compare...I see the wall is proposed at 8' from the visual. Is the structure 10'. I don't...I'm just guessing.

Leslie Snyder stated you're talking about the shed.

Chairman Olenius stated yes.

Leslie Snyder stated our equipment shelter is about 12' in height. And that will also have a brick façade. So the idea is you get this memorial garden will have the brick, small equipment shelter instead of there's a wood shed now. And then we'll have that nice wall, which will be a memorial for the firefighters and then the flagpole with some landscaping that's proposed as well.

Chairman Olenius stated I'm just going through things quickly because I'm just running through

the packet here and I briefly went over this...And this may be a question for your engineer...

**Audience member stated** speak up or use the microphone.

Chairman Olenius stated I have a question with regards to the wind loading on this tower. Is that...This evidence you submitted here with regards to its strength in a wind induced load, is that...Is this with a flag flying.

Leslie Snyder stated yes.

Chairman Olenius stated it is. Okay. I didn't know if this was just for a monopole without any additional load on it. And this tower is designed to collapse upon itself is...

Leslie Snyder stated correct.

Chairman Olenius stated basically...

Leslie Snyder stated it has a breakpoint so that it would not be able to physically...You know, it shouldn't...In the unlikely event that it ever just fell, it wouldn't hit any adjacent structures that were off the property.

Chairman Olenius stated okay. I apologize. Most of my new questions are from what you just submitted...

Leslie Snyder stated yes. No...

Chairman Olenius stated I was trying to breeze...

Leslie Snyder stated we, honestly, were putting a lot of materials together for you with the visual, etcetera. So we understand that the Board may have comments at the next meeting with regards to these materials.

Chairman Olenius stated yes. We're going to need a little bit of time...

Leslie Snyder stated yes.

Chairman Olenius stated to digest all this new information.

Leslie Snyder stated right. Obviously, we have to get your other materials. So, we're hoping tonight to get whatever public comments and get the input so we that we can address all of them at your next meeting.

Chairman Olenius stated and you did say you'd received the memo from our RF Engineer, Mr. Graiff, and you were going to address all the topics that...

Leslie Snyder stated yes.

Chairman Olenius stated he brought in here. Okay.

Leslie Snyder stated we had received that on Friday. So yes, we will.

Chairman Olenius stated do you guys have anything else before I open it up to the public comment. Anything.

Board Member Burdick stated I'm going to peruse through everything.

Chairman Olenius stated do you have anything else before I open it up to the public.

Board Member Buzzutto stated no. I don't have anything.

Chairman Olenius stated okay. I want to open to the public for comments and questions. We're not too overloaded, but I will still ask that you limit... Try and not be as too redundant. But if anybody would like to come up and state your name at the podium and pose the question to the Applicant.

**Rick Mac Rae stated** I'm Dr. Rick Mac Rae. I'm a resident in Patterson and operate a dental practice in Patterson. I don't think there's any question that the reputation and the service provided by the Fire Department as first respondent to something deserves the gratitude of the Town for probably about 60 years. They certainly become part of the landscape, but they just don't understand a stretch in this direction as part of the landscape. Certainly, a 140' structure is so far out of scale with anything else that's in the Town that you really have to ask serious questions about it. Second, as far as what counsel had mentioned about the visibility is concerned. About 10 years ago, I served as Chair of Putnam Lake Improvement Committee: an advisory group to the Town on ways that Putnam Lake could be improved. One of the things that we did was to request the County Highway Department to conduct a count... vehicle count. The number of vehicles going through that intersection: Haviland and Fairfield. There were about 4 million vehicles at that time going through. So, even though this structure may not be too apparent from some of the locations that have been mentioned, certainly that entryway, that intersection, is certainly the gateway to Putnam Lake and is certainly highly visible to the 4 million vehicles that go through there. The third question I would ask is what is going to be the impact of property values. On commercially established and residences in that area. Again, certainly something like that would have to be taken into account. Thank you.

Chairman Olenius stated is that 4 million vehicles annually.

**Rick Mac Rae stated** yes.

Chairman Olenius stated okay.

**Rick Mac Rae stated** that was approximately in the year 2000.

Chairman Olenius stated okay. Thank you.

**Dede Lifgren stated** my name is Dede Lifgren. I remember in 2010 we were in this room when the... before the Quail Ridge tower was approved. Mr. Buzzutto, then Chairman of the Zoning Board, asked whether the tower at Quail Ridge would sufficiently provide service for Putnam Lake and also if it would provide service for the Fire Department. We were told that the answer was yes and it would provide service for Putnam Lake. I believe that if Verizon truly wanted to provide adequate service, or any service better than it is now for their Putnam Lake customers, they could have gone on the tower that's up over a year now to do so. If Verizon was at Quail

Ridge, there would be no coverage gap, especially considering now there's signal coming from (inaudible) Connecticut. So this would mean that if the tower was not placed at the fire house and moved elsewhere, Verizon couldn't claim loss of coverage. It would eliminate the need for two towers in Putnam Lake and provide service where the gap does exist. I think the, as I understand it, the Federal Communications Act says that public safety and welfare can and should be considered and that the least intrusive of locations for service should be factored in. So, I believe the Zoning Board set a precedent by denying a tower 1800 feet away at the boathouse, saying it would be too close to homes and too intrusive to the community. A cell tower at the fire house places it even closer to homes, within the fall zone of buildings that would be within 140' of one private residence and two public buildings. The fall zone also covered a convergence of the three major roadways in and out of Putnam Lake. And although they don't fall often, they do fall. Simple Google search can show many on fire because of lightening or fall over from wind or accidents. I don't think any family should have to worry about that slightest possibility. It has been, I think, pretty well established that there is a reduce in property values and job and home sales if they are close by. And that simply, just because of the view and because of the possibility that health concerns could exist. It comes with also a change in character for our community. The application says that it will blend in with the surrounding environment, but I don't think this is the case for people who live right there or pass or shop through every day. Nor will a memorial, any memorial, underneath that could possibly blend 140' tower or the shed that's I believe 25' long. So, I don't think any memorial is really going to (inaudible) with that. Plus there's also a 25' flag on the top which I don't believe could even be taken down at half mass because of the size and the nearby trees, which would probably mean that the flag would have to stay up during nighttime hours and I guess etiquette would be that it would have to be lit up to do so which would also impact the neighbors. And I think also in 140' tall, it would have to be serviced by a crane every time it needed to be serviced, which would mean impeding traffic in that three major roadway area. Lastly, according to the...a local tower provider that I've spoken to, the footprint area directly under the tower receives the worst coverage because signal radiates outward and not down. The commercial center of Putnam Lake would therefore be in worst position to receive improved coverage, and ironically leaving the Fire Department with a major disadvantage. I personally request that the Zoning Board ask Verizon to look for an alternate site that's less intrusive and also, perhaps, go to where the gap exists. I know further south there is a Putnam County lot available and perhaps Green Chimneys would be interested in the woods in the back. Just some suggestions. But I would appreciate you considering that. Thank you.

[Audience applause]

**Terrance O'Brien stated** hello. My name is Terrance O'Brien. Thanks for coming out everybody. I admire the Fire Department very much. I've known, you know, these guys for 20 years. This is not an attack on them whatsoever. But, I'm going to make it short and sweet; ridiculous for putting a tower in the middle of our town, first of all. It's ridiculous. Second of all, my house is the closest to where that tower's going to be. As soon as I open my door, that's what I'm going to see. That big, ridiculous. I'll ask anybody, anybody in this room, would you want to open your door and that tower. No. Plain and simple. Thank you.

[Audience applause]

**Barbara See stated** hello. Barbara See, 12 Batavia Road. Another location really needs to be found for this. The house directly behind it and the 25' flag waving by its windows, having the lights lit up at night to illuminate the flag; you can't do this to somebody's home. The way that

this affects the home values and the sales, they say that it doesn't, but it will. Next to me...I'm Batavia Road's one...two roads in back of it. I'll be able to see it directly from my home. One home directly next to me has been empty for three years. Another one across the street has been empty since July. They're not going to sell. A cell tower goes up there, they're not going to sell. My home property values are going to continue to diminish. I'm never...It's never going to be an investment. That's what's going to happen putting something like that in our Town, in this small town. The fall zone, as Dede had brought up. Where is...You know, these things fall. It's not often but it happens. It has to be considered, you know, our safety. But, another location really needs to be found for this and I'm sure there's one out there. Thank you.

Chairman Olenius stated thank you.

[Audience applause]

**Marguerite Shortt stated** hi. My name is Marguerite Shortt and I live in Putnam Lake. Actually, I am a loyal Verizon user. Everything in my home is Verizon. My cell phone, my landline, actually my internet and my husband who worked for Verizon for 39 years.

[Laughter]

**Marguerite Shortt stated** however, Verizon and I part ways on this and I'm afraid that I will change my cell service if this tower went up. I have pictures here, if I may give them to you. These pictures show how intrusive this is, especially to the homes in the area. And in these pictures, you will see a little miniature flag. That little miniature flag, and it looks miniature in comparison to the tower, that little miniature flag is at our memorial that we...Our Veterans Memorial. Anything in scale to this tower looks miniature. So either we...Either we live in a little, miniature area or this thing is completely out of sync with the rest of our Town. I hope you will consider asking Verizon to look for another site if another site is needed. I have to say that I have four bars on my Verizon phone since the Titicus Mountain site...since they went on the Titicus Mountain site. So, I have no problem with my Verizon phone although I will if the tower goes up. Thank you very much.

[Audience applause]

**Marjorie Auteri stated** good evening, my name is Marjorie Auteri and I hope you can answer a couple of questions about the tower. (Inaudible – too distant) Who benefits financially. I mean, we're talking about health things which I agree with (inaudible – too distant).

**Audience member stated** use the microphone.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** who gets...I assume there's an exchange of money. Who benefits. Does Putnam Lake benefit. Does the Fire Company benefit. Does the Town benefit. Where...I assume this isn't a freebee. (Inaudible – too distant) freebee.

Chairman Olenius stated I wouldn't know that answer. We're going to wait until all the questions have been posed and then we're going to ask the Applicant to fill us in because I honestly don't...

**Marjorie Auteri stated** you know, so the lawyer knows who would gain or how much money or the maintenance, you know, of this cell tower. In other words, who benefits financially from the

cell tower at (inaudible – too distant).

**Leslie Snyder stated** I'm assuming you don't want me to have direct dialogue, so...

Chairman Olenius stated no. We're taking all the questions down and they'll come up and address them all at the end. We're just writing a list right now.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** thank you.

Chairman Olenius stated you're welcome. Thank you. Anybody else.

Board Member Buzzutto stated is this the house that has the taxi out of it.

Board Member Bodor stated yes.

Chairman Olenius stated yes.

**Charlie Tucker stated** Charlie Tucker and I'm also a Putnam Lake resident. I happen to be not a Verizon fan. Everything in my house is Verizon, but I'm not a Verizon fan. But I think this is a good thing for Verizon and for Putnam Lake and for the residents. I sat here and I listened to people say that this tower is going to be unsightly. Well, you want to see something unsightly. Stand at the abandoned garage. By Putnam Lake Market you look down and go look at those wires. Across the room. Not one of you stands there and complain about the electric company, the (inaudible) company, or the telephone company. That's the ugliest spider web I've ever seen in my life. And I've been there since 1976.

**Audience member stated** they've been there for 50 years

**Charlie Tucker stated** and they've been there. That's right. And now you don't even see them. And that's what's going to happen to the tower. Okay. I don't know how you're going to see it when half of you don't even know it's a tower on Noletti's property because you don't see it. Okay. What happens is 6 months you become blind to it. And this nonsense about any kind of radiation or anything like that. (Inaudible – too distant) on any of (inaudible) anywhere. The Federal Government has stated that. So I...And as far as that other lady who just asked the question, the Fire Department is definitely going to benefit from this. Okay, and if they do we benefit by it by the less money that they want to conduct their business and to protect us. So I'm absolutely in favor of it. I'm tired of NIMBYs in this Lake. Everybody's saying not in my backyard, I don't go out and look at it. Well, you can put it in my backyard, okay. And I'll take the money and I'll look at that thing every day. And I'll salute. That's the way I feel about. And it's about time. I can get no service in the market. No service down Fairfield...Today, I'm coming down Fairfield Drive, completely lost service and I had Verizon. And my house service is in and out. I got to stand in my kitchen against the sink on one side of the house to get service to be able to carry on a conversation. If I walk to the other side of the room, I lose it. And I'm on Sagamore Road, okay. It's just down from the Church which is in line with that new tower. So we do need this and I urge you to pass it.

**Jenn Crivelli stated** hi. Jenn Crivelli. I live on Putnam Lake. We haven't...My husband and I haven't been living here twenty years or thirty years. We've been here about seven years and we moved to this area to get away from the city and have a nice, quiet environment. And we're not NIMBYs. We're concerned about the way this looks in the middle of our town. It's, as said

before by many people very eloquently, that it looks ridiculous. It's 140' and it doesn't fit in. And maybe you want to walk out of your house and see the tower and you're fine with that because you're going to get then money. We're not fine with it. We live diagonal from the garden center, we're the house up on the hill. And when they put the tower up it was ridiculous. It was too huge for that red flag on top and it looked absolutely ridiculous. I can't imagine how the person living right behind it feels. They said earlier that it falls, it does fall. It doesn't happen often. I mean, I think these concerns that everybody has brought up are big concerns. And, you know, the Putnam Lake Fire Department does an amazing job. We had an accident at our house and they came within minutes and they did a super job. And we applaud you for that. There is no doubt. But then, you know, seeking extra money, well then, you know, that can't be just that they make extra money. All these other things have to be taken into account. And as said earlier, there is another tower. Why not put another, whatever it is, extension onto that tower that's already there. And I know you said people pass that other tower but they don't see it. We do see it. We realize it's there. It's been here. I have AT&T. I have excellent service. My neighbor has Sprint, she has excellent service. If you're unhappy and you're hanging out the kitchen window, change your provider. No, and I'm serious.

[Audience applause]

**Jenn Crivelli stated** if it's that bad, change it. You know, I couldn't stay...I wouldn't be happy with that. I didn't want to go on public record...I don't think many people said anything about radioactive waves. If you came up here and mentioned that, that might be a possibility. You know, I've been reading online. It's our first amendment right, you know, it's ridiculous the Federal Government said there's no direct correlation between, you know cell phone towers and radioactive waves. However, it is our first amendment right to speak and that is a concern of people. I have three small children. My neighbors have two children. It is a concern. Just because the Federal Government doesn't say it happens, doesn't mean it's not. There are so many things that the FDA say that are not happening, and they are. I mean, it's ridiculous just to throw that out the window as well. So thank you.

[Audience applause]

Chairman Olenius stated anyone else. Going once. Going twice. Okay. We'll let the Applicant respond to some of the questions that were brought up, if you can tonight. Or to what ability you have.

Leslie Snyder stated some of the concerns that were made was a concern as to whether the tower could affect any property values. I think first it should just be noted that this site is in a General Business Zoning District. It is in a non-residential zoning district next to other utility type pieces: the Fire Department, etcetera. Plus, we have done studies over the years for towers that are in existence as to whether they've had an impact on property values. We will share that with the Board at the next meeting. And it's been found to not have any adverse impact to the surrounding area. With respect to...I know a few members of the audience mentioned the Quail Ridge site and why can't Verizon go on that site and it wouldn't need this tower. Verizon is planning on going on that site. When they have done their testing, even with them going on that site, they will need a site in this area. And that's why they've located it, taking into account, the Quail Ridge site. And we will provide...We provided some documentation to that effect at our last meeting and we will be providing some additional documentation that your expert requested to further (inaudible) those statements that we've made. But our plan is to go to Quail Ridge and also to have this site as well. I think there was a question as to who benefits financially. Verizon

Wireless does have a lease with the Putnam Lake Fire Department. We've spent a lot of time, not only just on the lease and the monetary terms, but also that strategically to design it in such a fashion that really the way the topography and vegetation of that area it will not become...it really will not be readily visible. It's going to look like a flagpole. A flagpole is typically 36 inches at the bases tapering to 18 inches at the top. It's not a huge structure. It is just a pole. Antennas are inside.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** that doesn't answer the question of the finances that will be paid to...

Board Member Buzzutto stated come up to the microphone.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** that information (inaudible – too distant) to the fire department. What is the monetary compensation.

Leslie Snyder stated I think...That's confidential terms. I think you're not entitled to know. You're asking what is the rent. But they will be compensated.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** we're not entitled to know.

Leslie Snyder stated no. It's not a public document. With respect to health, we have submitted a report to establish that our site meets all the FCC standards. We are way below the standards with respect to the installation. And that I saw was reviewed by your expert who I believe stated for the record that it met all the standards and that health was not an issue. I believe that was on part of his review. Maybe I can just quote.

“The Board may rest assured that there are no health or safety issues associated radio frequency emissions from the site.”

This was off page, I believe it is page 5 of his report.

Chairman Olenius stated yes.

Leslie Snyder stated I think one of the reasons the Fire Department agreed to enter into a lease was also that many of his volunteers do rely on Verizon Wireless' service and this will enable them to be sure that they can respond for emergency 9-1-1. You know, we've had a lot of emergency events lately with hurricanes, winter storms, etcetera. And this will further enable them to properly respond. I believe that's all the questions that I believe the Board raised and we will submit that supplemental information.

Chairman Olenius stated I had one more here and I don't know if you can answer it or not. One person asked if the flag can be lowered or raised from the ground.

Leslie Snyder stated yes. I mean, the flag...There's no issue. There's plenty of room. One of the...I know there was some members asked do we need to have a flag. That will be up to the Board. I think the Fire Department was in favor of having the flag. I mean, we...It's up to the Board, you know. The Fire Department wanted to put Putnam Lake Fire Department so they would have light be...light itself. But that would be up to the Board.

Chairman Olenius stated so no decision's been totally made on that.

Leslie Snyder stated we're proposing with the flag so that it looks nice and, you know, the Fire Department is obviously, you know, patriotic, as we all are. But if that was a concern of the Board, we can talk to the Fire Department. Their idea was to make it so it's kind of a memorial instead of all...it's integrated. But from our perspective, we don't need the, you know, we don't need the flag as part of our service. So their part of the stealth design.

**Audience member stated** was that a yes, it can be lowered from the ground or a no.

Leslie Snyder stated the flag will be able to be lowered, I believe up and down, like a regular flagpole. That's what she asking. Kind of just to clarify for the Board, and make sure you're aware of it, when giving service to the flagpole we will not be stopping traffic or anything like that. We will be able to service, maintain, etcetera, we will not be in the street or doing anything of that sort, even to construct it.

Chairman Olenius stated to do everything from the site.

Leslie Snyder stated yes.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** will it be in the Fire Department's parking lot where if there's a call for an emergency (inaudible – too distant).

Leslie Snyder stated actually, they park further up. Like for our site visit, I parked where the firemen parked. So they parked...They can park further up behind the Fire Department.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** so you parked the car where you're going to be parking the...

Chairman Olenius stated I'm sorry. If you're going to converse you have to come up so we can get it on the record.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** so you parked the car where they're going to be doing construction vehicles.

Leslie Snyder stated I think you misunderstood.

Board Member Buzzutto stated can you talk into the mic.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** I'm sorry.

Leslie Snyder stated you said that you would be parking...

**Marjorie Auteri stated** no. You said they wouldn't be distracting traffic. So where would the construction be done.

Leslie Snyder stated there's room on that side.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** and what if there's an emergency and the Fire Company has to go through there.

Leslie Snyder stated we're not going to be blocking that section where their trucks come out.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** because you parked your car there, not a construction vehicle.

Leslie Snyder stated no, I think you're misunderstanding. Our construction vehicle can park on that side of the fire house and not be impeding any vehicles from getting out, etcetera.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** right. But what if there's an emergency and the Fire Company has to come. Where are they going (inaudible – too distant).

Leslie Snyder stated there's parking behind the Fire...

Chairman Olenius stated this is not a matter for this Board right now. I'm sorry, Ma'am.

**Marjorie Auteri stated** okay.

Chairman Olenius stated that's logistics they have to work out. Not consideration of this Board.

Board Member Buzzutto stated can I ask you, how did this site become interested to Verizon. This particular site. Was you approached by the Fire Department or...

Leslie Snyder stated no, what Verizon Wireless does as part of their process they are constantly testing their site in their network to see where they need coverage and where they have, what's known as gaps in service.

Board Member Buzzutto stated right.

Leslie Snyder stated and so what they do is they identify an area where there's a gap in service and then we have real estate professionals who go out and look at sites to be able to fill that gap in service. So we approached the Fire Department. That was...

Board Member Buzzutto stated there were other sites tested...

Leslie Snyder stated it's very difficult in that area. With respect to the alternatives, we will submit to you what alternatives...we will (inaudible) why those were not acceptable. We are trying to get that intersection, you know...

Board Member Buzzutto stated yes.

Leslie Snyder stated as related topography, it's very difficult. It's very...the roads here are not, you know, an area of roads it's not like Long Island where it's flat. We've got very curves and we are trying to get the intersection and that surrounding area coverage.

Board Member Buzzutto stated but that is not basically the only section of Putnam Lake that that tower could go in to give you ample service.

Leslie Snyder stated well, you have the Quail Ridge site which will...

Board Member Buzzutto stated right.

Leslie Snyder stated get the Northern portion of Putnam Lake and this site will get Southern portion of Putnam Lake and the surrounding roads. The objective is to be able to cover that

coverage area. And then, you will be able to...

Board Member Buzzutto stated what you're saying is there is no other site in Putnam Lake that would be adaptable to Verizon's...

Leslie Snyder stated well, we looked in...

Board Member Buzzutto stated service.

Leslie Snyder stated non-residential uses, so we do look, typically, we look for water tanks, fire departments, all kinds of utility type uses. Town garages. This particular... Obviously, this site, you know, is a non-residential use. You know, you don't, we obviously are looking to put it next to something that also had to play in a utilitarian function. And so, this is in a General Business Zoning District and, you know, provides our coverage.

Board Member Buzzutto stated alright. Do you have documents...

Leslie Snyder stated if there's a particular location that you want us to look at that...

Board Member Buzzutto stated yes.

Leslie Snyder stated is, you know, is something that is an alternative that we need to consider, we will be happy to do so.

Board Member Buzzutto stated but do you have documentation of these sites that was tested and...

Leslie Snyder stated yes.

Board Member Buzzutto stated and turned over to our engineer.

Leslie Snyder stated yes, we will.

Board Member Buzzutto stated you will or you did.

Leslie Snyder stated we will.

Board Member Buzzutto stated you will.

Leslie Snyder stated as to the other sites that we looked at, he's actually asked us to make... He wants more... further documentation...

Board Member Buzzutto stated right.

Leslie Snyder stated regarding Quail Ridge to make sure that by collocating on Quail Ridge we cannot get our coverage objective here and so that is... Those are the documents we will be submitting.

Board Member Buzzutto stated right. That's what the Board would be interested in.

Leslie Snyder stated okay.

Board Member Buzzutto stated thank you.

Leslie Snyder stated thank you.

Board Member Bodor stated yes. I would be very interested in seeing what the potential coverage is from the Quail Ridge site. Since that is existing, I'd like to see where that coverage is. And I also understand there is a tower that's been erected recently on the Ball Pond Fire Department Property. I don't know what the coverage would be from there or if it's even a possibility. But I would like that explored also.

Leslie Snyder stated would you know what street the Ball Pond Fire Department is on.

Board Member Bodor stated it's on...

**Audience member stated** that's not a cell tower. That's a radio communications tower.

Board Member Bodor stated oh it is.

**Audience member stated** yes.

Board Member Bodor stated thank you. I didn't know. I was just told it was there. Thank you. Titicus Mountain I've heard mention made of, too.

Leslie Snyder stated that's in Connecticut...

Board Member Bodor stated okay.

Leslie Snyder stated and actually your RF consultant... We have a different band in Connecticut, so there's limitations as to how much a site in Connecticut which we have a different band, can cover into a neighboring town. But he has asked us to document that as well.

Board Member Bodor stated please. That would be...

Leslie Snyder stated we did...

Board Member Bodor stated appreciated.

Leslie Snyder stated we did include the Quail Ridge coverage in your initial packet. But we will submit it again.

Board Member Bodor stated thank you.

Board Member Buzzutto stated does the Fire Department have any other structure on that particular site now that would have to be removed if it's leased.

Leslie Snyder stated the only thing they have is a little shelter...like a shed.

Board Member Buzzutto stated yes.

Leslie Snyder stated and we're replacing that shed with an equipment shelter that will match.

Board Member Buzzutto stated that would be belonging to Verizon.

Leslie Snyder stated correct. But that little structure will have to be removed.

Board Member Buzzutto stated alright. So that's strictly going to be leased to the tower.

Leslie Snyder stated right, that will be affiliated with the tower.

Board Member Buzzutto stated so the Fire Department will have no options for anything on that property except the tower.

Leslie Snyder stated well, they actually have a building. They've got parking in the back...

Board Member Buzzutto stated right. Yes.

Leslie Snyder stated etcetera.

Board Member Buzzutto stated well, I mean they can no longer park there.

Leslie Snyder stated it's a very small...

Board Member Buzzutto stated I know it. That's why I'm asking about it.

Leslie Snyder stated I don't know if you were at the site visit. It's a small area that they're giving up.

Board Member Buzzutto stated right.

Leslie Snyder stated I mean, they do have some (inaudible) parking behind.

Board Member Buzzutto stated will it allow for coexistence on this particular tower.

Leslie Snyder stated yes.

Board Member Buzzutto stated other carriers.

Leslie Snyder stated yes. We will be...

Board Member Buzzutto stated they will be inside also.

Leslie Snyder stated their antennas will be inside the flagpole...

Board Member Buzzutto stated inside the flagpole.

Leslie Snyder stated as well, and then there's some room for them to put their equipment as well.

Board Member Buzzutto stated alright. Once...When you...

Leslie Snyder stated (inaudible – too many talking).

Board Member Buzzutto stated allow a coexister to put a tower or a signal tower in there, do they have to supply their own power supply on their equipment.

Leslie Snyder stated well, they will... We'll be bringing in electricity and telephone to...

Board Member Buzzutto stated right.

Leslie Snyder stated our installation, and they'll be tapping off of that.

Board Member Buzzutto stated tapping off that. But they will have no generators or stuff like that to fall back on.

Leslie Snyder stated will they have a generator.

Board Member Buzzutto stated yes.

Leslie Snyder stated each carrier has individual needs. So some of them will put a generator inside their equipment area. But sometimes they just have batteries.

Board Member Buzzutto stated yes, but that would mean extra building on that little piece of property. Or an extra shed.

**Audience member stated** (inaudible – too distant).

Leslie Snyder stated mainly the carriers just have a small cabinets. They're just small cabinets.

Board Member Bodor stated but each carrier needs their own equipment shed, whatever. It's the size...

Leslie Snyder stated right. Or cabinet.

Board Member Buzzutto stated right.

Leslie Snyder stated and they'll have to come back to this Board for approval.

Board Member Buzzutto stated right. So that little parking area would not be empty. It would be maybe two or three different carriers putting their...

Leslie Snyder stated we show, actually, in the plans you have, we show our compound...

Board Member Buzzutto stated right.

Leslie Snyder stated so we've already fenced off for those carriers. So we're not taking any additional. We're showing how we're laying out for those carriers, as well.

Board Member Buzzutto stated okay. Okay, fine.

Chairman Olenius stated do the collocators have to install their antennas at the time of construction or could it be done at a later date.

Leslie Snyder stated it can be done at any time.

Chairman Olenius stated it can. The pole comes apart or...

Leslie Snyder stated right.

Chairman Olenius stated they can install them after.

Leslie Snyder stated it actually just...because they're like cylinder it lets them put their antennas inside.

Board Member Buzzutto stated does this tower require a signal light on top of it; 140'.

Leslie Snyder stated well, if you add a flag that's going to stay up at night, I think by law you must have a slow-glaring, you know, no-glare light because you're supposed to light the American flag as a patriotic...

Board Member Buzzutto stated yes. But that would be from the ground up.

Leslie Snyder stated yes. That's all that...

Board Member Buzzutto stated I'm talking about the top. Would It be for...

Leslie Snyder stated no, no, no. We're not in a flight path or anything like that.

Board Member Buzzutto stated you're not in a flight path.

Leslie Snyder stated our tower's not...In order for that, you have to have a tower of typically 200' or...

Board Member Buzzutto stated 200'.

Leslie Snyder stated more.

Board Member Buzzutto stated okay.

Chairman Olenius stated I'm probably going to get a little bit ahead of myself right now, but from what you were stating and from our RF engineer's requests and whatnot, how long do you feel it will take you to compile all that information, in that we don't know the availability of this room should we need it again. And, I mean, do you need...

Leslie Snyder stated right.

Chairman Olenius stated a month or more than a month or...

Leslie Snyder stated we would hope for the next month. We could...If you don't mind, we could coordinate with your assistant and give her some dates and maybe she could let us know. But we

would hope sometime in May...

Chairman Olenius stated okay.

Leslie Snyder stated we could do that.

Chairman Olenius stated that's fine. I just...It's difficult to book this room sometimes so I didn't know if you'd be able to get it all together in that, you know, a month's time. And judging by the turnout... Well, I don't know. We might be able to fit in the other room. We'll have to see.

Leslie Snyder stated I assume we'll just adjourn to your next...the next available meeting date...

Chairman Olenius stated yes.

Leslie Snyder stated sometime in May.

Chairman Olenius stated Sarah, do you have anything else at this time. I don't have too much more at this time. You know, we'll be anticipating your submissions. You know, all the requests and information there. But there's a lot to digest that you handed us today and I don't really want to comment too much further on until I've read it a little more fully. So I'm going to make a motion that we table this meeting until such date is possible that we can coordinate. And we will post it on the Town's website and notice it in the papers again, when the next one is going to be so the public can be informed. Beyond on that, I don't know. I'll make that motion to table.

Board Member Bodor stated I'll second it.

Chairman Olenius stated all in favor. Motion carried by a vote of 5 to 0.

Chairman Olenius stated thank you again. Thank you all for coming out.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.