



**PLANNING BOARD MINUTES  
TOWN OF FOSTER  
Pole 55, Cucumber Hill Road, Foster, RI  
Friday: April 15, 2016  
6:00 p.m.**

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**A. Call to Order**

Mr. Carey called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

**B. Roll Call**

Board Members Present: Joseph Carey (Chair); Helen Hardy (Secretary); Michael Carpenter; and Richard Sparks.

Board Members Excused: Julia Parmentier (Vice-Chair); Thomas Mercier; and Sergio Spaziano.

Staff Present: Juliana King (Planner).

Public and Applicants Present: Kevin Delaney; James Callaghan, Bob DeLuca, Robert & Mary Elena DeLuca, David & Barbara Cedarfield, Bob Larrivee, Stephen Notarianni, Gordon (Town Council) & Heidi Rogers, and Elaine Caron.

**J. Major Land Development  
Site Walk Workshop**

***Discussion***

The DeLucas pointed out the proximity of their carriage house at 57 Cucumber Hill Road.

Mr. Delaney, representing the applicant, gave a brief presentation including: location of the cell tower, compound, and driveway and distances to property lines and the road; underground utilities; the 12' wide proposed gravel access drive; limits of disturbance which includes the compound area and about 10' out (usually to remove trees that look like they could fall within the compound); a backup generator with a hospital-grade silencer though no noise generated from the tower itself; chainlink fence enclosure; no lights intended but any would be down-facing, motion-sensored, and shielded to minimize light pollution on to adjacent land; no other screening beyond existing vegetation; two shelters and equipment cabinets; space for 5 major wireless carriers and space for EMS antennas; towers under 200' high don't need to be registered with the Antenna Structure Registration (ASR) system; there are no plans to make it larger and the applicant is amenable to a condition specifying that restriction; a purchase-and-sales is in place with the owner, contingent upon approvals and permits; the studies will be presented in-depth at the Master Plan hearing; and though lattice towers have generally been found to be more pleasing to the eye, the applicant is willing to switch to a monopole design.

Abutter concerns revolved around health issues, the visual impact, and effect on property values.

**P. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m. was approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Helen Hardy, Secretary