

Town of Watertown  
Planning and Zoning Commission  
Public Hearing  
Special Permit #281 of Verizon Wireless

Time: 7:05PM  
Date: October 7, 2009  
Place: Watertown High School  
Lecture Hall  
324 French Street  
Watertown, CT

1. Call meeting to order

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. Roll call

The secretary executed the roll call.

**Present:** Chairman, Mr. David Minnich  
Secretary, Mr. Michael Masayda  
Mr. Ronald Russ  
Mr. Carl Mancini  
Mr. Jim Blais  
Mr. Glen Duplissie  
Alternate, Mr. Ray Rondeau  
Alternate, Mr. Ken Demirs

**Absent:** Vice Chairman, Mr. Gary Martin  
Alternate, Mr. Duane George

**Also Present:** Land Use Administrator, Ms. Ruth Mulcahy  
Town Engineer, Mr. Chuck Berger  
Land Use Secretary, Ms. Carol Allen

Ray Rondeau sat in for Gary Martin

3. Hearing of applications

- a. **An application for Site Plan/Special Permit #281 of Verizon Wireless for a generator and conduit on roof located at the Old Pin Shop, 20 Main Street, Oakville, CT in a B-C Central Business District.**

Mr. Masayda read the public hearing notice:

The Planning and Zoning Commission for the Town of Watertown, Ct. will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, October 7, 2009 at 7PM at the Watertown High School, Lecture Hall, 324 French Street, Watertown, Ct. on the following:

An application for Site Plan/Special Permit #281 of Verizon Wireless for a generator and conduit on roof located at the Old Pin Shop, 20 Main Street, Oakville, CT in a B-C Central Business District.

Mr. Minnich read the by-laws.

**Theresa Viele**

Ms. Viele turned in the avadavat and the green cards. Ms. Viele stated the Fire Marshal sent an e-mail to the Planning & Zoning Office indicating that he did not have concerns about the generator being placed on the roof. She had a several reports one from HMTV acoustics with an acoustical evaluation to determine the noise levels around the factory at several different areas. The report concludes that the estimated noise level of the generator will meet the conditions that are set forth in the Connecticut noise regulations. The second report from Netcom Engineering which had a rating for the roof construction estimated to be a sound transmission class of 54 which translates to an airborne generator noise reduction level of 30 decibels from the generator to the top floor of the tenant space. The third was a structural report also by Netcom Engineers indicating that the roof is more than structurally sound to hold the proposed generator.

**Board Member Concerns:**

Mr. Duplissie asked about the weight of the generator.

Ms. Viele replied 3,000 pounds.

Mr. Duplissie asked if the generator is a temporary backup.

Ms. Viele replied yes, when the power goes out cell phone customers will not lose power.

Verizon is putting them on most of their facilities across the state.

Mr. Minnich asked if the owner of the building Mr. Fabiani is aware of all of this and do you have permission from him to do this.

Ms. Viele replied yes.

Mr. Minnich asked about the reference for an acceptable level of noise. Is this generator going to be less than 45 decibels?

Ms. Viele replied Main Street being the closest is 45 decibels.

Mr. Minnich asked will you provide to staff the documents that you have stated.

Ms. Viele replied I will be supplying them now.

Mr. Minnich asked this is going on top of the roof and where exactly is the generator located as I am going down Route 73.

Ms. Viele replied leaving Watertown it is on the right hand side to the front of the building before you go underneath the overpass.

Mr. Minnich asked how often is this generator going to be run for testing.

Ms. Viele replied it is tested once a week for 20 minutes during daytime hours.

Mr. Minnich asked you would have no problem if we determined what hours they are.

Ms. Viele replied no.

Mr. Duplissie asked is there a reason why they put it on the roof instead of on the ground.

Ms. Viele replied during discussions it was an issue between the landlord and Verizon.

Mr. Rondeau asked does it meet the regulations for mechanicals on the roof.

Ms. Viele replied it is much lower than the penthouse and I believe it is not visible from the street and it is set back considerably.

MOTION: Duplissie moved to close

SECOND: Mancini.

All in favor

Michael Masayda \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary