

COÖS COUNTY PLANNING BOARD  
Granite State Room, Lancaster NH  
June 27, 2018

**Present from the Board:** John Scarinza – Chair; Fred King – Vice Chair; Jennifer Fish – Clerk; Ed Mellett, Scott Rineer, Mike Waddell, Rep. Wayne Moynihan, and alternate Tom McCue.

**Also in Attendance:** Tara Bamford, Planning Consultant; Jim Hebert and Chad Hebert, Black Diamond Consultants, Inc.; Howie Weymss, Mount Washington Summit Road Company; Dianne Timmins and John Magee, NH Fish & Game; Jasen Stock, NH Timberland Owners Association; Raymond Berthiaume, Wagner Forest Management; Chris Fife, Weyerhaeuser; Matt Jacobs, American Forest Management.

John Scarinza, Chair opened the meeting at 6:07 pm. Chairman Scarinza appointed alternate Tom McCue for Tom Brady.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF May 23, 2018**

Mike Waddell made a motion to approve the minutes of May 23, 2018 as distributed. Scott Rineer seconded the motion. There was no discussion. All approved. (8-0)

**PUBLIC COMMENTS NOT RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS**

(None)

**NEW BUSINESS**

*a. Review of PD 4 Fish Spawning areas*

The Coös County zoning ordinances have a protected district for fish spawning but the areas are not mapped on the zoning maps. Dianne Timmins and John Magee, Coldwater Fish Biologists for NH Fish & Game were invited to make a presentation to discuss fish spawning. Mr. Magee spoke about brook trout and that it needs cool water and oxygen to survive. He stated that the purpose tonight was to give a brief lesson on fish spawning. He further explained that he was not prepared to provide information regarding the width of buffer zones.

Brook trout will spawn in very small streams, large ponds, rivers, and lakes. It is important that there is shade and groundwater for spawning. Mr. Magee explained that in his research he has focused on the importance of trees that naturally fall into streams and form habitats. The deep pools that are formed are beneficial for spawning.

Chairman Scarinza stated that the Nash Stream area is a working forest. He asked about the in the management plan for the forest and what was the philosophy for buffers or protecting the tree canopy on first order streams. Diane Timmins stated said that she does not recall that it states a specific buffer or guideline. Chairman Scarinza stated that the board will need to find a balance when dealing with a diverse number of landowners and how to come up with consistent rules.

**RATIFICATION OF ZONING PERMITS**

None

## OLD BUSINESS

- a. *The continuation of the completeness review of an application for Site Plan Review and a Special Use Permit pursuant to Article XIV of the Zoning Ordinance for the Unincorporated Places of Coös County submitted by Rising Tide Towers, LLC for the construction of a 60 foot telecommunications monopole tower and associated improvements to be located on property of Mount Washington Summit Road Company off U.S. Route 16 in Green's Grant on Map 1605 Lot 29.1.*

Chairman Scarinza explained that Tara Bamford has been working with the applicant to obtain all items for completeness. Tara briefly summarized the items identified at the May 23, 2018 meeting that were needed to consider the application be complete. Tara stated that all the items requested had been submitted and she would recommend to the board that the application is complete. Mike Waddell made a motion to accept the application as complete and Scott Rineer seconded the motion. All approved (8-0).

Chairman Scarinza called the public hearing to order at 7:30 pm. There were no public comments so the meeting was closed.

Jim Hebert, Black Diamond Consultants submitted a request for waiver to Coös County Zoning Ordinance requirement 14.04(d) (2); *The use of alternative technologies and of co-location shall be thoroughly studied and, determined to be infeasible before the construction of any new towers is approved. Stealth technology is mandatory. Examples may be monopines, fire tower towers, and internal antenna pole towers. All towers should be surrounded by a buffer of trees.*

Rep. Wayne Moynihan questioned the waiver request and why the decision was made not to use a monopine. Rep. Moynihan expressed concern that by granting a waiver is setting a precedent.

Mr. Hebert submitted photo simulations from the balloon test conducted on June 12, 2018. The waiver request stated that "Black Diamond has elected to provide a tower and antenna design that will blend in well with the surrounding green forest as the means for stealth tower design. The tower height is limited to a maximum height of 60 feet and thus will blend in well with the surrounding forest trees of similar height and the tower and antennas will be painted green so as to also blend well with the colors of the surrounding green forest trees."

Mike Waddell made a motion to grant the waiver request and Ed Mellet seconded the motion. All approved (8-0).

Mike Waddell made a motion to approve the application with the following conditions:

1. A NH DOT Driveway permit or a letter stating a permit is not needed.
2. A security bond for \$10,000 to be filed prior to construction in accordance with Coös County Zoning Ordinance 14.08.
3. The owner/operator of the tower is to provide to Coös County, annually, proof that it is maintaining adequate liability insurance covering accident or damage.
4. Payment made of all fees owed.

Scott Rineer seconded the motion and all approved (8-0).

**TIME AND DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 17, 2018 at 6 pm in Lancaster, NH.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Mike Waddell made a motion to adjourn. Ed Mellet seconded the motion. All voted yes.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jennifer Fish, Clerk

Pending Approval