

**Town of Austerlitz Planning Board
Public Hearing Minutes
February 4, 2010**

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Members Present: Chairman Charles Knauss, Deputy Chair Charles Lawson, Ben Puccio, Sandra Fischer, Richard Madonia

Members Absent:

Verizon Wireless – Site Plan Review for additional antennas on Louden Rd.

Verenazi/Hawkins – Minor Subdivision on Pratt Hill Rd (Fred Haley representing)

No comments were heard.

Public Hearing Closed: 7:05pm

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- Received letter authorizing Steve Ruppenthal to represent Verizon in this proposal.
- Received a copy of the lease from the landowner regarding cell tower use.
- Letter submitted by Columbia County Planning Board stating that the proposed action does not appear to have any significant county-wide or intercommunity impacts associated with it. Therefore, the Town of Austerlitz Planning Board may take final action on this local law with a simple majority vote.

- Motion for the declaration of a negative SEQR made by Sandra Fischer, seconded Charles Lawson seconded, all approve.
- Motion to approve the Site Plan made by Sandra Fischer, seconded Ben Puccio, all approve.
- Maps stamped and given to Mr. Ruppenthal.

Verenazi/Hawkins – Minor Subdivision on Pratt Hill Rd (Fred Haley representing)

- Motion for declaration of a negative SEQR made by Sandra Fischer, seconded by Ben Puccio, all approve.
- Motion to approve the subdivision pending a letter from Town Highway Superintendent Bobby Meehan approving the driveway cut was made by Ben Puccio, seconded by Sandra Fischer, all approve.
- Subdivision approved.

Tom Vreeland – Site Plan Review for building project on Mercer Mountain; George Lagonia and Brenda Mattisen representing, Mr. Vreeland also in attendance.

- Filed for Site Plan review for in-home business and bed and breakfast on property on Mercer Mountain Road on Canaan/Austerlitz border.
- Received Columbia County Board of Health letter approving the septic design for proposed project.
- Continue to maintain the current educational outreach (conservation and alternative energy and facilitate change in K-12 education) with 2-3 visitors from time to time, at point in future, property will transfer to foundation.
- Barn with proposed apartment will serve to house manager of property.
- Board requests sketch elevation drawings/photos to determine impact to surrounding community.
- Planning Board requests full narrative description of business use for Site Plan review and elevations.
- Notice to neighboring properties and Columbia County.
- Public hearing set for March.
- For March meeting Mr. Vreeland will:
 - Update drawing showing road turn-around
 - Elevation sketches for barn and house
 - Program documents for use

Phil Gellert – Minor Subdivision on State Route 22

- Applicant did not come.

Minutes from January – Charles Lawson moved to accept minutes as amended, Ben Puccio seconded, all approve.

Meeting adjourned: 8:06pm