

**Lamoille County Planning Commission: Plan and Project Review Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
October 24, 2023**

**Members present:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dick Goff                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Judy Bickford | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Leo Clark             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rich Pearson |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Maxfield<br>English Video | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jeff Tilton   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roger Murphy<br>Video |  |

**Staff:** Seth Jensen, Georgeana Little

**Guests:** Ryan Monte DeRamos, Julia Maynard, Nicole Tempesta, Michael Walsh

Dick Goff called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

**Changes to the Agenda and Opportunity for Public Comment**

There were no changes to the agenda and no public comment.

**Open Public Meeting – Cambridge Enhanced Energy Plan**

*Rich Pearson motioned to open the Public Hearing. Leo Clark seconded. Motion carried.*

Seth Jensen explained that towns have the option of adding an Enhanced Energy Plan to their Town Plans which gives the town greater standing with the Public Utility Commission (PUC) in energy planning. The staff confirms that the Cambridge Enhanced Energy Plan conforms to the state standards.

There were questions about two sections of the attached checklist, 8A and 9F, which should be addressed during the full Board meeting.

**Close Public Meeting – Cambridge Enhanced Energy Plan**

*Rich Pearson motioned to close the Public Hearing. Leo Clark seconded. Motion carried.*

**Determination of Energy Compliance for Cambridge Enhanced Energy Plan**

*Rich Pearson motioned to recommend to the Board of Directors that they confirm that the Cambridge Determination of Energy Compliance complies with the energy planning requirements set forth in 24 V.S.A. Section 4352 after clarification of Sections 8A and 9F. Leo Clark seconded. Motion carried.*

**Approval of July 25, 2023 Minutes**

*Leo Clark motioned to accept the July 25, 2023 minutes. Rich Pearson seconded. Motion carried.*

**T-Mobile Northeast Telecommunications Facility – 52 Portland Street, Morrisville**

Michael Walsh, speaking for the applicant, explained that they would be installing 2 antennae at 3 locations on the roof of the building in place of the current installation. The height will remain at 10'. This installation will provide 5G service to the current area.

There were a few questions:

- Would the installation be safe, especially from high winds? The project engineers have determined that they are structurally sound.
- Can other carriers co-locate on the roof? They can, with the approval of the building owner, with their own equipment.
- What is the life expectancy? Probably 7 years for the equipment, but changes in technology cannot be foreseen.
- Will the area served increase? The installation is to upgrade the service, not to extend the service area, but some increase may be possible.
- When will the installation take place? Probably late spring, if all the permits are complete.

*Leo Clark motioned to recommend to the Board of Directors that the staff be directed to write a letter to the Public Utilities Commission, with copies to the applicant and the Town, indicating that the project was in conformance with the Regional Plan and reserving the right to revisit the issue if the project changes. Jeff Tilton seconded. Motion carried.*

## **Adjourn**

*Jeff Tilton motioned to adjourn. Judy Bickford seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:52 pm.*