

# VILLAGE OF SCOTIA PLANNING BOARD

## Special Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2018 7:00 p.m.

### Call to Order:

Chair Eric Buskirk called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

**Attendance:** Planning Board Members – Eric Buskirk, Bryan Reed, Gregg Zeman, Carl Yanoch, George Solotruck, Board of Trustees Liaison Thomas Gifford

**Voting members:** Eric Buskirk, Bryan Read, Gregg Zeman, Carl Yanoch, George Solotruck

**Excused:** Alternate Member Deanna Hitchcock, Building/Plumbing Inspector Luis Aguero, Village Attorney Lydia Marola

### Minutes of the Planning Board meeting held September 10, 2018

**Motion:** by Eric Buskirk; Seconded by Bryan Reed;

That the minutes of the September 10, 2018 Planning Board meeting are hereby approved.

All in favor.

Abstained: Carl Yanoch, George Solotruck

### 241 Washington Avenue – Verizon Wireless

Representative Dave Brennan, Esq. was in attendance to present the application for site plan review for a micro cell facility to be installed on a utility pole located at 241 Washington Avenue. The proposed facility will provide additional wireless network bandwidth and improved coverage and performance to the area. There are several of these facilities throughout the capital region and only serve Verizon customers. The pole will be extended 7 feet to accommodate the facility. No other poles in the line will be amended. Not shown in the plan, is a shroud to enclose the facility. The Planning Board asked that this be included in a revision. The Planning Board also asked the applicant what common objections they receive by the public for these types of facilities. The applicant stated that they are commonly questioned about health effects and appearance and property value. The applicant described that the signal strength of the unit is equivalent to a baby monitor and that the unit looks similar to existing power supply facilities on many other poles. When in direct view of a residence, the unit is often disguised with plantings. The Village code requires a public hearing to be held prior to the approval. The applicant shall send notice to neighboring properties within 500 ft. of the proposal site. The public hearing shall be tentatively scheduled for November 5, 2018.

### Training Status Report

Current Training Hours:	Eric Buskrik: (-1.5)
	Bryan Reed: (-4)
	Carl Yanoch: 0
	Gregg Zeman: 3
	George Solotruck: 0
	Alternate Deanna Hitchcock: .75

### New Business

Complete Streets workshop on October 17, 2018.

### Old Business

Member George Solotruck commented that the recently approved EMB at Northsider's Pub & Grub may be too bright for traffic.

The Planning Board members will continue to review the Village code relating to parking.

**Adjournment:**

**Motion:** By Carl Yanoch; seconded by Gregg Zeman;  
To adjourn meeting at 8:20 pm.  
All in favor.

Respectively submitted,

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Village of Scotia Planning Board Clerk