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**ADAMS PLANNING BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MONDAY, October 2nd, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chairman David Rhinemiller, Vice Chairman Michael Mach, and Members Michelle Picard and David Krzeminski

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Member Sandra Moderski,

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Kevin Rayner, Town Planner; Eammon Coughlin, Town of Adams Staff;

**OTHERS ATTENDING VIA ZOOM:** Meagan Beauseoleil, Qualtek Wireless, Applicant

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Rhinemiller called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

**Continuation of Case #23-4 Application of Qualtek Wireless on behalf of Dish Wireless, LLC for a "Special Permit" under §125-4 and §125-20 of the Adams Zoning Bylaw for property located at 75 Commercial Street (Millhouses of Adams) (Map 119, Parcel 96). The request is to allow the installation of six (6) rooftop mounted wireless antennas and related equipment on an existing building in an R-4 Zoning District.**

Meaghan Beauseoleil, representative of the Applicant, Qualtek Wireless on behalf of Dish Wireless, gave an overview of the proposed project which involved the installation of mounted wireless antennas onto the roof of the Millhouses of Adams.

Chairman Rhinemiller asked about the design of the towers. Ms. Beauseoleil said that each tower was 6 feet tall, then shared a diagram of the design with the Board. Ms. Beauseoleil then led the Board through the specific design plans and diagrams.

Vice Chairman Michael Mach asked about possible safety risks associated with the antennas. Ms. Beauseoleil assured the Board that the antennas were safe.

Member Krzeminski asked if the antennas would interfere with TV signals in the Millhouse Building. Ms. Beauseoleil said that the antennas would not interfere with TV signals.

Chairman Rhinemiller asked how much each unit weighed. Ms. Beauseoleil said they were each around 65 pounds.

Member Krzeminski asked if the installation of the antennas could cause leakage in the roof of the building. Ms. Beauseoleil said that though that is always a possibility, the crew installing the antennas are professionals and are unlikely to cause damage. All damages would be the responsibility of Dish Wireless.

Chairman Rhinemiller asked what the range of the towers would be. Ms. Beauseoleil responded that it was usually about a mile square around.

Community Development Director Eammon Coughlin asked what the color of the antennas would be. Ms. Beauseoleil answered that they were white but could be painted to match the building if the Board made that a condition of the permit.

Chairman Rhinemiller asked if the towers had an “umbrella effect” where those directly below the antennas would not receive service. Ms. Beauseoleil stated that to her knowledge there would be no “umbrella effect.”

There was a discussion about the color of the antennas. The Board decided to have the color match the building.

*Vice Chairman Michael Mach started a motion to approve the Special Permit with the following Special Conditions attached to the permit:*

*Special Conditions:*

- 1. The wireless antennas installed shall be painted to match the building.*

*Member Krzeminski seconded the motion. Motion passed, vote unanimous.*

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Board needs to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup> and September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

*Member Picard started a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting on June 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*

*Member Krzeminski seconded the motion. Motion passed, vote unanimous.*

*Member Picard Started a motion to approve the Minutes from the meeting on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.*

*Vice Chairman Mach seconded the motion. Motion passed, vote unanimous.*

**ADJOURN:.**

*Chairman Rhinemiller made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Member Krzeminski.*

*Motion passed, vote unanimous.*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:27PM.

Respectfully Submitted,



Kevin Rayner, Town Planner

Date: 12/19/2023