

**TOWN OF PITTSFORD  
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
DRAFT MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 21, 2022**

**PRESENT**

George Dounce, Chairperson; Barbara Servé, Vice Chair; James Pergolizzi, Phil Castleberry  
Mary Ellen Spennacchio-Wagner, Jennifer Iacobucci

**ALSO PRESENT**

Kate Munzinger, Town Board liaison; Robert Koegel, Town Attorney; Doug DeRue, Director of  
Planning and Zoning; Bill Zink, Building Inspector; Susan Donnelly, Secretary to the Board

**ABSENT**

Tom Kidera

Proceedings of a regular meeting of the Pittsford Zoning Board of Appeals were held on  
Monday, November 21, 2022, at 7:00 PM local time.

George Dounce, Chairperson called the regularly scheduled meeting of the Zoning Board of  
Appeals to order.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR AN AREA VARIANCE - NEW**

- 79 W Bloomfield Road, Tax # 178.03-1-58, Applicant is requesting relief from Code Section 185-126C(3)(b)[2] to allow for construction of a 105' stealth tree telecommunications facility and accompanying ground equipment where code allows for a maximum of 100'. This property is zoned Residential Neighborhood – (RN).

George Dounce opened the Public Hearing.

Robert Burgdorf of Nixon Peabody LLP, Mike Crosby, RF Engineer representing Verizon, David Weisenreder representing Costich Engineering, and Jackie Barlotta representing Tectonic were present.

Mr. Burgdorf discussed the choice of the proposed new site and monopine tower. He cited the need for cell phone coverage in the area. He indicated that the tower will measure 99' to the tip of the antenna and the Planning Board requested a 5 ft. cone to disguise the top of the tower and improve the aesthetics of the monopine. In comparison, surrounding trees measure between 40-60 ft.

George Dounce noted that the tower will be located a substantial distance from West Bloomfield Road. Mr. Burgdorf indicated approximately 400 feet. Two small trees will be removed to accommodate the construction of the tower. A 6 foot 50' x 50' wood fence will be constructed around the tower and more evergreens will be planted for buffering.

The Board questioned as to what action would be taken if they did not approve the variance. Doug DeRue responded that the monopine would be approved without the cone as the tower without the cone meets code.

Barb Servé asked for the timeline of the project. It was discussed that the tower would be completed in 2023.

Chairman Dounce called for public comment.

Caroline Merenda of 53 Greenwood Park commented on the poor cell reception in her neighborhood and cited safety issues for herself and her neighbors as she called for support of the tower.

Pat Mallory of 74 Greenwood Park also spoke in support of the cell tower citing poor reception and his concern of being unable to contact any needed emergency services.

Phil Castleberry moved to close the public hearing.

Jennifer Iacobucci seconded.

All Ayes.

**SEQRA REVIEW**

This application is an Unlisted Action pursuant to SEQRA and the Zoning Board of Appeals conducted a single agency review and found that the proposed action will not have any significant adverse impact on the environment and granted a negative declaration at the meeting on November 21, 2022 pursuant to the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

A Resolution was motioned by Zoning Board Member Phil Castleberry, seconded by Board Chairman George Dounce and voted upon the members of the Zoning Board of Appeals as follows:

Kidera	Absent
Servé	Aye
Pergolizzi	Aye
Spennacchio-Wagner	Aye
Castleberry	Aye
Dounce	Aye
Iacobucci	Aye

**DECISION FOR 79 W. BLOOMFIELD ROAD – AREA VARIANCE**

A written Resolution to grant the area variance for 79 W. Bloomfield Road was moved by Chairman George Dounce and seconded by Board Member Mary Ellen Spennacchio-Wagner.

George Dounce called for a roll call vote.

Servé	Aye
Pergolizzi	Aye
Spennacchio-Wagner	Aye
Castleberry	Aye
Kidera	Absent
Dounce	Aye

Iacobucci                      Aye

The approved Resolution contains the following Specific Conditions:

1. Subject to the granting of a Final Site Plan and Special Use Permit approval by the Pittsford Planning Board.
2. This variance shall be noted on the Final Site Plans prior to the Planning Board's signature.

**POINT PERSONS FOR DECEMBER 19 MEETING**

24 Beech Road – Mary Ellen Spennacchio-Wagner

4000 East Avenue – Tom Kidera

108 Stoneleigh Lane – Barb Servé

93 Kilbourn Road – Jim Pergolizzi

**MINUTES AND ADJOURNMENT**

Chairman George Dounce motioned to approve the minutes of October 17, 2022 as written.

All Ayes.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Susan K. Donnelly  
Secretary to the Zoning Board of Appeals