

The following members attended the public meeting:

Doreen Prouty, Chairperson
Fred Harpin, Vice Chairperson
Gary Suffriti, Clerk
Larry Hoague-Alternate
Betty Manchino-Secretary

1. **Bell AtlanticMobile/Verizon - Case #1776**

Chairperson Prouty opened this public hearing at 6:30PM by reading the public notice. Sitting on this case was Prouty, Harpin and Suffriti.

Attorney Ellen Frieman, 1441 Main Street, Springfield, MA was representing the petitioner. Attorney Frieman explained that Verizon currently has antennas on the existing monopole at 1804 Main Street, Agawam and they are looking to just upgrade these antennas to provide better coverage for its customers. All conditions of the previous special permit #1665 of October 25, 2001 to remain the same.

Chairperson Prouty read into the record the approval of the Planning Board.

The Board had no other comments and voted to go into a public meeting.

Chairperson Prouty stated the application is straightforward that Verizon is just swapping antennas and they are keeping all other conditions from their previous permit and made the motion to accept this application.

Harpin - yeah

Suffriti - yeah

Prouty - yeah

Chairperson Prouty made the motion to close this public meeting at 7:15PM.

2. **Hunter Development, Case #1777**

Chairperson Prouty opened this public hearing at 7:00PM. Sitting on this case were Suffriti, Hoague and Prouty.

Chairperson Prouty read into the record a letter from Mr. Michael Frisbie requesting a continuation of this public hearing. This request is due to the change in the wetlands policy effective 1/1/07. This property is deemed to have endangered species and they wish to postpone this hearing until they get proper approval on their land.

Chairperson Prouty made the motion to continue this public hearing until February 26, 7:30PM. Seconded by Suffriti.

3. **Kaletin-Case #1778**

Chairperson Prouty opened this public hearing at 7:30PM, sitting on this petition were Prouty, Harpin and Hoague.

Chairperson Prouty read into the record the public notice.

Constantine Skovorodim, 17 Allen Street, Agawam was the interpreter for Mr. Kaletin and explained that the Kaletin's are proposing an addition to their home to make more bedrooms and they were advised they needed a special permit to make this addition.

Mr. Harpin questioned how many people live in this home and was advised that 9 people currently live in this house.

Chairperson Prouty stated that this addition meets all the requirements of changing a one story to a two story building with a garage underneath.

Chairperson Prouty opened this hearing to the public and Mr. Phillip Gimble, 43 Perry Lane, Agawam questioned if the original house would remain the same one story. He was advised that the original house would be one story and the addition would be on top of the proposed garage they want to build.

Being no questions the board went directly into a public meeting.

Chairperson Prouty made the motion to accept this application

Harpin - yeah

Hoague - yeah

Prouty - yeah Unanimous.

4. **Griffin- Case #1779**

Chairperson Prouty opened the public hearing at 8:00PM and she read into the record the public notice. Sitting on this case were Prouty, Harpin and Hoague.

Attorney Frank Saia representing the petitioners Allan and Suzanne Griffin of 104 North Street. Mr. & Mrs. Griffin are seeking a permit to keep two female goats at their home on 104 North Street. Atty. Saia explained that in January 2000 Mrs. Griffin qualified as disabled due to her digestive disease and the only type of milk she can drink is goat's milk. The current zoning laws provide for livestock but do not allow goats and under the American's with disability law the Griffin's should be allowed to keep these goats.

Chairperson Prouty read into the record a letter from Ms. Helen Geoffrion, Mercury Court, West Springfield, an advocate for people with digestive diseases, who is in favor of granting this permit.

Chairperson Prouty read into the record a letter from Gary Crouteau, 112 North Street, Agawam who was not in favor of granting this permit because of the aroma and the noise that these two goats make.

Chairperson Prouty read into the record an order from the Housing Court dated September 18, 2006 which ordered the Griffin's to remove these goats from the premises.

Attorney Saia agreed with Judge Abraskin's order but no one has ever challenged the zoning ordinances regarding goats to be also included as livestock.

Paul Cook, East Longmeadow, MA a representative from ADA stated that local government is mandated by the ADA to make reasonable accommodations for a situation like this.

Chairperson Prouty stated that more information is needed regarding the American with Disabilities law before a decision can be made on this permit. She also stated that the Zoning Board does not have the authority to substitute goats for horses in the zoning ordinances.

Attorney Saia stated the Griffin's would be willing to move the goats pen to alleviate any noise or aroma it is afflicting on the neighbors.

Chairperson Prouty read into the record a letter from Mrs. Griffin's doctor regarding her disability.

The Board agreed to make a site visit to 108 North Street on Sunday, January 28, 2007 at 2:00PM and to rechedule this public hearing to March 12, 2007 at 6:30PM.

5. Minutes of January 8, 2007 were approved.
6. Harpin motion to adjourn at 8:45PM, Prouty seconded.