

Sumner Planning Board Meeting minutes

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August 16, 2011

1 **Planning Board Members:** Daniel Perron (Chair), James Gammon (secretary), Jeffrey Pfeiffer, John Allen,  
2 Lawrence O'Rourke, James Durfee, and Kathy Emery

3 The Planning Board (PB) meeting commenced at 7 pm at the Sumner Town Office.

4 **Attending:** Dan Perron, James Gammon, Jim Durfee, John Allen, Kathy Emery, Larry O'Rourke, Sid  
5 Abbott, Gerry Abbott, Bob Gashlin, Gary Searles, and Jim McCarthy

6 **Reading of previous meetings minutes.**

7 M & S to accept the previous meetings minutes as read. Call to vote, carries unanimously.

8 Gary Searles has notified the PB of intent to construct a new residence. 377 Redding Road. R20 Lot  
9 41A. New construction 24' x 24'

10 Bob Gashlin from CMP came to the PB to talk about their plans to add a single 33" antenna to the  
11 existing Spruce Mountain tower on Upper Sumner Hill Road. The plan is to use the antenna as a smart  
12 meter data collector. CMP will be operating within the 2.4 GHz range. Wireless internet and walkie-  
13 talkies operate within this range. Emergency management uses the 150 MHz and 400 MHz range.  
14 Cellular communication typically operates within the 700-800 MHz range.

15 M & S the Planning board interprets the smart meter two way communication as originally approved in  
16 the original site notification. CTV 4 yah (Dan Perron, John Allen, Jim Durfee, Larry O'Rourke), 1 nay (Jeff  
17 Pfeiffer).

18 Jeff stated, that we do not know what the law is pertaining to this issue, we do not know the potential  
19 risk of Smart Meters to the citizens of the Town of Sumner, and the original site notification does not  
20 include smart meters.

21 Dan visited Pamela Farrar's lot on R15, lot 12-1. The road can be brought up to town specifications. It  
22 was very difficult to determine if it would be possible to build on this lot, due to the gullies, proximity to  
23 the river, proximity to a marsh, and difficulty in determining the high water mark.

24 The terrain of the lot has change significantly since it was subdivided-

25 The PB recommends that a new successful soils test should be done, the shoreland zoning of the lot  
26 should be verified, the septic has to be at least a foot about the water table, property line setbacks, a  
27 copy of the title, a copy of the original subdivision should be submitted, the location of the 100 year  
28 flood zone identified topographically, and the basement has to be at least a foot above the water table.  
29 There may also be other issues that the PB has not thought of at this time.

30 M & S the PB cannot determine if the lot is buildable, it is the responsibility of the land owners. CTV  
31 carries unanimously.

32 M & S that the meeting is adjourned at 8 pm. Minutes taken by James Gammon