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## Redevelopment Board Minutes 06/14/2010

Minutes of Monday, June 14, 2010  
Approved June 28, 2010

Second Floor Conference Room, Town Hall

Members Present:  
Roland Chaput  
Bruce Fitzsimmons  
Chris Loreti, Chairman  
Ed Tsoi  
Andrew West

Several members of the public were also present.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

The Board then opened the Environmental Design Review Special Permit for 6 Jason Street. Andrew Thompson and RF Engineer AJ Salant appeared for the applicant, Clear Wireless LLC. Mr. Thompson explained the difference between the rooftop manager and the building owner, where a building owner can license the rooftop real-estate to a rooftop manager, a company that sub-leases the space to communications carriers. Mr. Thompson clarified that there are no other rooftop carriers at this address at present. Mr. Thompson and Ms. Kowalski also clarified the review conducted by the Massachusetts Historical Commission and the conditions imposed by Arlington's Jason Gray Historic District Commission. The Board asked Mr. Thompson to submit to Ms. Kowalski a corrected detail sheet for how far the back-haul antenna arms will protrude from the wall. Mr. Thompson agreed to bring the panel antenna closer to the wall on which it was mounted. Ms. Kowalski stated that correspondence had been received by the Board and the Town Manager from residents of the building concerned about the health effects of the RF signals. She further stated that despite increasing public concern over RF frequencies, no local boards have authority to review, or to base permitting decisions, or to impose restrictions on wireless telecommunications other than visual impact or aesthetics. The Board discussed the location of the antennae and agreed with the applicant on how they would be painted to blend with the building. Suzanne Robinson, 12 Jason Street, asked who had authority to review the health impacts. Mr. Chaput replied that the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) had that authority and any citizen can inquire to the FCC on this issue. Mr. Chaput then moved to approve the Special Permit with conditions. Mr. Fitzsimmons seconded, and the permit was approved 5-0-0.

The Chairman then turned to the continued Environmental Design Review hearing for 30-50 Mill Street. Given that the project was still under review by the Zoning Board of Appeals, Mr. Fitzsimmons moved to further continue the hearing to July 12, 7:30pm. Mr. Tsoi seconded and the motion passed 5-0-0.

The Board asked Ms. Kowalski to communicate with the Zoning Board of Appeals Chair saying that rather than responding to Attorney Winstanley's reply to the ARB's report on the Mill Street project, the Board recommended seeking outside zoning counsel if the ZBA needed additional assistance.

The Board then turned to the report on the Mill Brook study. Ann LeRoyer and Brian Barber described how the study was an outgrowth of the update to the Open Space Plan. They explained opportunities for the Mill Brook as an amenity, to improve water quality, flood control, historic interpretation, commercial property enhancement, and passive recreation. After lengthy discussion, Ms. Kowalski offered to meet with Ms. LeRoyer and Mr. Barber on next steps toward developing a plan for the Mill Brook.

Next, on the matter of adopting the Board of Survey Regulations, the Chairman asked Mr. Fitzsimmons and Ms. Kowalski to finalize the section on Performance Guarantee and Rescission so the Board may vote at its next meeting.

The Chairman asked that various Symmes documents that would be of interest to prospective buyers be posted to the website. Ms. Kowalski said this would be done.

The Board asked for an agenda item at the next meeting about the Economic Development/Scenic Byway/Tourism Committee. Mr. Fitzsimmons expressed concern that the Koff recommendations will be lost.

Mr. Fitzsimmons moved to approve the minutes of June 7 as amended. Mr. Chaput seconded, and the minutes were approved 4-0-1. The meeting was adjourned at 9:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Kowalski  
Secretary ex Officio