

Town of Waterford 5G Task Force Committee

Meeting: November 12, 2020

Hurst Visitor Center

9:00 AM

Minutes

Attendance: Dave Woodin, Dom Gabriel, Dave Ball (phone), Paul Henry (phone), Mike O'Brien, Judy Houbre, & Brian Gidley

After introductions, the group reviewed the draft Master License Agreement (MLA) and the fee structure. There were numerous questions brought up that provoke discussion. Among those topics were:

1. 50 ft maximum height requirement for structures. A variance to allow up to 10% greater height could take as much as 90 days to approve.
2. Can antennas be placed on railroad structures?
3. What is the optimal height for antennas?
4. Why are the contracts set for 10 and 15 years?
5. Check out wording on page 8 (# 10). Typos??
6. If in 10 years, 5G is obsolete, can we force an upgrade and what would the upgrade path be? What expectations would be necessary at certain points along the timeline?
7. Can we get a draft plan showing where antennas will be necessary? There was discussion that if we could get the interpulse period or maximum Unambiguous Range, then we could figure out where antennas would be necessary.
8. Discussion on collocation of antennas revealed that collision of waves makes the concept of collation difficult. Suggest that it may not be feasible to do although we should require it when technically possible.

9. Difficult to determine if our proposed fees are too low? We believe that they should be higher, but probably cannot justify the fees charged by Niskayuna. We need to see comparable towns. We should find out what national Grid is being paid by Verizon.
10. Distribute copies of the Syracuse Aesthetic and Design Standards before the next meeting.
11. Dave Woodin is going to ask Verizon to comment on a number of the issues raised at this meeting.
12. Next meeting will be Thursday, November 19th @ 9 AM in the Visitor Center.