

DRB Hearing

September 13, 2023

Brandon Congregational Church/T-Mobile Removal of Telecommunication Equipment

DRB Members: Sam Stone, Jack Schneider, Ralph Either, Bob Clark, John Peterson, Jim DesMarais

Others in Attendance: Rev. Sara Rossigg, Phyllis Torrey, Larry Rowe, Rob Wilson, John Rowe, Theresa Rowe, Rich Vigue, David Kenyon, Jesse Bilodeau, Jeff Biasuzzi (Zoning Administrator), Hillary Knapp (Clerk)

Hearing started at: 7:01pm

Rev, Sara Rossigg, Phyllis Torrey, Larry Rowe, Rob Wilson and Jeff Biasuzzi were sworn in.

Hillary Knapp, Clerk of the DRB stated that she is a member of the Church council and the Trustees. She is not a voting member of the DRB.

Rob Wilson: I am representing T-Mobile. The equipment cannot be seen from the outside of the building. Atenas are in the steeple and the conduit goes down into the basement. We will be taking all the equipment out and be restoring it to the previous condition minus normal wear and tear. All equipment will be removed.

Jeff: The equipment was installed by two other companies and the initial installation was before a permit was required. Updates to the BLUO have added in telecommunications, Section 9 (Regulation of Telecommunication equipment). The agreement for the cell tower is between the Church and is not included with the Town record.

Rev. Sara: We will defer to Larry Rowe who has more knowledge of the cell tower.

Larry: We want to make sure that anything there is pertaining to the cell tower is coming out, which was mention by Rob. It is good to know that this will be removed in its entirety. There were access points that were made for the equipment and require repair. The Church also has a certain event schedule, and we want to make sure that there are no conflicts with these scheduled events. We have found it difficult to communicate with the companies and it has been hard to get clear answers. We would like a reassurance with the commitment and the timeline.

Sam: Rob would you be able to address the questions that were posed.

Rob: Repairs will be made to any penetrations that we have made. We will be able to schedule and coordinate around the Chruch's schedule. I can be the contact person and any communication can go through me. It is a 3–5-day process to decommission but there is a possibility of 5 to 7 days.

Larry: Is there a purposed start date?

Rob: Nothing has been set yet, once the permit has been given it is normally 2-3 weeks from the approval.

Jeff: The matter that is being discussed is with the Church and T-Mobile. There are two separate contact people one for the Church and one for T-Mobile. If there will be equipment trucks that are taking up parking spaces or need to be out in the road, you will want to discuss this with the Town Manager first.

Bob- Larry have you seen the scope of work that was included in the permit?

Larry: I did see the permit request and the scope of work.

Hearing was closed at 7:15pm

Hearing adjourned: 8:24pm