

Village of Valatie

Planning Board

Valatie, NY 12184

April 2, 2025

Board Members Present

John Bryan, Chairman

Diana Carter

Rebecca Smith

Lee Linderman

Village Board Members

Frank Bevens, Mayor

Matthew Carter

Larry Eleby

Amy Freinberg – Trufas

Patrick Rogers

Rob Fitzsimmons, Attorney

Also present

Joe Loeffler

Terri Scott

John Decarlo

Scott Olson

Irene Morrissey

Raymond Andrews

Mary Ellen Andrews

Gail Balriad

Sally Becker

Nate Keenan

Elizabeth Smith

Marilyn Huffman

Philp Bickerton

Jennifer Clark

The meeting of the Valatie Planning Board was joined with the Village Board for tonight's Public Hearing. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Bevens at 6:30pm. A roll call was taken, a full quorum was present.

Chairman Bryan asked for approval of the March 10, 2025, minutes. A motion to approve was made by Mrs. Carter and seconded by Mr. Linderman. Chairman Bryan called for a vote; All in favor.

The first item on the agenda was an application submitted by Verizon Wireless for the installation and operation of the new personal wireless service facility live tower, including a 110' tower on the MHG municipal grounds.

Mayor Bevens turned the meeting over to Mr. Olson, who represents Verizon. Mr. Olson did a quick overview of the plans for the new tower, as well as the service areas it will cover. He also informed us that it will be in full compliance with the FCC regulations, which means there will be no health effects.

Mayor Bevens opened the meeting to the public. Several residents expressed concerns about the safety of children being near the cell tower. Mr. Olson responded that the tower will be behind a large, locked fence and the swing set will be moved to a new location on the property. All questions and concerns were answered by Mr. Olson.

Mayor Bevens read a letter from the 911 coordinator stating that the new cell tower will be beneficial to the emergency response for the community, and he urges the Board to approve this project.

Mayor Bevens then passed a letter to Mrs. Freinberg – Trufas to read from a concerned resident Patricia Marshall. Mrs. Marshall has a concern for the Valatie Kill and the animals that inhabit it, as well as several other concerns that were addressed at the meeting. Mr. Olson explained they were aware this may be a concern, so they did wet land lineation and chose to use propane over a diesel generator.

Mayor Bevens closed the Public Hearing at 7:17pm.

Attorney Fitzsimmons went over the Monroe 9 factors with the Board. Followed by the SEQR form.

Attorney Fitzsimmons asked the Board for a vote if they agree with a Negative declaration of the SEQR. Mr. Eleby made the motion, Mayor Bevens seconded. All in favor.

Attorney Fitzsimmons asked for a vote granting Monroe analysis and approval to the site plan proposal as was developed. Mr. Carter made a motion; Mr. Rogers seconded the motion. All in favor.

The Village Board and Planning Board approved the submitted plans during this meeting on April 2, 2025.

Mayor Bevens asked for a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Carter made a motion to adjourn; Mr. Linderman seconded. All in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Frances
Village of Valatie
Clerk of the Planning Board
April 22, 2025