

Radio Technical Committee

Meeting Notes for Aug. 5, 2008 8:00 am.

Present: John Caswell and Paul Svetz

Also present at the table: Asst. Town Administrator Anita Scheipers ,

Discussion Points:

1. Propagation Study - The Broadcast Signal Labs (BSL) rep has stated the study will take place Thursday Aug 7th (or Friday Aug 8th as backup date if needed.) The rep is meeting today with Public Safety to coordinate the necessary work. John Caswell agreed to attend that meeting on behalf of the committee.
2. Anita updated the committee regarding the processing of the FAA waiver request. The necessity of this waiver was explained to abutters present.
3. Existing Tower Screening – It was discussed that the tower screening can best be achieved for nearby abutters by adding low growth screening along the existing tree line to fill in areas made by the diminishing evergreen branches. Also discussed was the concept of draping removable camouflage netting around the tower itself to lessen the “erector set” visual some abutters see. No decisions or recommendations were made.
4. The Options Matrix was amended to include separate rows for the visual impact criteria – one for nearby abutters and one for distant abutters. Anita will email the edited version to all and will place on the website ASAP.
5. Paul Svetz moved and John Caswell voted to approve the minutes of May 14, 2008 and May 29, 2008. Anita will have these minutes placed on the website.
6. The date of the next meeting was not confirmed. It is anticipated an evening meeting will be needed to discuss the results of the BSL study. Date TBD.
7. The meeting adjourned at 9:05 a.m.