

LONGMEADOW ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
Minutes of February 2006

Maryou, 37 Birchwood Ave., requesting a Special Permit, Petition #2006-1.

Mark Bergeron appeared before the Board on Ms. Maryou behalf requesting a Special Permit to be allowed to build an addition on a pre-existing non-conforming dwelling. He explained the proposed construction, stating that the addition would be 12 feet by 26 feet, shingled and vinyl sided to match the existing dwelling and the deck would be 4 feet by 16 feet. All construction would be no closer than the existing 10-foot side lot line and would be no closer than 30 feet from the rear lot line.

No one from the public spoke for or against the petition.

A motion was made and seconded that the addition and deck would be more intensive than the existing non-conformity. Board Members Clark, Freyman, Ottani, Lavenburg & Bean all voted in the affirmative therefore moving to step 2.

A motion was made and seconded that the proposed addition would not be more detrimental than the existing non-conformity. Board Members Clark, Freyman, Ottani, Lavenburg & Bean all vote in the affirmative therefore granting the Special Permit.

Sprint Spectrum, L.P. d/b/a Sprint PCS, steeple at St. Mary's Church, Petition #2006-2.

Daniel Finnegan of Bulkley, Richardson and Gelinas LLP appeared before the Board on behalf of Sprint.

Board Member Ellen Freyman noted that she represents Verizon Wireless with regards to its antenna installation. Mr. Finnegan acknowledged the disclosure and did not request Ms. Freyman be removed.

Sprint would like to install three (3) antennas in the Church Steeple at St. Mary's Church located at 489 Longmeadow St. Mr. Finnegan stated that a section of the steeple would be removed and replaced with fiberglass panels designed to be compatible in design, color and texture to existing copper steel. The antennas will not be visible from outside and no noise will be heard because of the antennas. All equipment will be located in the basement of the Church.

John Cloutier, of Infinigy Engineering, showed the plans for the installation. He showed radio frequency coverage maps. He explained that there is a gap in coverage in the Town. These antennas should correct that.

Sprint asked for some waivers relating to there application. After discussion amongst Board Members the Board felt that the information submitted satisfied the requirements of the By-Laws.

Sprint had gone to the Planning Board in December 2005. The Planning Board continued the petition. The applicant has not received a final decision from the Planning Board.

The meeting was opened to the public. Cynthia Sommer, of 57 Farmington Road was supportive of the installation hoping it would give her better service.

Board Members discussed the petition and felt that the information provided satisfied the requirements of the By-Law and they propose findings and vote on the request.

A motion was made and was voted to adopt the findings. A second motion was made and seconded to allow the installation of three (3) wireless communications antennas in the church steeple at St. Mary's Church located at 489 Longmeadow St.

Board Members Bean, Clark, Ottani, Sirulnik and Freyman all voted in favor of the motion. Therefore granting the Special Permit.

Silva-Thompson, Lot 114 Bark Haul Rd, requesting to be a buildable lot, Petition #2006-3.

Mrs. Silva-Thompson appeared before the Board requesting that lot 114 Bark Haul Rd. be allowed to be a buildable lot.

After discussion regarding the land the Board did not feel that they could issue a Special Permit for this lot. It was noted that if the Board voted now it would deny the request. Mrs. Silva-Thompson asked that she be allowed to withdraw her petition at this time.

Board Members agreed to allow her to withdraw without prejudice.

Interfaith Homes of Longmeadow/Emerson Manor, 114 Emerson Road, request for additional units to built on property, Petition #2006-4.

The Board continued this petition to its March 14, 2006 meeting.

Comprehensive Permit Regulations.

The Board did not discuss this.