

**Heath Planning Board Meeting**

**Date 1\_27\_2021**

Meeting called to order at 5:03 pm. Location: Virtual - Zoom

Attendance: Calvin Carr, Douglas Mason, Bill Gran, Jo Travis, Robert Viarengo

Others in Attendance: Lark Thwing, Brian Foucher

Discussion points:

**WiValley Wireless transmission pole:**

Bill moved to make a vote on the fixed wireless broadband, discussion was as follows.

According to letters received, public opinion is absolutely against the pole for many reasons, including the following: Aesthetics, Property values, Board band competition, Health issues, Contract issues, Value to Heath.

The necessity of the specific location came into question as there were alternate, albeit at a greater expense to the company establishing the service. The affected people Hawley already have telephone service and have access to internet via other venues. Brian argued that the services they provide will be better than other options, but that they would not go to the extra expense of bringing those services to the affected homes.

Lark Thwing and Brian argued that the Wi-Fi pole may be by right under federal law. We discussed and decided to postpone the vote until we could ask town council if Federal Telcom law was applicable in this situation, or if it superseded our town bylaws in some way.

Doug moved that we postpone the vote on the pole until we clear it with our lawyer, Bill seconded. We agreed unanimously.

Private v. Public ways, detached apartments and mobile v. small environmentally friendly stick home bylaw amendments would be discussed at our next meeting, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:00 pm. Bob has already written up drafts of Private v. Public ways and Mobile v. stick homes. Doug will draft detached apartment bylaw amendments.

Doug moved that we close the meeting, Bill seconded.

Meeting closed at 6:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Douglas Mason