

MEMORANDUM

TO: Cape Elizabeth Planning Board
FROM: Maureen O'Meara, Town Planner
DATE: September 21, 2021
SUBJECT: Wireless Amendments

Introduction

At the May 10, 2021 meeting, the Town Council referred to the Ordinance Committee a request to propose amendments to add wireless infrastructure as a use to the Zoning Ordinance. The Ordinance Committee recommended Wireless Amendments which the Town Council received at the July 12th meeting. The Ordinance Committee recommended additional "5G" wireless amendments to the Town Council which have also been referred to the Planning Board. Both wireless amendment packages have been merged into one Wireless Amendments draft.

Summary of amendments

At the September 7, 2021 workshop, the Planning Board reviewed the Wireless amendment drafted to accomplish two objectives. First, "essential services" have been added as a permitting use in all zoning districts. Second, "5G" amendments are proposed to ease regulatory barriers to improve telecommunication services in town. Specifically, the "5G" amendments allow for installation of telecommunication antennas and support equipment on existing telephone poles as long as the equipment does not increase the pole by more than 10' nor extend beyond the surface of the pole by more than 3'.

Responding to direction from the September 7th workshop, the definitions for essential services, major and essential services, minor have been expanded to include examples of each (shown in **yellow**).

Motions for the Board to Consider

A. Table to Public Hearing

BE IT ORDERED that, based on the draft text and the facts presented, the Wireless Amendments be tabled to the October 19, 2021 meeting of the Planning Board, at which time a public hearing will be held.

B. Table to Workshop

BE IT ORDERED that, based on the draft text and the facts presented, the Wireless Amendments be tabled to the October 5, 2021 Planning Board workshop, when the Planning Board will discuss and potentially further revise the draft amendments.