

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Bedford on December 18, 2018 adopted the Wireless Telecommunication Facility Law (the "New Wireless Law") for the purpose, among others, to "establish uniform standards for the siting, design, permitting, maintenance, and use of wireless telecommunication facilities in the Town of Bedford"; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that cell service deficiencies may exist in certain areas in the Town and that such deficiencies could potentially affect public safety including the ability of the Town's Police Department, Fire Departments, Volunteer Ambulance Corps and other emergency responders to communicate in the most effective manner with one another and with those who need emergency aid and for those who need emergency aid to communicate with emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board also recognizes that Westchester County has undertaken a major upgrade of the County's radio telecommunications facilities for County operations, public safety agencies, fire agencies and other emergency services; and

WHEREAS, the County's upgrade plan includes improvement to its tower off of Guard Hill Road which also houses communications equipment for the Town's Highway Department and Recreation and Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, wireless carriers and cell tower developers have submitted applications to the Town for installing large wireless facilities in various sites in town; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that a consolidated, comprehensive and cost effective approach to the wireless telecommunications needs of the Town and its residents should be developed; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board wishes to appoint an advisory committee to the Town Board to assist in developing such an approach.

NOW THEREFORE THE TOWN BOARD HEREBY RESOLVES:

1. The Town Board hereby creates the Wireless Facilities Working Group to be comprised of the following:
 - a. A representative of and appointed by the Bedford Fire District.
 - b. A representative of and appointed by the Bedford Hills Fire District.
 - c. A representative of and appointed by the Katonah Fire District.
 - d. A representative of and appointed by the Katonah-Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corp
 - e. Three residents of the Town, one of whom is a member of the Planning Board and one of whom is a member of the Communications Advisory Committee.
 - f. The Bedford Police Chief or his or her designee
 - g. The Bedford Planning Director.
 - h. Two members of the Bedford Town Board.

2. Mission statement of the Wireless Facilities Working Group:
 - a. Identify and evaluate the operational and emergency service communications of the Town's Fire Departments and Katonah-Bedford Hills Volunteer Ambulance Corp.
 - b. Identify and evaluate the operational and emergency wireless telecommunications needs of the Town's Police Department, Public Works Department, Recreation and Parks Department and other Town departments, as applicable.
 - c. Identify and evaluate the cell service deficiencies which may exist in certain areas in the Town. Assist the Town Board in developing a detailed long-range master plan balancing stakeholder needs for service improvements and providing a consolidated, comprehensive and cost effective approach to improving wireless communications in the Town, as feasible and to the extent desirable, and to ensure that such master plan is coordinated with and integrated into the proposed County's radio telecommunications improvements (both existing and planned), with such master plan consistent with the intention of the New Wireless Law of prioritizing non-residential areas for the placement of new facilities.
 - d. Assist the Town Board in securing professional consultancy services for the above, including preparation of a Request for Proposals, evaluating such proposals and making recommendations to the Town Board on proposals received.


3. Meetings and Reports to Town Board:
 - a. The chair of the Wireless Facilities Working Group should endeavor to set the initial meeting to occur on or before January 31, 2019
 - b. The Wireless Facilities Working Group is to provide the Town Board:
 1. A proposed Request for Proposal by February 28, 2019 for the Town Board's consideration at its March 5, 2019 meeting.
 2. A recommendation on the proposal to accept by April 18, 2019 for the Town Board's consideration at its April 23, 2019 meeting
 3. A recommended master plan by August 8, 2019 for the Town Board's consideration at its August 13, 2019 meeting.
 - c. The Town Board from time to time may ask the Wireless Facilities Working Group to make recommendations and/or report on other matters germane to its mission.
 - d. The Wireless Working Group is to meet bi-monthly or more frequently as it may consider appropriate.
 - e. The Wireless Working Group should endeavor to complete its mission on or before December 31, 2021.

STATE OF NEW YORK }
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER } ss.
TOWN OF BEDFORD }

I hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing Resolution with the original on file in my office and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom and the whole of the said original Resolution, which was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Bedford on January 15, 2019.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said Town of Bedford.

Dated: January 16, 2019

 **Town Clerk,**
Town of Bedford