

## **Hearing Panel**

**Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2010**

**Members: Steven Hardcastle, Hearing Panel Chairman**

**Jonathan Killian**

**Attendees: John Gregory, DRC Chairman**

**Staff: Roberta Groch, AICP**

**Chairman Hardcastle called the meeting to order at 6:30PM.**

### **1. New Business**

#### **A. Clear Wireless LLC: 10 Dexter Road- Conditional Use Request**

**Mr. Joseph Giammarco of Prince, Lobel, Glovsky & Tye, the attorney for the Applicant, introduced Mr. Ryan Ramos, the person who is designing the network in Rhode Island for Clear Wireless. Clear Wireless LLC is an affiliate of Sprint Nextel under a separate license to provide high-speed wireless internet. Mr. Ramos explained that the antenna at 10 Dexter Road is part of the first phase of the company's Rhode Island buildout process. The company is trying to use existing infrastructure and will comply with Federal emissions regulations. The antennae will not interfere with existing wireless signals.**

**Mr. Giammarco opened the meeting by describing the existing conditions at the site and the proposed changes that Clear Wireless will make. The Clear Wireless antennae will be added to the existing 192-foot cell tower at the 160-foot center line mark. This network uses a combination of dish and panel antennae: there will be three dish antennae that are two feet in diameter and three panel antennae that are 4-1/2 feet long. The profile of the antennae will be kept to a minimum and will not exceed the height of the tower. The antennae are exclusive for wireless broadband. Three of the existing antennae, which are approximately six feet long, will be removed due to changes in technology. Two cabinets within the compound will also be removed and replaced by one cabinet on an existing pad with approximately the same dimension. The diameter of the cable going up through tower will be reduced by approximately one-half.**

**Mr. Giammarco stated that the antennae will generate approximately one to two vehicle trips per month for maintenance personnel.**

**Past meetings on the capacity on this tower has been submitted (September 1, 2009) that the tower does have suitable capacity for more antennae.**

**VOTE: A motion was made to grant the Conditional Use permit to Clear Wireless: the motion was seconded and approved without discussion.**

**Hardcastle AYE**

**Killian AYE**

**VOTE: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting: the motion was seconded and approved without discussion.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 6:55PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**JEANNE M. BOYLE**

**Executive Directo**