



# TOWN OF EAST HAMPTON

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**TO:** Planning Board

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**RE:** Shared Generator Program - Site Plan  
SCTM# 300-150-3-16.5  
439 Main Street, Amagansett

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**Last Review Date:** Public hearing held on December 9, 2020.

**Items and Date Received:** N/A

**Background Information:** Site plan application has been made to locate a 192 sq. ft. (16' X 12') generator and associated cabling and equipment within an existing equipment area for the personal wireless service facility (PWSF) located at the Amagansett Fire House property.

The parcel is zoned A: Residence and is situated on Main Street in Amagansett. It is owned by the Amagansett Fire District. The existing cell tower was issued a building permit in 2004. The tower also contains equipment for the Town and the Amagansett Fire Department. It is 100% cleared of naturally-occurring vegetation.

Pursuant to SEQRA and Chapter 128 of the Town Code the proposed project is a Type II action.

## Issues for Discussion:

### Public Comments

A public hearing was held on December 9, 2020 and held open until January 8, 2021. One member of the public spoke at the hearing and three (3) letters were received.

The primary public concern expressed to the Board was that of noise from the proposed diesel generator. A neighbor spoke of the noise being generated by existing equipment at the site, stating that the existing noise is excessive and negatively affecting them and

expressing concern that additional noise from the proposed diesel generator would exacerbate the situation.

The Planning Department notes that Chapter 185 of the Town Code limits the amount of noise allowed to be generated on all properties in the Town, as measured at the property line. Should there be an existing condition of excessive noise then the appropriate recourse is to notify Ordinance Enforcement.

The Planning Board repeatedly discussed the potential for adverse impacts as a result of noise. The issue was discussed at the time of the initial review on March 27, 2019. The applicants then subsequently submitted sound information for the diesel generator (June 25, 2019). This information did not clearly indicate that the noise standards of the Town Code could be met and was not found adequate by the Planning Board which directed the applicants to provide sound attenuation measures, such as placing the generator below ground or providing a sound-reducing enclosure.

The applicants performed a sound test (dated received February 25, 2020) by temporarily bringing the proposed generator to the site and taking sound readings at four different locations on-site, including in close proximity to the generator, which has been provided a sound attenuating enclosure. The maximum measurement was 59 dB. Therefore, it appears that they are in compliance with the noise standards. The Planning Board therefore found the noise attenuating measures acceptable on March 12, 2020.

#### **Office of Fire Prevention**

By memo dated December 3, 2020 the Office of Fire Prevention stated that no further information was required.

#### **Conclusion**

In conclusion, provided the Board feels that the public's concerns have been adequately addressed then the application is ready for approval.

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#### **Items to be Approved:**

- A set of plans prepared by American Tower A.T. Engineering Service, PLLC, dated revised August 26, 2019 including: Title Sheet (G-001), General Notes (G-002), Compound Details & General Notes (V-101), Existing Conditions & Legal Descriptions (V-102), Site Plan (C-101), Concrete Pad Details (C501), Electrical One-Line and Wiring Details (E-601), and Supplemental (R-601)

#### **Conditions of Approval:**

- Approval of the Architectural Review Board

**Planning Board Consensus**

*Is the application ready for approval?*

Additional comments: \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Additional Board Comments:**

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