

**Tyringham Planning Board**  
**Meeting Minutes – March 12, 2012**  
(Approved 03/26/12)

**Present:** Ed Nardi, Jerry Miller, Robin Almgren, Barbara Palmer, Carey McIntosh, Crispin Tresp (WiSpring).

**Minutes** - Minutes for 23 Feb 2012 approved with the following amendments: identify Dennis Downing as attorney for WiSpring, Mark Reynolds as engineer at Kelly Granger Parsons working for WiSpring (in the list of people present), and add Rich Biasin as the source for the information about Stonebridge Ways negative feelings on the location of the tower (in Par. 4, sent. 1).

**Building Permits, ANRs, Mail** - 1. Bill Cosel has written us about the Special Permit, since he is unable to attend the Hearing April 2. We believe that his two principal concerns will be responded to in a satisfactory way. 2. Tim Taylor writes arguing against a 600' setback for the tower. 3. the Board must file its annual request for expense money from the Town. Decided: ask to increase our expenses to \$600.

**Special Permit application from WiSpring** -- The tower location has been shifted a few feet southwest to make the distance of guy wire anchors from boundary conform to Zoning Bylaw 6.7, and a new locus map has been drawn. Town Counsel approved our policy for site visits, and the Board inspected the proposed location of the tower on 3 March, some members continuing on to Alford to see the tower there. Ed will visit the site on 17 March when the balloon is flown. Crispin has advertised the balloon test, and will take photos of it from various parts of town, probably including the Elliotts' house, the Cobble, the Shaker houses on Fernside, and a Goose Pond location. Jerry will make sure the locations are appropriate. A draft of the Notice of the April 2 Hearing was amended and approved.

**RFP Consultant** - We have one application in response to our RFP for a consultant: Ellen Freyman, a lawyer who works in Springfield for Verizon and has wide experience with Wireless Communications bylaws and installations. Meanwhile, Jerry had a good conversation with Jason Whittet and George Brodeur of the Massachusetts Broadband Institute (MBI); George will help us finalize a revised 6.7 bylaw. Since we are fully occupied in the next few weeks with the Special Permit application from WiSpring, it will not be feasible to complete the 6.7 revision in time for the Annual Town Meeting in May.

**Request from Selectboard** - The Selectboard has asked us to consider passing a Right to Farm bylaw.