

Zoning Board of Adjustment
Balloon Test Report
May 5, 2007

Members of the East Kingston Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) met at the East Kingston Town Hall, 7 Main Street at 9:30 am to begin observation of the balloon test in conjunction with an application for variance for a communications tower on the property of Susan and Jeffrey Marston, 38 Giles Road, East Kingston, NH.

Members present were Cathy Belcher, Tim Allen, Ed Cardone and Norm Freeman.

Mr. Ciardelli met with Jeff Marston, John Champ and Don Cote at Jeff Marston's house at 9:00 AM. Don Cote had already elevated the balloon (an approximately 3 foot diameter red balloon), but pulled it down at the request of Mr. Ciardelli. A ten foot length of the tether (fishing line) was extended and verified with a surveyor's tape against a length counter on the fishing pole. The balloon was re-elevated, the pole restrained and the counter noted to be at 160 feet. Mr. Ciardelli then joined the group to view the balloon at different sites.

ZBA members formed a caravan to drive to several locations in East Kingston and Kensington and note whether or not the balloon could be seen from those vantage points.

Several abutters and interested parties invited the Board members onto their property to observe the balloon from those vantage points.

The weather was somewhat cloudy with occasional winds, causing the balloon to occasionally dip. The group of viewers exercised patience at each site to verify that they had all seen the balloon at its high point. Numerous photographs, both digital and traditional were taken from most locations. These are the findings from various vantage points.

- The balloon was barely visible from Tilton's Hill.
- Barely visible on Giles Road near Bioteau Road.
- Barely visible between the trees, above the main tree line, in front of Rich Marston's house.
- Visible above the treetops at 59 Giles Road, home of Ron Terrill.
- The balloon is visible above the treetops at 77 Giles Road, home of Mrs. Carrie Sullivan. The balloon did dip down below the tree line for a short span of time. The balloon is quite visible along the utility cut on Jeffrey Marston's property.
- The balloon was calm most of the time. It was visible above the tree line standing in the driveway on the Wajdron property located at 285 North Haverhill Road in Kensington. It is also visible above the tree line from the rear of the house. The balloon was the most visible from the 1st lot on the property in comparison to any of the other locations so far, but was barely visible above the tree line from the 2nd lot on the property, which is closest to Kensington. It appears it would be hard to see in leaf-on conditions from the 2nd lot.
- Visible over Blunt's Pond on Joslin Road.
- Barely visible though the trees from 35 Joslin Road in front of the Smith house.
- Visible through the trees at 36 Joslin Road, partway down the driveway.
- While standing on the road, the balloon was barely visible between the pine trees to the right of the barn at 24 John West Road, home of Nancy Howaniec. Standing in front of the family room windows, the balloon is visible through the trees.
- The balloon is visible from the first few houses on Stumpfield road and along Rt 108 heading down the hill from the former Rosenburg Estate.
- The balloon is not visible from Cornerstone.
- The balloon is visible from 101 Giles Road quite high above the tree line, home of Mrs. Terrill.
- The balloon is visible from the garage end of the house at 105 Giles Road.
- The balloon is visible from the side of the Seiler's house where the sunroom is located.
- In the distance, the balloon is barely visible over the tree tops, between 6 and 10 Sanborn Road.
- Barely visible above the tree line at Apple Hill Golf Course.