

To the Members of the Planning Board,

I am writing in advance of the upcoming meeting to express my opposition to the proposed construction of a 130-foot cell phone tower at 62 Granite Springs Road and to share concerns that I believe are relevant to the Planning Board's role.

Planning is not only about whether a use is technically permitted, but whether it is appropriate for a specific location. A structure of this height and scale is fundamentally incompatible with the surrounding land use, which consists of single family homes, wetlands, open space, and historic properties. A large commercial utility structure does not belong in the middle of a residential and environmentally sensitive area.

The proposed tower would permanently alter the character of this neighborhood. Due to its height and elevation, it would be visible for miles and would dominate views in an area defined by natural scenery and open space. This is not a temporary or subtle change, but a permanent industrial feature imposed on a residential landscape, with impacts that cannot be mitigated once constructed.

While current zoning allows wireless facilities on town owned land, the lack of meaningful setback requirements from homes, wetlands, and parks represents a gap in the Town Code. The absence of clear standards does not mean every municipal parcel is appropriate for large scale infrastructure; rather, it highlights the need for stronger

planning safeguards.

In addition, the applicant has not demonstrated that this site is the least impactful option. Sound planning practice requires a thorough evaluation of designs and locations that better fit the surrounding scale. Convenience or cost alone should not outweigh long-term impacts on neighborhood character and stability.

Finally, the scale of this project is out of proportion with its setting. Planning principles call for infrastructure that fits within the context of its surroundings. This proposal overwhelms the neighborhood rather than serving it in a discreet and compatible manner, and it places lasting burdens on nearby homeowners, including potential impacts to property values and neighborhood desirability.

I respectfully urge the Planning Board to consider not just whether this project meets minimum technical requirements, but whether it reflects good planning and responsible land use decision making. This site does not meet that standard.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,  
Julie McNamara