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To:

Town Board

Conservation Board

Planning Board

Tree Conservation Advisory Committee

Subject: Opposition to the Town retaining Douglas Fishman in conjunction with the proposed cell tower at 62 Granite Springs

Rd & Opposition to the proposed cell tower

Please forward my letter in opposition to the Town Board and the Planning Board. Please also confirm receipt of my letter by emailing me back.

I am strongly opposed to the Town Board passing a resolution to retain Douglas Fishman to review Homeland's proposal to construct a 130-foot cell tower at 62 Granite Springs Road and to provide his analysis at the Town Board meeting scheduled for February 3, 2026.

In the agenda for the Town Board meeting on 1/20/26, Douglas Fishman is described as an "independent radio frequency engineering consultant" with a "unique breadth of experience". Mr. Fishman is hardly an "independent" RF consultant. He worked for AT&T and is routinely used by towns to greenlight the construction of macro cell towers and other wireless infrastructure. For example, Mr. Fishman wrote in favor of the wireless company or developer in each of the following instances: a) granting Verizon a special use permit to construct a cell tower in [Newburgh](#) (Footnote 1), b) Homeland Towers, LLC a use variance to construct a cell tower in [New Paltz](#) (Footnote 2), c) granting AT & T a cell tower modification application in [Pound Ridge](#) (Footnote 3) and d) granting Verizon a permit to to construct a cell tower in [Wappinger](#). (Footnote 4).

Has Mr. Fishman ever written a report that was not in favor of the developer or wireless company? How did the Town Supervisor decide to propose using Mr. Fishman specifically? Were there bids from other RF specialists and if so, may we please see the bid specifics? Why is the Town Supervisor considering using tax payer money to fund a report that will ultimately support the developer?

If the Town Board was truly concerned with addressing residents' concerns, they would retain a truly independent radio frequency engineering consultant. If the Town Board were truly concerned with transparency and public feedback, they would elicit suggestions from concerned residents regarding who to retain.

I suggest the Town Board retain Kent Chamberlain as an independent radio frequency engineering consultant to review Homeland's proposal and to present his analysis at the 2/3/26 Town Board meeting. His CV can be found [here](#) (Footnote 5).

I also suggest having a public meeting to discuss the findings in Kent Chamberlin's report. Knowing Douglas Fishman will use the Telecommunications of Act of 1996 to support his report is highly concerning. The 1996 Act is 30 years old and the safety recommendations are based on old cell technology and RF data. The FCC was sued in 2021 because the data and safety recommendations for cell tower usage is so outdated. There was 11,000 pages of data that refuted the FCC conclusion that there is no evidence of harm caused by wireless technology. The FCC lost in court and was ordered to do new studies so they can update their data and safety recommendations. 5 years later and these studies have yet to happen. Recently, it was reported the Federal Government will be requesting the FCC begin to do these studies and compile the data. The Government is formally acknowledging the need to do this is now.

Now knowing what I shared above, should raise your red flag. As you continue in this process and decide how you will vote, you will be unable to say, you did not know.

Please consider what I shared and allow both above mentioned consultations to be conducted or an independent consultation. Then provide a forum for an open conversation between the board and the community to discuss the results. This decision will impact many and requires important questions to be asked. The answers or lack of answers, will lead us to the best decision for this community.

Monica Cole

Footnote 1:

<https://www.townofnewburghny.gov/uppages/VERIZON%20WIRELESS%20CRONOMER%20HILL%20%20%2824-22%29.PDF>

Footnote 2:

https://www.townofnewpaltzny.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf3541/f/minutes/zba_minutes_11_21_2022.pdf

Footnote 3:

<https://www.townofpoundridge.gov/sites/default/files/fileatta>

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Footnote 4:

<https://www.casemine.com/judgement/us/61fa2762b50db954c829253c>

Footnote 5:

https://www.unh.edu/ece/KAC_profile/Kent%20Chamberlin%20CV%20Feb%202023.pdf