
Attention: Town Board
Conservation Board
Planning Board
Tree Conservation Advisory Committee
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Town Clerk

I am writing to formally express my serious concerns regarding the proposed installation of a cell tower in our community. The location under consideration appears to be less than 300 feet from existing homes, which raises significant safety and quality of life issues that must be thoroughly addressed before any approval is granted.

Firstly, the proximity of the tower to residential properties, including those with direct sight lines, is troubling. It is difficult to imagine any town board member wishing to look out their window and see a cell tower instead of natural scenery such as swans, beavers, and birds. The visual impact alone diminishes the aesthetic value of our neighborhood.

More critically, safety concerns are paramount. The height of the proposed tower and its low elevation pose risks of structural failure. To date, there have been no geotechnical tests or environmental studies conducted, particularly concerning water flow during rainstorms. Residents have observed water runoff issues in wetlands on the public site, which could be exacerbated by the construction and presence of the tower. A collapse could result in property damage, personal injury, or even fatalities in this residential area.

Furthermore, the stormwater management plans seem inadequate. The stormwater retention basin on Granite Springs Road does not address runoff from the low-lying areas nor does it consider the impact on critical infrastructure such as the sewer pumping station. Additionally, a comprehensive survey of other town properties—such as the dead end near Popular Street—has not been performed. Higher elevation properties should be considered for this development to better align with geographic realities.

The ongoing issues with road maintenance and poor drainage on Granite Springs Road further compound these concerns. These infrastructural deficiencies need urgent attention before introducing additional burdens like a cell tower.

Lastly, it appears that the decision to locate the tower in this heavily residential area was influenced by a single complaint about cell service from a resident on Whittier Court during Halloween. Where on Curry Street we had no internet/phone issues at all by our provider. This narrow justification neglects the broader community impact and overlooks alternative sites that could mitigate these risks.

In conclusion, I urge the town board to reconsider this proposal carefully. A thorough environmental impact assessment and geotechnical analysis are essential before proceeding. Our community's safety, health, and quality of life must take precedence over hasty developments driven by limited complaints.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter and please make sure this email is recorded for public comment.

Sincerely,

The Frank Family
Curry Street