

Statement by Jerry D'Agostino in support of the new cell tower in Rock Hill April 19, 2020

My name is Jerry D'Agostino and I have lived at 208 Bowers Road for 16 years.

I live here year round by myself. I lost my wife two years ago after a long illness. I have tried to be a good neighbor and member of the community. I serve as a fire commissioner in the Rock Hill Volunteer Fire Department. I am not writing this on their behalf but because I have something to say.

I can't imagine anyone that lives here year round, especially now in the middle of this virus thing that wouldn't want to have better cell service. I can tell you all the dead spots where I lose service on my cell phone and about the overall poor quality in our community. We have a chance to make it better and we must do that.

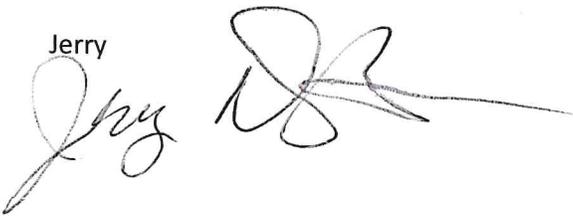
When it comes to the health and safety of the residents of Rock Hill we need better cell service. Can you imagine if you were in an accident and you couldn't reach your family? Could you imagine if you had COVID and you needed to reach someone? Could you imagine if you just wanted to check on a neighbor and you couldn't do any of these things?

It is 2020 and as much as I expect to turn on my television, I expect my cell phone to work. But that isn't what happens here in Rock Hill. And this is not just a problem for the people that live here but it effects those who work here as well. I can't imagine how they can conduct business. They probably have to say, that is if their call didn't get cut off, "hey I'll call you back in a couple of minutes when my cell works" or "I have to move to another part of my house where I have better service"

Let's help them out. I have heard that there are second home owners that don't like where the tower is going to be. I say if it between my neighbor's health and their ability to earn a living or what the tower looks like - that is a no brainer. All the people who have to work from home now because of the virus are learning it is not so easy. All the kids that have to be home because they can't be in school, it is not easy for them to do school work online or call their friends.

I like the second home owners because they spend money here and help the businesses but they have to realize what it is like to live here year round. For them they may have to look at the tower and don't like it but what if you NEEDED it for your health or work. I wonder what happens when they have visitors and they are trying to call them from up here. Not so easy.

This is about our health and safety. Build that tower now.

Jerry  




## Heather

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**From:** Tekverk Beth <BTekverk@schools.nyc.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 2:30 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** Camille Johnston  
**Subject:** Cell Tower

Hello,

I am very disappointed to know that a cell tower is actually being planned as part of a lakefront habitat. Since we have a Bald Eagle family that lives by Lake Louise Marie; I will be contacting PETA and all animal activist groups if the planning continues. I will be starting with the news channels to let them know a cell tower will destroy the habitat for the American Bald Eagles and numerous other species that have found a home here - such as amphibians, cranes, cormorants, blue jays, deer, and cardinals to name a few.

A cell tower here is just not feasible - myself and this community will not stop until another location is determined that does not further endanger our native species.

*Thank you,*

*Beth A. Tekverk  
Director of Early Childhood Education  
District 24 Mosaic Pre-K Centers  
Office of the Superintendent  
btekverk@schools.nyc.gov*

*“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically. Intelligence plus character — that is the goal of true education.”  
- Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.*

## Heather

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**From:** Jim Cappadona <cappadonajim@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:51 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Subject:** Cell Phone Tower

Dear Planning Board,

I want to express that I am in favor of the placement of the cell phone tower. I have poor cell phone reception. I am concerned from a safety point of view, if my landline goes down and I have an emergency with poor cell phone it can be disastrous.

Please provide the variance needed, so the cell phone tower can be erected. It is of the utmost importance to have better cell service to my area on Wolf Lake, thus a greater feeling of safety.

Thank you for considering this request.

Regards

Jim Cappadona

Wolf Lake

178 Canal Rd, Wurtsboro, NY 12790

(845) 796-3557

## Heather

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**From:** Barbara Mantel <bmantel@nyc.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:45 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Subject:** Cell phone tower

Please vote no on the cell phone tower that will obstruct the views of Wanaksink Lake residents. I'm on Wolf Lake and have pretty crappy cell phone coverage but I would not want my coverage to improve at the expense of other folks whose views are one of the prime reasons for maintaining a home in the area. I think if you want to drive down property values and taxes on Wanaksink, this would be the way. I doubt you want to do that.

I have found the folks in the Thompson government to be responsive and friendly - I've gotten great advice and cooperation, for instance, from the zoning folks - and so I'm hopeful you will take the views of residents into account when deciding whether or not to issue a variance.

Thank you for taking the time to read my email and thank you for all your hard work.

Best,  
Barbara Mantel

Sent from my iPhone

## Heather

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**From:** rob morris <rmorris2500@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:37 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Cell Tower variance

Good afternoon,

I'm writing regarding the building of yet another cell tower that destroys the beautiful astectic of our area. Although cell towers are necessary, the fact that they are being placed in areas that corrupt natural beauty and diminish property values is a disgrace.

I implore you to consider another, more appropriate, location to construct the cell tower. The planning committee is in place to protect against horrific constuction as this, not to promote it.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

Regards,  
Robert Morris

## Heather

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**From:** Steve Mormino <skippy170@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 1:32 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Subject:** No cell tower

As a resident of Wurtsboro/Rock Hill border, I beg you to please seek other alternatives then placing the cell phone tower next to Lake Wanaksink.

Thank you,  
Steve Mormino  
284 South Shore Drive  
Wurtsboro NY 12790

Sent from my iPhone

## Heather

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**From:** Marcia Heller <marciaheller50@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 12:43 PM  
**To:** Planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Town Board Meeting

I have serious concerns about the appropriate placement of the cell tower under discussion for this evening's meeting. The current location is unacceptable and incongruous to the environment.

Please send me an invite for the zoom meeting tonight.

Thank you.

Marcia Heller

## Heather

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**From:** Marie Hackel <mariehackel@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 2:42 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Cell tower next to exit 110

Please do not grant a variance to erect a cell tower on the west side of Wanaksink Lake next to exit 110. I am very concerned about the visual impact on Wanaksink Lake and exit 110.

There must be another site that you can consider that will not have such a large impact on any of the lakes or the community.

Thank you,

Marie Hackel

192 CanalRoad

Wurtsboro, NY

Wolf Lake

Sent from my iPad

## Heather

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**From:** Stephanie Benson <stephanie.tice@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 11:47 AM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** supervisor@townofthompson.com; eaglevalleysoftball@gmail.com;  
ckerber@hvc.rr.com  
**Subject:** 4/22/20 Public Hearing  
**Attachments:** PineTreeSt residents 4.22.20.pdf; PineTreeSt photo.jpg

In preparation for 4/22/20 Public Hearing, please see attached letter from the residents of Pine Tree Street as well as attached photo of Pine Tree Street taken recently on 4/13/20 during a regular rain shower.

Thank you,

Stephanie Benson  
358 Rock Hill Dr., Rock Hill, NY 12775  
(845) 796-0244

April 22, 2020

To whom it may concern,

We as the concerned citizens, residents and taxpayers of Pine Tree Street in Rock Hill, NY have major concerns with the use of our road for the construction of the cell phone tower at S/B/L 35.1-27.1. These issues are, but not limited to:

- Storm water runoff and erosion to neighboring properties
- Weight limitations of Pine Tree Street (which is already deteriorating from extremely limited use)
- All damages that may occur during the construction and maintenance of the tower (road and neighboring properties)
- Placement of underground or above ground utilities
- All construction related issues concerning tree removal, dust, silt displacement and increased traffic (currently there is lack of proper signage: speed limit, one lane road, stop sign, dead end, etc.).

We feel these issues are in ours and the Town of Thompson's best interests to be identified and mitigated so as to not negatively affect quality of life nor be detrimental to the town's infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Stephanie + Charles Benson

Stephanie + Charles Benson, 358 Rock Hill Dr.

Rock Hill, SC

12 Pine Tree St

MARIE RICHARDS

Case # ER2302

Cell tower

Rock Hill, SC  
Pine Tree Street

## Heather

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**From:** William J. Rieber, Jr. <supervisor@townofthompson.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:15 PM  
**To:** 'Kathy Buchanan'  
**Cc:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Subject:** RE: Cell tower

I am forwarding your email to the planning board.  
Bill Rieber

William J. Rieber, Jr.  
Supervisor  
Town of Thompson  
845-794-2500 Ext. 306  
845-794-8600 - Fax  
Email: supervisor@townofthompson.com

-----Original Message-----

From: Kathy Buchanan [mailto:kathythelakelady@gmail.com]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 22, 2020 2:59 PM  
To: supervisor@townofthompson.com  
Subject: Cell tower

I oppose the location of the cell tower in Rock hill I believe there is a better location for this tower such as the Emerald Corp center. Kathy Buchanan Sent from my iPhone

**Heather**

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**From:** Spencer Siegel <spencer.siegel@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:14 PM  
**To:** [planning@townofthompson.com](mailto:planning@townofthompson.com)  
**Subject:** Support for Rock Hill cell tower

Hi,

I'm a homeowner in Rock Hill at 79 Crescent Circle and I want to express my strong SUPPORT for building the cell tower in Rock Hill.

We have horrible cell phone coverage in our community and it impacts the daily lives of residents who live here year-round. Many of the people who are against the cell tower don't even live in Rock Hill all year long. Good cell phone service isn't just a "nice-to-have" it's critical in the 21st century. And it's also important from a public safety perspective as the use of land lines continues to decline.

We can also attract more business to Rock Hill if businesses knew that their potential customers would have cell service. If you go to any of the businesses in downtown Rock Hill you can't get cell phone service at any of them (Trading Post, Pizza the Rock, gas stations, post office, etc).

The reality is that from most residential areas there is no way you're quality of life is going to be affected by seeing a portion of a cell tower above a tree line. And we all know there is massive gaps in coverage in the area... this isn't something we should even be debating.

I 100% support the building of this cell tower and hope that this project can move forward.

Thanks,

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**Spencer Siegel**

cell: (845) 665-1805

e-mail: [spencer.siegel@gmail.com](mailto:spencer.siegel@gmail.com)

**Heather**

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**From:** aol <ncap26@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:04 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com

We support the cell phone tower we believe that it is vitally important to the community for safety 182 canal rd  
wolf lake

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## Heather

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**From:** dubel <denisedubel@optonline.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:47 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Rock Hill Cell Phone Tower

Dear Planning Board,

Why would you allow an ugly cell phone tower in our beautiful community. Surely there are more appropriate locations that do not impact the serene beauty of our town and lake.

Please do not grant the variance.

Regards,

Denise Dubel

## Heather

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**From:** Kathleen <KEWALKER@hvc.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:38 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Wanaksink Cell Tower

Dear Planning Board:

I am writing this letter in hopes that the Board will seriously consider denying the request for a variance for a cell tower at Wanaksink Lake or at any of the neighboring lakes.

If this Pandemic has taught any of us in Sullivan County, it has taught us how beautiful and peaceful our area is. It is truly a treasure and should be treated as such. Over these last several weeks so many of us have gotten out for walks in our own neighborhoods and hikes on the nearby trails. It has been such an emotional reward to wander around and get away from all the technology and sickness. We see trees and homes that fit into their natural settings; there are lakes and the Neversink Gorge; there are birds and all kinds of wildlife. It is unspoiled by things like cell towers. Do we really need to destroy the beauty of all this? Are there some alternatives that can accommodate most people in the area?

I have been a resident for over 40 years at Wolf Lake and for much of that time I have had to look at the tower ( I believe it is American Towers ) on Wolf Lake Road. It rises above the landscape over our Canal Road. It has flashing lights that have been white and red at various times. Do you ever get use to it and not even notice it is there? I see it every single day and it is very visible even when we are on our lake canoeing or kayaking. It is always an eyesore. Many of us are year-round and it is not something we just see on occasion.

Many of the lake communities pay hefty taxes for the privilege of owning and living in such beautiful communities. Please do not take that pleasure away for us. If the need truly exists, I urge you to consider alternative sites and weigh the damage to so many against the few additional individuals that will be served by this site over another site.

When the Marcy South was put in adjacent to Wolf Lake property, an agreement was worked out to minimize the affect on Wolf Lake property and homes. There was a land swap to put the line below the ridge and the towers were lower double one rather than single high towers. I think there are usually ways to work together to minimize the effects and satisfy the majority.

Please vote no to grant a variance for the cell tower.

Regards,  
Kathleen Walker  
Wolf Lake

## Heather

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**From:** Yumei Leventhal <yumei.leventhal@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:37 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Subject:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com

Hi,

We are year-round residents in Wolf Lake. I'd like to add my voice to the opposition of the proposed cell tower location. Although we do need better cell service, it's also important to preserve the natural beauty of our area and not add an eyesore.

Yumei Leventhal  
290 South Shore Drive

**Heather**

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**From:** Joan <wannamogel@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:34 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Subject:** Tarpon Cell Tower

April 22, 2020

Re: Tarpon Cell Tower Application

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board,

Why aren't you verifying everything Verizon is saying that other sites for the cell tower are not viable other than Calcam properties?

Why aren't you hiring your own RF Engineer, on their dime, and verifying what Verizon says is true? Don't accept everything they say as fact.

During this time of crisis the County could use the revenue more than the Town of Thompson Supervisor.

Why not use the Emerald Corporate Park, owned by Sullivan County, as the cell tower site? A site our RF engineer verified acceptable and Sullivan County Legislator Alan Sorensen offered as a site to Verizon.

I want an answer to my questions.

Sincerely,

Joan Krieger  
108 Middletown Point Rd  
Rock Hill, NY 12775

**Heather**

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**From:** sdelone@comcast.net  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:33 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Subject:** Cell tower

We are strongly opposed to a cell tower at exit 110. It is terrible that you feel the need to do this when people are trying to cope with a terrible virus. Please reconsider this location and find one that has no opposition

Sincerely

Susan and Larry Kennedy  
Homeowners Wolf Lake

Sent from my iPad

## Heather

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**From:** J Newberg <jvmn51@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Subject:** RH Cell Tower - Planning Board Town of Thompson Hearing

Dear Planning Board Members, I find it highly ironic that this RUSHED Zoom cell tower public hearing is being held on "Earth Day" when all residents of Rock Hill will not be heard and some without access to a computer certainly cannot be heard. The Governor's Emergency Directive requested that all Public Hearings be postponed to June 1, 2020. A Zoom meeting is inappropriate when you know that this project brings out around 100 citizens who wish to be heard every time it comes up before you. There are many more properties to consider away from the four Lake communities as well as individually affected homes in Rock Hill. In making your decision you must not rush, you must consider the Rock Hill taxpayers and their families. You KNOW that your decision will affect property values for so many as well as the Electro Magnetic Fields that you nor I can quantify at this time ( see Dr. Martin Blank Phd, Columbia University "Overpowered") . Thank you for your consideration.

Janet Newberg

Sent from my iPhone

## Heather

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**From:** Logerfo, Frank W (HMFP - Chief of Vascular) <flogerfo@bidmc.harvard.edu>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:27 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Cell tower

Town of Thompson Planning Committee:

Re: Cell Tower Location

I am writing as a 75 year part time resident of Wolf Lake and this beautiful and historic area of New York State. I understand these cell towers are important and we all benefit from the service to some extent. The question here is whether the centerpoint of our small community of Rock Hill is the only place to locate a cell tower in such an otherwise sparsely settled area. Sight lines are important. Not a clear sunset goes by that I don't sit on my dock or canoe in awe of the beauty of nature and our world. I am sure that many others have similar thoughts about the sight lines that include the proposed tower. To be more monetary, another way to look at this is to say "The beauty of nature is our business." It is why people come here.

Has the committee appropriated the correct value to these concerns? Is the proposed location just a matter of convenience in servicing the tower? I hope you will take a good look at other sites before undertaking such permanent destruction of the beauty of our neighborhood.

Thank you

Frank LoGerfo

126 Canal Rd

Wolf Lake

## Heather

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**From:** Lynn Starr <lsw1234@hvc.rr.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 3:22 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com; douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Cc:** Camille Johnston  
**Subject:** Cell Tower Meeting

Unfortunately, my husband and I are unable to attend the meeting tonight. We are residents of Lake Louise Marie in Rock Hill, NY and would very much like our opinions expressed.

We have concerns about the cell tower.

1) Based on the picture I was shown, this would be quite an eye soar for the people who live near or on the lake. That does not include the folks who actually spend most of their time ON the lake, as we do, in the summer months.

2) If I understand correctly, it will blink constantly. This not a pleasant thing to see or even drive by. As a resident for almost 20 years, year round, we enjoy our small yet smart little town. Though many times I have complained myself, about no phone service while I am shopping at The Trading Post or at the post office or pharmacy, etc. I still feel that this is quite an intrusion. I am of a particular age and I grew up without cell phones or cable, etc. We did it. We can still do it. I am now considered a senior at the age of 64. I was the one, like many, riding a bicycle without a helmet...walking at night on my hometown streets and we are still here. I wish safety and good health for all of my neighbors. I want my "vote" or opinion known, along with my husband, that we are NOT in favor of this cell tower.

If any more information is needed, please call us at 845-794-2585.

We also give our "proxy" to Camille Johnston and Pat Ripa, should it be required.

Please accept this and add this email to your agenda tonight. Sorry I can't be with you all. My husband is at CRMC on a ventilator. I pray for you all and wish you safety and good health.

Your neighbors,

Lynn Starr Weissman  
Steven C. Thompson  
19 Straight Path  
Rock Hill, NY 12775

## Heather

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**From:** Steve Mormino <skippy170@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:05 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Subject:** Re: No cell tower

Please disregard my last email, I was misinformed. I support the cell phone tower. Thank you

Steve Mormino.

Sent from my iPhone

> On Apr 22, 2020, at 1:32 PM, Steve Mormino <skippy170@aol.com> wrote:

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> As a resident of Wurtsboro/Rock Hill border, I beg you to please seek other alternatives then placing the cell phone tower next to Lake Wanaksink.

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> Thank you,

> Steve Mormino

> 284 South Shore Drive

> Wurtsboro NY 12790

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> Sent from my iPhone

## Heather

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**From:** Frank Fasano <ffasano@ffie.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:00 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Cell phone Tower

Good afternoon,

I am a Wolf Lake and would like to voice that I am opposed to the proposed new Rock Hill cell phone tower. I appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Thank you,  
Frank J. Fasano  
248 South Shore Drive  
Wurtsboro, NY  
845-341-7159

## Heather

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**From:** Donmormino <donmormino@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:11 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Cell Tower

To the Town of Thompson town board. This is to advise you that as a resident of Wurtsboro, Wolf lake, I am in full support of the cell tower going up in the area of Wanaksink Lake. . It is very much needed for personal as well as emergency purposes as reception in the area is very poor. I asked that you approve the plans for the cell tower. Thank you

Don Mormino  
83 Canal Rd  
Wurtsboro, NY.

## Heather

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**From:** Alex Lee <alexlflee@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:10 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Subject:** In opposition of building the cell phone tower near Wanaksink Lake

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing today to voice my opposition against the building of the cell phone tower in Rock Hill in an area that is visible from Wanaksink Lake.

I am a 15-year owner of a property on Wolf Lake, and sadly, the view outside my window, especially at night, is dominated by the tower that was built within Wolf Lake property decades ago. Not a day goes by when I do not wish that tower was never built. I actually know of cases where prospective buyers turned down the chance to buy property on Wolf Lake because of the tower in view.

People all around the lake communities in Sullivan County treasure the natural environment in which their houses sit. Given that there are other options where this tower can be placed without being visible to lake communities, there is no reason why it must be placed where it would disrupt so many families' natural view and risk the depreciation of their property value. I strongly urge the community to reconsider the options available.

Best,

Alex Lee  
Wolf Lake resident.

## Heather

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**From:** Karen Weissman <karenweissman@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 22, 2020 4:08 PM  
**To:** planning@townofthompson.com  
**Cc:** douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Opposition to cell tower installation near Wanaksink Lake

To the Town of Thompson Planning Board:

I am writing to express my strong concerns regarding the visual impact of the proposed cell phone tower near Wanaksink Lake. As a resident of Wolf Lake for 15 years, I know how vital it is to preserve the natural areas around our historic lakes. These lake communities represent a large constituency for the Thompson and contribute greatly to its very appeal and identity. I also understand that there are other appropriate sites that have been identified to place this tower that do not impact a residential neighborhood or lake community.

For these reasons, I strong oppose granting a variance to place the tower in a location that is not zoned for such a structure and would cause such degradation to the environment.

Sincerely,  
Karen Weissman  
Wolf Lake Resident