

# EXHIBIT E-2

Town of Thompson Board and Planning Board -

It is hard for me to fathom that for more than a year, I have been writing you as part of a large coalition of residents to express my opposition to a proposed cell tower adjacent to Wanaksink Lake. We have expressed our understanding and support for better cell service in Rock Hill but we are asking you to consider alternate sites that would be considered a win/win for the entire community. The "new" site that you are considering is not only still on the same property but it is now proposed to be taller than the Statue of Liberty - and it is still owned by the Township Supervisor. Are you serious?

We have validated alternative sites with a renowned RF engineer. We have had landowners step up and offer their property in non-residential areas. We have discussed and illustrated the negative impact to our land, views and property values. And yet, you continue to entertain the application for building a cell tower on only one property. Have you forgotten that you represent the community? Are you not concerned for the appearance of self-dealing in the equation? Are you not interested in preserving the splendor of the Rock Hill area? There has been so much time, money and effort placed upon beautifying our hamlet, yet you're willing to consider having a massive cell tower be the first view heading into town on Route 17 West. Documents in Town records highlight the need to protect the coveted tree canopy along the corridor head to the Rock Hill center.

Most of my career has been in government and economic development and I have worked with many thoughtful and creative boards and commissions who work to find solutions to best satisfy their constituents - so far I have seen neither.

Please do the right thing, be effective leaders - don't be a rubber stamp for the landowner and telecom company.

Laurie Supinski  
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April 16, 2020

Town of Thompson Planning Board  
4052 Route 42  
Monticello, New York 12701

RE: Tarpon / Verizon Cell Tower Application off of Wurtsboro Mountain Road

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board and Town of  
Thompson Board Members,

I am writing to share my serious concerns about the negative impact the proposed cell tower location would have on me, my husband, my children, my future grandchildren, my siblings and their children, as well as the entire Wanaksink Lake and Lake Louise Marie communities, now and for the foreseeable future. The proposed location looms over the residential areas of Wanaksink Lake and Lake Louise Marie and will be one of the first features visitors see as they enter Rock Hill.

As members of the Rock Hill community, we all agree as to the importance of improved cell phone service for Rock Hill. To that end, the committee formed by members of the Wanaksink Lake community identified alternative locations and paid for an independent RF engineer to validate the viability of the alternative sites. The members of the Town of Thompson Planning Board have a fiduciary duty to consider these additional options rather than to continue to focus exclusively on the Calcam property owned by the Town Supervisor.

My mother and her family began enjoying the beauty of Wanaksink Lake and Rock Hill in the 1930s. My parents built a home at 2 Elm Road in 1967. My husband and I were fortunate enough to purchase the home and continue to enjoy the beauty, peace, and tranquility of our community year after year with our extended family and friends.

Please take my concerns into consideration as you evaluate the negative impact the proposed cell tower location would have on so many homeowners and residents of the Wanaksink Lake, Lake Louise Marie, and Rock Hill community.

Sincerely,

Sally Hallinan

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Philip Rhodes <[prhodes@broadview-tech.com](mailto:prhodes@broadview-tech.com)>

**Subject:** Tarpon/Verizon cell tower

**Date:** April 15, 2020 at 12:15:21 PM EDT

**To:** [planning@townofthompson.com](mailto:planning@townofthompson.com)

**Cc:** [douglaspoetzch@gmail.com](mailto:douglaspoetzch@gmail.com)

Dear Planning Board Members,

As a resident of the Town of Thompson, Rock Hill, and Lake Wanaksink I am extremely concerned with the location proposed for the new cell tower.

I know a cell tower is urgently needed to provide service to the Rock Hill business district. This being said, the proposed location and exorbitant height will cause real harm to our pastoral views, our home values and the safety and well being of our children.

The proposed location is within a few hundred feet of our children's basketball courts, playground, community beach, volleyball area, picnic pavilion, etc.

For all of these reasons, please please find an alternative site. I know several have been proposed that will be more acceptable and not hurt the property values of hundreds of home owners nor endanger the health and well being of children at play.

Thank you and stay well,

Philip S. Rhodes  
4 Little North Shore Rd.  
Rock Hill, NY 12775

Dear Planning Board,

I have lived on the South shore of [REDACTED]ksink Lake for 40 years. Looking west from our dock is truly wonderous -- in the mornings and evenings I sit there for hours thankful for my little slice of heaven.

And it's beautiful because it's pristine and unobstructed --- a view you dream of when owning a home in the mountains. But the beauty we all appreciate when boating or relaxing on our docks will change if this Verizon tower is approved-- forever damaging our sunsets and creating quite an eyesore in this wonderful town.

Our [REDACTED]ksink Lake community has been a viable and supportive part of Rockhill, we are so very proud to live here. And that's why we feel so strongly about this issue.

Please don't allow the construction of this tower and preserve our wonderful town.

Sincerely,  
Maura Sweeney  
179 South Lake Road  
[REDACTED]ksink Lake

Herb & Madelyn Wernau  
113 Union Street  
Montgomery, NY 12549

Planning Board, Town of Thompson  
4052 Route 42  
Monticello, NY 12701

RE: Tarpon Cell Tower Application off of Wurstboro Mountain Road

Dear Planning Board Members,

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Planning Board, once again, with some perspective on the negative visual and aesthetic impacts the proposed tower will have on my family as an owner of a home on Wanaksink Lake.

Our home is located at *6 Gold Point Road*, and we have owned this property for the last 20 years. Prior to our ownership, my parents, Herbert and Edna Wernau, owned and built our cabin in 1945, almost 75 years ago! Since then, five (5) generations have enjoyed many great summers on our *lake front* site. We refer to this property as "***A Little Piece of Heaven and Paradise***".

The construction of a 245 foot tower (originally 185 feet) with a **flashing red light** will definitely have a negative impact on the surroundings and the beauty of our tranquil lake. When friends and family wake in the morning and look out our lake front windows, their first comment is "*You and all of us here are so fortunate to have such a spectacular view of this lake*"!

Put simply, if built, the proposed cell tower, looming over the lake and skyline will ruin our views, from our dock, from our electric motor boat as we look at the unobstructed sunset views from both our boat and out our windows, which almost all face westward. Instead of enjoying beautiful sunsets in the evenings as we sit on our lawn and deck, we will now be faced with an unsightly view of a commercial tower. It ruins the views, the experience and the natural setting we live in.

Cellphone service is a definite necessary, but not a tower to be viewed from our lake!! Especially when other locations are available and suitable, but not being considered.

Please take this into consideration in you evaluation of the visual impacts of the proposed cell tower.

Sincerely,

*Herb Wernau*

**Herb & Madelyn Wernau**

To: Town of Thompson Planning Board  
From: Maureen Kozlark  
Re: Tarpon Tower Project

I am writing in opposition to the proposed construction of the Tarpon/Verizon cell tower on the Calcam property in the billboard location or any repositioning of the tower within the acreage bound by Wurtsboro Road and Pine Street.

Putting aside the egregious visual impact that this tower will have on the residents of Wanaksink Lake as well as surrounding communities, the use of private land on which to construct this tower and the refusal by the planning commission to consider alternate, town-owned, less intrusive sites is appalling. Elected and appointed officials must put the needs of all before the gain of a select few, especially in this case in which there is an obvious conflict of interest between the economic interests of the town supervisor and the economic needs of the taxpayers of the Town of Thompson. At a minimum to dispel any appearance—if not reality—of a conflict of interest, the Town of Thompson should appoint an independent third party engineer to assist the Board in identifying alternate locations to either co-locate additional cell equipment or, if deemed necessary, a smaller tower to address cell coverage in Rock Hill.

In this time of rapidly changing technology, it is also imperative to require the applicant to investigate all options to address needed cell coverage and to use forethought in any action. New technologies such as the impending rollout of 5G by Verizon and other telecoms may obviate the need for massive 235 foot towers spoiling the bucolic vistas of our communities. These considerations must be thoughtfully and intentionally taken into account in regards to the application.

Furthermore, when considering the application, the Planning Board must adhere to its own codes by amending the application to stipulate that the applicant must commit to removing any constructed tower when it is no longer needed at the applicant's personal expense as a condition of any approval.

My family has owned a home on Wanaksink Lake for over 60 years. I implore you to deny the application for constructing this cell tower on private land which will mar the beautiful sunsets of Wanaksink Lake. Surely, we can partner together to identify a better location in downtown Rock Hill for a shorter tower that will provide adequate coverage for our community.

Planning Board,

A year later . . . .I'm writing to you AGAIN to express my stronger objection to the proposal of a cell tower across from my home on Wurtsboro Mountain Road. Personally, I am very concerned about how this "monstrosity" may negatively affect the value of my home.

The size and height of this tower looming over the western shore of Wanaksink Lake and marring beautiful sunsets and green landscape seems like an unsightly view for the 250+ members of the lake community. As far as I know, the alternative locations have not been pursued; aren't they the ones that do not impact residential areas?

Quite frankly, I don't understand why this meeting has been scheduled atS this time when we are coping with a health crisis and Governor Cuomo's directive was to halt Public Hearings unless we are coping with "a disaster emergency or assisting/aiding in coping with such disaster". I would like to see the meeting rescheduled for a later date when many more summer residents are at their homes in the Town of Thompson.

Sandra King  
73 Wurtsboro Mountain Rd.

Robert & Daria Rickett  
125 South Lake Road  
Rock Hill, NY 12775  
4110 N Paulina St  
Chicago, IL 60613

March 18, 2020

Planning Board, Town of Thompson  
4052 Route 42  
Monticello, NY 12701

RE: Tarpon Cell Tower Application off of Wurtsboro Mountain Road

Dear Planning Board Members,

As someone who wrote you regarding my concern about the visual impact of the proposed Tarpon cell tower almost exactly a year ago, I am shocked to know that despite the clear and obvious concern from many of your constituents as to it's effects on property values in addition to marring the gorgeous views, you continue to support a cell tower being located on the Town Board President's property (do I need to point out the kleptocratic nature of this?) without even asking Tarpon to scout alternative locations which they are legally bound to do at NO COST to the town! We, as well as most Wanaksink Lake residents, do not dispute the need for better cell service. However, as you know there ARE viable alternatives that will serve business and individual needs, but will not impact lake resident views. We have paid for and provided this information to you. Please know that our community is committed to fighting the current location. Let's all hope it doesn't come to that!

Sincerely,

Robb & Daria Rickett

Rebecca Harris  
14 First Road  
Rock Hill, NY 12775

March 16, 2020

To My Community Representatives:

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I urge you to fully consider the implications of enabling the Tarpon/Verizon telecommunications companies to build a cell tower so incredibly close to our tranquil community at Wanaksink. It will literally destroy a beautiful natural view, one that has been protected for nearly 100 years and which, while especially precious to those of us who live at Wanaksink Lake, is an asset to the entire Rock Hill Community, as it is one the first places most visitors enter our town. Our diligent and hard-working committee of volunteers has worked tirelessly to identify alternative locations and has paid for an independent, well-regarded RF engineer to validate the viability of those alternative sites.

While I fully support the need for better cell service in Rock Hill, I think we all know there are other options than to stick with the very same property, owned by Town Supervisor Bill Reiber, that was proposed last year at this time.

Frankly, I am shocked that my TOT representatives would continue to propose a location that is not only opposed by many of its constituents (for sound environmental reasons) when perfectly good alternative locations and solutions are available. Not only does it seem irresponsible to those of us directly affected, but possibly to many other TOT taxpayers who are less aware of the details than we have been forced to be by virtue of its direct impact on us. It seems very likely that this whole effort has been a significant misuse of TOT taxpayer money, when it could so easily have been resolved in other ways.

With respect and hope that you will do the right thing,

Rebecca Harris  
14 First Road, Rock Hill, NY 12775

Hello,

I know that we are all focused on the Corona virus, and that these are very uncertain times. However, this will pass, and when that happens, we all need to know that our communities will come out the other side in a different frame of mind, one that is supportive and caring of each other, both as individuals and as a whole.

It is my understanding that a teleconferenced public hearing for the Tarpon/Verizon application has been scheduled for the evening of April 22nd, and that is why I am writing to you. Rock Hill needs better coverage! Everyone who lives here knows this to be true. However, the current proposed location for this cell tower will truly be an eyesore, not just for those of us on Wanaksink Lake, but for anyone entering into our beautiful hamlet. The Wanaksink Lake group, along with an independently hired, experienced RF engineer, has identified alternative sites. I implore you to consider these other options, so we can maintain the beauty of our area, as well as meet the needs of our community as a whole.

I wish you and your families good health and safety, and thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

Phyllis Perry

106 Middletown Point Rd.

Rock Hill, NY 12775

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board and Town of Thompson Board Members,

I urge to fully consider the implications of enabling the Tarpon/Verizon telecommunications companies to build a cell tower so incredibly close to our tranquil community at Wanaksink Lake - and just as visitors enter Rock Hill. It will literally destroy a coveted and beautiful natural view, one that has been protected for nearly 100 years. Our diligent committee has worked hard to identify alternative locations and has paid for an independent, well-regarded RF engineer to validate the viability of those alternative sites. There's no reason to continue focusing exclusively on the Calcam property, owned by the Town Supervisor, when other options exist.

Sincerely,

Laurie Supinski  
91 South Lake Road  
Rock Hill, New York

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Sincerely,  
Jody Lounsbury

April 15, 2020

Town of Thompson Planning Board  
4052 Route 42  
Monticello, New York 12701

RE: Tarpon/Verizon Cell Tower Application off of Wurtsboro Mountain Road

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board and  
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My family's relationship with Wanaksink Lake dates back to the 1930's with the most recent residence constructed in the 1960's. Tarpon/Verizon's current proposed location would inflict an eyesore on this idyllic hamlet and is an egregious disregard for the welfare of the Wanaksink Lake / Lake Louise Marie / Rock Hill community. This is particularly galling in light of the evidence of viable alternatives sites which rather than simply providing rental income to a particular individual would minimize the negative impact on the residential areas of Wanaksink Lake and Lake Louise Marie and Rock Hill as a community.

Make no mistake, I fully recognize the need for reliable cell phone service. The point being, however, this is not an either/or situation hence the VIABLE alternatives. A sober assessment of the short and long term ramifications acceding to his historical folly must be undertaken. It is your duty.

Sincerely,

John Hallinan

Harold Stephan

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Rock Hill, NY 12775  
haroldstephan@gmail.com

March 18, 2020

Planning Board, Town of Thompson  
4052 Route 42  
Monticello, NY 12701

RE: TARPON CELL TOWER APPLICATION OFF OF WURSTBORO MOUNTAIN ROAD

Dear Planning Board Members,

I am a home owner at 24 Sylvan Shore Road and I have been made aware that a new, even taller cell tower is being proposed for the same Rieber property next to the lake. While I appreciate the need for better cell service in our community, I am wondering how wise it is to build such a tower immediately next to the lake?

This tower will not only be a tremendous eye sore for home owners who look forward to the serene views afforded by the tree-line on the western shore of the lake. Federal and state regulated safety lighting on this tower will be extremely offensive at night, given there is no road lighting on this stretch of Wurtsboro Mountain Road. I also have serious concerns about the biological impact of the tower on my thirteen-year old son. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified RF fields as "possibly carcinogenic to humans," and at the location of our home the scatter field from the antennae will be greater than it is directly beneath the tower.

There are other locations in the immediate area that are equally suited to provide high quality cell service while retaining the integrity of lake views. Several of these alternatives have been proposed by the lake committee and recommended by our engineer; to date, not a single one of these locations has been given serious consideration. Why not?

On a personal note, I look so forward to those summer sunsets at the lake. It is one my life's greatest joys. *Please don't take that away from my family or from the other residents at Wanaksink lake.*

Sincerely yours,

Harold Stephan

RE: Tarpon Cell Tower Application

Dear Planning Board Members:

As someone who enjoys the peace and serenity at Wanaksink Lake, I would like to express my deep concern about the visual impact that the proposed cell tower site will have, not only on me, but on my family and friends.

I have been a visitor at Wanaksink Lake for over 40 years and have always marveled at how it has remained relatively unspoiled throughout the years. The fact that high powered boats are not allowed on the lake makes this a truly unique property and speaks to the residents' desire to keep this as a place of solitude. The location of the proposed cell tower can only be described as a visual assault. The sunset which is much treasured by the residents of the lake will be permanently pock-marked by a behemoth commercial tower.

I am also truly concerned that, because the aesthetic of the lake and its views is what draws people to Wanaksink, placement of this tower will substantially affect property values. While I certainly appreciate the need for better cell service in the area, I do not think that there was adequate due diligence in looking into alternative sites that would have less aesthetic and environmental impact (i.e., disturbing protected eagle nesting areas). Furthermore, with technology increasing exponentially it is likely that this type of tower will be obsolete in the not so distant future. There are already less unsightly alternatives available which have not been adequately explored. It is also disturbing that there appears to be a blatant conflict of interest in who will gain financially by the placement of this tower and which seems to be a driving force behind the lack of research into more appropriate locations.

I urge you to take these points into consideration in your evaluation of the visual and environmental impacts of the proposed cell tower location.

Sincerely,  
Ellen Ladenheim

March 16, 2020

To:

The Town of Thompson Planning Board

Last year I wrote you a nice letter, and appeared before you to express my concern about the proposed Verizon / Tarpon Cell Tower location on Calcom property. My neighbors and I more than filled your room at the meeting when we were allowed to speak. We represent a vast majority of the residents of Wanaksink Lake.

You tried to push this through last winter, then told us when we found out about it that it was a "done deal", and we couldn't affect your decision. We mobilized, we hired our own impartial experts for analysis – something you should have done at the applicants expense! Instead, we paid for it! We found you were either inept or lying to us. The tower doesn't need to ruin our environment, lower our property values, and desecrate the beauty of our landscape. Coverage can be achieved for our town of Rock Hill and our neighbors in other viable non-intrusive locations. It galls me that Rock Hill, having expended such effort and expense in beautification, and winning a state award, would now have a huge ugly tower at their entrance! Why would you do this to them when other options are available?

Then you postponed having this on the agenda 3 times when many of us were at our homes and would come to your meetings. You have waited again until winter, a year later. Did you think we stopped paying attention?!

Why isn't the tower going on county owned property with the money gained going to the town?

Rather than explore the viable sites the experts identified, the applicants "compromised" by moving the tower a bit on the same site and propose making it even taller. WHY? Is it because Reiber the Town Supervisor owns this property with his brother? Making it taller and allowing more profit renting out space to more companies may make him richer, but if you vote to allow it, it makes ALL OF YOU GUILTY of aiding and abetting self-dealing and corruption. ALL OF YOU! We are all paying attention. We will all watch your votes on this matter. Our attorney read from the Charter that you, as our representatives have a fiduciary duty to protect us, the tax paying residents of the community, to protect our investment and environment. If you approve this monstrosity, we will fight you. If you abdicate your responsibility to us, if you participate in this blatant corruption, the truth will come out. Do the right thing. Reject this proposal.

If you vote to allow this desecration of our beloved lake, I look forward to joining my neighbors and suing each and every one of you in a court of law!

Mark DeMuro

76 and 93 South Lake Road, Rock Hill NY

Abby Harris  
14 First Road  
Rock Hill, NY 12775

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I urge you to fully consider the implications of enabling the Tarpon/Verizon telecommunications companies to build a cell tower so incredibly close to our tranquil community at Wanaksink Lake - and just as visitors enter Rock Hill.

The Board should also be aware that the tower is a lattice type tower. A lattice tower is more at home in an airport than any section of Rock Hill, and the lots being considered are outrageous due to the proximity to the lake, beach and residential housing. If the land owner had not made the land available in the first place – Verizon would have to choose another lot which would not deface the character of the neighborhood and be located in a more appropriate place, like at the firehouse – regardless of their “circle of acceptability”.

Furthermore, the fact that the board wishes to give a private landowner the fees accrued from rental of this tower, rather than insisting that it be only on town, village or municipal land, so Rock Hill could receive some benefit rather than enriching a single entity that does nothing for the community. In short it will literally destroy a coveted and beautiful natural view, one that has been protected for nearly 100 years.

Our diligent committee has worked hard to identify alternative locations and has paid for an independent, well-regarded RF engineer to validate the viability of those alternative sites. There's no reason to continue focusing exclusively on the Calcam property, owned by the Town Supervisor, when other far less offensive options exist.

The issue of cell service in the Rock Hill drive and Glen Wild Rd area could be better addressed for our town by placing a tower in the affected area. The current placement is simply a cheaper way for Verizon to boost the Monticello summer cell service, Rock Hill simply being covered as an aside. The main focus here is not Rock Hill, but Verizon corporate profits at the cost of Rock Hill's serene character.

Pandering to summer bungalow colonies and the casino, Resorts World Catskills, which had an operating loss of \$36 million in the last quarter of 2019 and went into voluntary bankruptcy as it struggles to pay off debt on its \$1 billion casino, is not a reason to destroy Rock Hill's neighborhood character and beautiful wooded residential area with an ugly behemoth which is in no way fitting for placement on a wooded lot right next to a beautiful lake community.

There is also the issue of the current “Bridgeville” tower, which as stated in the Planning Board Minutes dating back to 2012 – is a Verizon tower, contrary to what Mr. Lusk said when asked about that tower, then immediately dismissing it as an unknown tower, unsuitable because of Verizon's “circle”. At a 2015 Planning Board meeting, Attorney Paula Kay noted that “the Board is happy that the business district of Rock Hill is covered” – referring to a 20' extension to be put on the tower to cover the Rock Hill dead spot. That tower should still be the primary site – as it exists already. This new location seems to serve another purpose altogether, and that is not to erect a huge, expensive 230' tower to cover a 3-5 block area of rock hill, which should be the only focus of any tower in Rock Hill.

The RF engineer we hired at our own expense is renown not only in NY, but nationwide, for his expertise in the field. I urge you to do the right thing and follow the recommendations he has made which WILL solve Rock Hill's problem, and let Verizon solve Monticello or Resorts World problems with a tower located on their land.

Sincerely,

Chris Wallace

## Planning Board

I am deeply concerned that this is still on the agenda to be built near wanaksink lake.

As trusted advocates of our town

Surely just over the last month as we have all experienced how far technology has come even myself learning zoom for the first time

I promise phones are going to be running off satellites shortly.

Elon musk already has them in space testing them.

Please reject this metal Goliath of a tower from even discussing encroaching the nature views in the sunset , the eagle sanctuary which after all this virus stay at home the peace of mind nature provides has become more crucial to protect.

They ignored all options for other locations and frankly adjustments to current towers that would be sufficient to boost power to town till we are all on satellite technology while not disturbing the wanaksink sanctuary.

Last I looked the by laws of town committee dictates you are supposed to advocate for the scenery not the tower .

Please reject the tower once and for all.

With respect and appreciation  
Amelia and harold wanaksink homeowners

Town of Thompson Board and Planning Board,

I'm once again writing to you about **using your authority to halt the destruction of our coveted residential area**. I've included the emails that I've sent over the past year, with all of the rationale, in the hopes that you'll do the right thing and insist that a new cell tower be built in a non-residentially-impacted location to serve the hamlet of Rock Hill. I don't disagree that better cell service is needed. I do, however, intensely disagree that an exception be granted for the destruction of a backdrop of beauty when **OTHER VETTED OPTIONS EXIST**. In my opinion, there is only one reason to obfuscate Wanaksink's coveted sunset — THE PROPERTY OWNER and TOWN SUPERVISOR will benefit from an annuity far beyond his lifetime.

We have validated alternative sites with a renowned RF engineer. We have had landowners step up and offer their property in non-residential areas. We have discussed and illustrated the negative impact to our land, views and property values. And yet, you continue to entertain the application for building a cell tower on only one property. Have you forgotten that you represent the community? Are you not concerned for the appearance of self-dealing in the equation? Are you not interested in preserving the splendor of the Rock Hill area? There has been so much time, money and effort placed upon beautifying our hamlet, yet you're willing to consider having a massive cell tower, taller than the Statue of Liberty, be the first view heading into town on Route 17 West. Documents in Town records highlight the need to protect the coveted tree canopy along the corridor head to the Rock Hill center.

There are checks and balances of power and we intend to fully leverage them if you choose to proceed. We have a community of 270 homes, a petition of nearly 75% of households represented, an engaged attorney who is versed in these matters and an RF engineer who has validated the efficacy of alternative locations (and even indicated that the proposed cell towers are unnecessarily high). And there's the SEQR process, which is in place to ensure you consider ALL impacts, not just seek the best signal. **See the VIEWSHED below** that is to scale and illustrates the various options we've proposed and their impact — notice the varying degrees — all would serve the purpose of a better signal, all non-Calcam locations are less visually impactful.

**I implore you: go down a path that serves your constituents — not one landowner and a telecom company.**

On behalf of the concerned residents of Wanaksink Lake,

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As a resident of the Town of Thompson, Rock Hill, and Lake Wanaksink I voice strong objections to the location proposed for the new cell tower.

I know a cell tower is urgently needed to provide service to the Rock Hill business district. This need is better met from a location that does not diminish Lake Wanaksink property values, destroy scenic sunset views enjoyed by hundreds, and fuel resentment in tax payers that the proposed tower will lower their property values. I also strongly object to the obvious conflict which would provide substantial profit to the public official who owns the land.

I implore you to reconsider alternative sites for the cell tower that do not hover over children play areas and treasured community gathering places. An exceedingly tall cell tower hovering over property purchased for the tranquil views they enjoy is an affront to the hard-working residents who live in its vicinity and who have paid a premium for their beautiful views.

For all of these reasons, you must in good conscience find an alternative site. Several have been proposed that will be more acceptable and not hurt the property values of your community home owners nor take away what the good people of Wanaksink have treasured for generations. Please allow our children and grandchildren the privilege of enjoying the views and values for the years to come.

Thank you and stay well,

Marlene H. Rhodes  
4 Little North Shore Rd.  
Rock Hill, NY 12775

March 16, 2020

Re: Tarpon Cell Tower Application

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board and Town of Thompson Board Members,

We need cell service in the Town of Rock Hill but we are again addressing the new application by Tarpon Towers to erect a cell tower across the street from Wanaksink Lake.

Now it is proposed to be at a gigantic height of 240 feet with lights as opposed to the first application at 180 feet, so Verizon can add more antennas and they can make more money.

Two local business workers have stated that there used to be cell service in Rock Hill. They think the Bridgeville Tower was redirected to another site away from town.

**It was then researched and found in the 2015 minutes that the Town Of Thompson Planning Board discussed that the Bridgeville tower could be used to solve the reception problem in Rock Hill.**

**This may be as simple a fix as redirecting or piggy backing more transmitters on the existing tower or extending the Bridgeville Tower.**

Tarpon Towers and Verizon don't want to consider any of this because it would not increase their profits.

A group of concerned residents of Wanaksink Lake hired an RF engineer to investigate alternative sites to locate a cell tower for the reception in Rock Hill. Verizon shot down these locations. **The Town Of Thompson Planning Board can and should hire their own impartial RF engineer, at Tarpon Tower's expense which is allowed, to verify everything Verizon says is accurate. You are supposed to look out for the Town of Thompson taxpayers.**

Our RF Engineer identified a perfectly good site behind the Ramada Inn that the County owns, where a cell tower could sit and give reception to the Town of Rock Hill. Then the community and taxpayers would benefit from the revenue generated.

The Town Of Thompson should be afraid of how all this appears as a conflict of interest when the only acceptable site of the proposed towers is owned by the Town of Thompson's Supervisor.

I implore you to do the right thing for the Sullivan County Community. Thank you for your consideration in this manner.

Sincerely,

Joan Krieger  
108 Middletown Point Road  
Rock Hill, NY 12775

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board,

Once again, we are pleading the case against the erection of a cell tower within view of our homes on Wanaksink Lake. No one is questioning the need for increased/improved cell coverage but it has been proven that there are both existing (Bridgeville Cell Tower) and new (county land behind Ramada) viable commercial sites more properly suited for a cell tower. Any site that would negatively impact the bucolic nature of a residential area like Wanaksink Lake should be eliminated from consideration.

Furthermore, any site owned by a government official (Reeber) with approval authority for the action should be eliminated from consideration. It is unethical and likely criminal for the Town Supervisor to receive financial gain from any action/decision that comes before the Town of Thompson.

The thorough evaluation of alternatives that is required by law demands that an action on any site that causes significant adverse impacts must be eliminated from consideration when viable alternatives exist.

The cell tower must accordingly be placed in a commercial zone that does not negatively impact its residents.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Laura Scovazzo

Jo Beth Kemp

16 Little North Shore Road

Rock Hill, NY 12775

Dear Board Members,

Please do not place an unsightly telephone tower right within our special view. There are other sites on which the tower can be placed that will supply the town with desired phone service and, yet, would not spoil our precious view. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Derek and Marcella Bloomfield

88 North Shore Road

Rock Hill, NY 12775

Members of the planning board,

I am sending this email to voice my opposition to the cell tower in it's current planned location. Yes the town can benefit from better cell coverage but not at the expense of people's environment. Wanaksink Lake members have taken the time and the effort to assist searching for alternative locations which have been found and approved by engineers. Not only has the original tower growing in size what the unwillingness of the board to hire experts to review Verizon's plans is irresponsible as Leaders of this town whose job it is to look out for the taxpayers not outside companies.

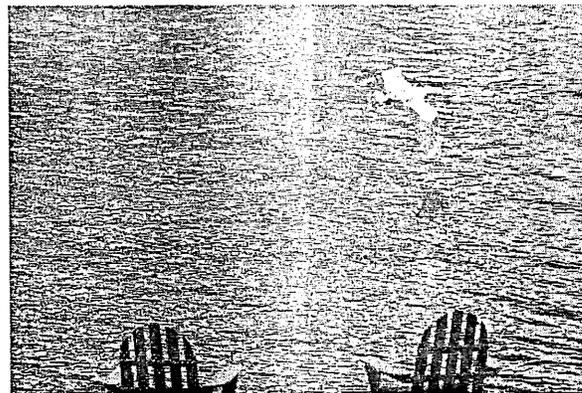
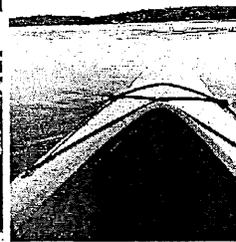
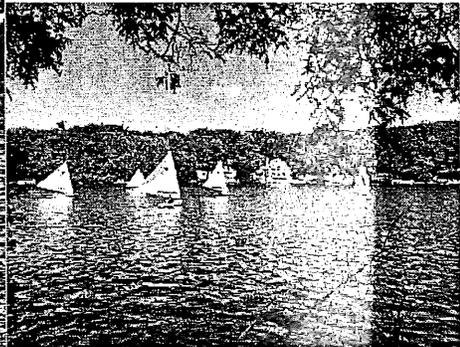
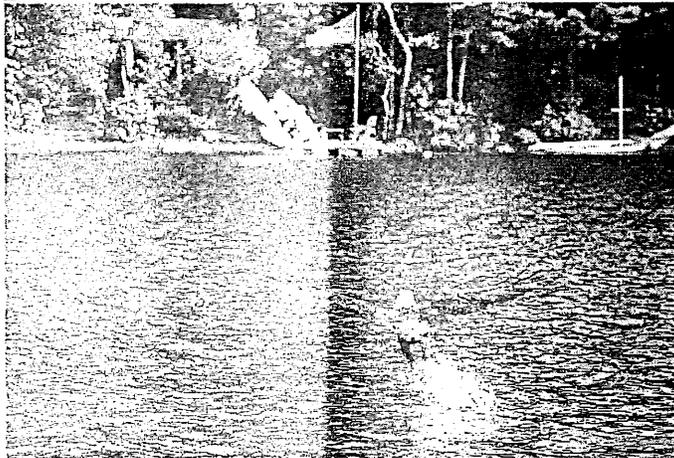
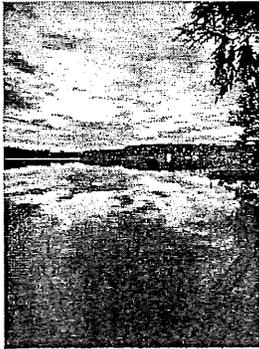
One of the things I would like to address is the constant repeated message of we have to have it for 911. I have served as a firefighter in Westchester County New York for 25 years and we have many towns and areas that do not have cell coverage and radio coverage we are not installing 260 ft Towers in people's backyards. There are Booster towers that can be installed for 911 signal it's proven and it works. Please reconsider Verizon's Plan before such a drastic action is taken ,thank you for your time and your service to your community.

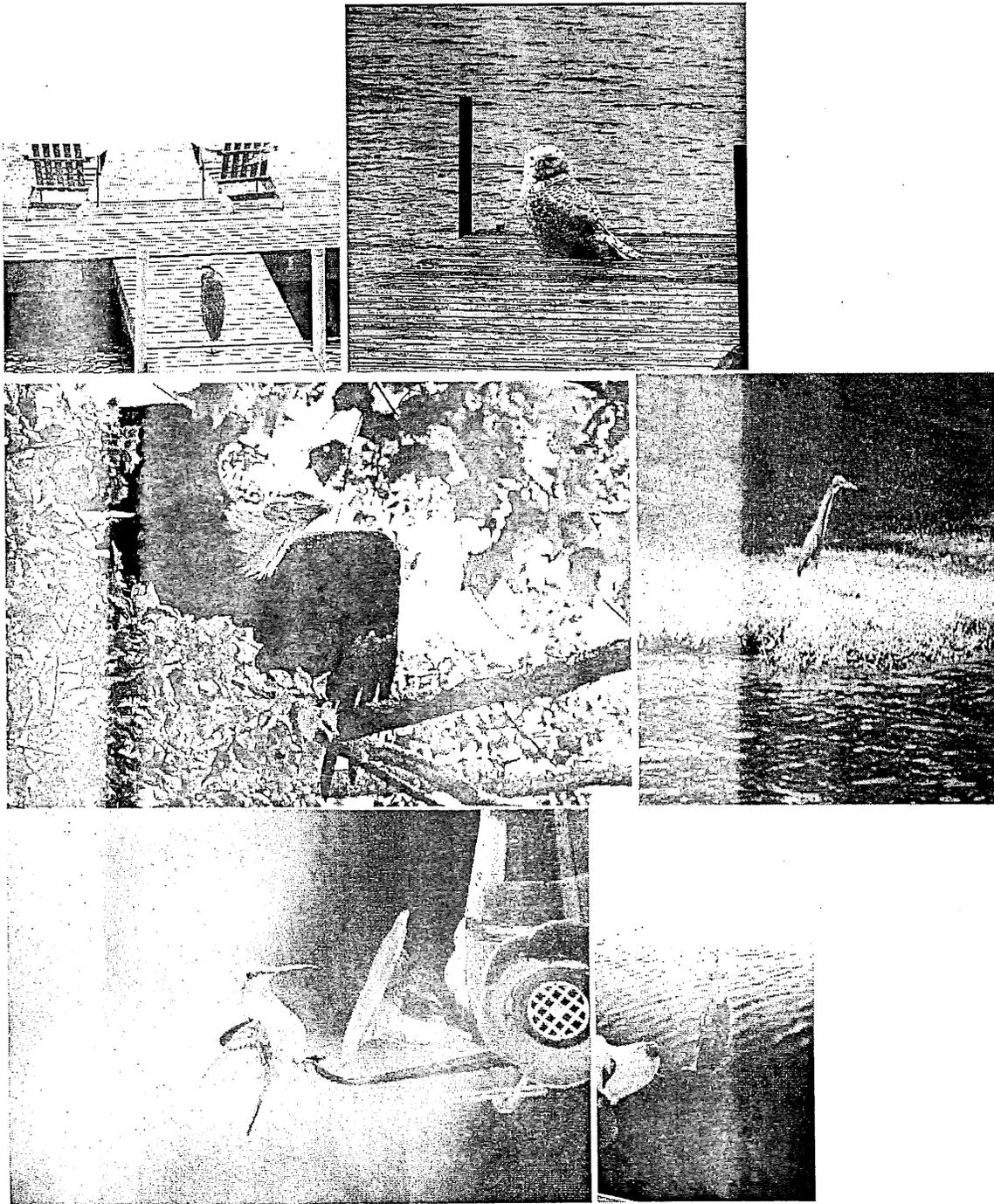
Deputy Chief,  
Michael T. Horan  
2 Fir rd.  
Rock Hill

Members of the planning board,

Please listen to our cries to keep our lake- beautiful- quiet and pristine in this time!!!!!!!  
.Do not overlook the politics that are involved here----- the outcome of a person  
holding political office trying to take advantage of a money producing CELL TOWER....  
Other sites for this tower must be considered> This is not a done deal..

Jo Beth Kemp





EAGLES , OWLS , HUMMINGBIRDS , FISH , TURTLES , children , quiet serenity , no oil allowed lake , no metal cell tower allowed lake. This is a flight pattern wild life sanctuary non commercial serene quiet & calm residential lake community. KEEP OUR SERENITY SERENE.

Members of the planning board,

**joycemoshier1@gmail.com**

12:23 PM (1  
hour ago)

to planning, me

As a homeowner at Wanaksink Lake, I object to the planning board voting on this agenda when none of our alternate sites have been considered and this meeting cannot be heard by all interested parties! This board has completely ignored our pleas and they are supposed to be working for the good of all!

Joyce Moshier, resident

Sent from my iPad

I am not against cell service for the Rock Hill area, I am against the placement of the tower. I purchased my property at the lake over 10 years ago and have put a substantial amount of money in improving the property. I purchased because of the beautiful lake view. If a cell tower is placed within the viewing area not only would affect our view it would also affect property values. It baffles my mind why another property could not be considered for placement of this tower.

DCB email