

Heather

From: Ralph Rubino <ralph_rubino@yahoo.com>
Sent: Saturday, March 14, 2020 6:44 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: 235 ft tower off Pine Tree St in Rock Hill

Just wanted to go on record that I am opposed to this structure. It would be an eyesore in the immediate vicinity of small residential homes. It is better suited either in a more commercial area where it would blend with existing buildings, or, in a more remote uninhabited piece of property. We are unable to make the public hearing on march 25th but wanted to express our opinion. appreciatively,
Ralph and Irma Rubino

Heather

From: Chris Wallace <sailawaywanaksink369@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 2:33 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: A Cell Tower On Golden Pond

Dear Planning Board Members,

I grew up on this lake, the exact location now in danger of being forever marred by a cell tower the size of the Statue of Liberty. Rock Hill, the jewel of Sullivan County, now has it's greatest assets – natural forests, rural charm and healthful living in general only 90 miles from NY City, threatened by the construction of a mammoth cell tower placed on land which is in no way suited to, or needed for the good of the community. This area has drawn people from overdeveloped towns and cities downstate to a rare, precious and ever vanishing natural environment where they can unwind and appreciate the long standing rural character of the Catskills – specifically here in Rock Hill.

The tower proposed by Verizon and Tarpon makes an irreversible change to the existing neighborhood character, and defaces the entrance to the Town of Thompson with a structure befitting an airport, not a wooded rural-residential lot as you enter the town. Even more egregious is the impact to the homes on Wanaksink Lake, some built in the 1920's, and following family lines of ownership through subsequent generations. Many of those homes are used solely or primarily in the summer months, yet the owners pay equal taxes to year round residents, and are not being considered against the impact of this tower with respect to their views, property values and other effects on their peace of mind and refuge while in their own homes.

All the lakes in the area have beautiful sunset views, I have countless pictures of sunsets and sailboats from my home on Wanaksink lake. A cell tower at this location would be right in my line of sight. Why you would consider this location for a tower when not necessary to solve a shortfall of a small area of Rock Hill is beyond me. Numerous alternatives have been furnished by the experts we hired at our own expense: Dick Comi and Andrew Campanelli. These people are rated as some of the best in the country with regards to their experience in the field of telecommunications planning and smart placement. It has become obvious to all that Verizon and Tarpon have one agenda: to fix a shortfall in service to Monticello and the casino at the lowest cost to them. The way they achieve that is to use a mythical circle that meets their financial goals. Servicing Rock Hill will merely be accidental by the overflow from the overpowered, over sized behemoth they are proposing in a rural-residential area without any other consideration.

Back as far as 2015, we were told this issue could be solved by a tower that the Verizon RF Engineer and Verizon's attorney claimed to know nothing about. The "Bridgeville Tower" as you called it, is in fact a Verizon tower. Why is that existing tower not being raised again to solve this problem in Rock Hill? Likely because it does not generate any additional profit for Verizon, and would require them to solve the Monticello problem with another tower. Rock Hill should not be made the unwilling host for Verizon's expansion plan, Rock Hill should serve it's community in a way befitting a rural area known for it's beautiful natural vistas – not for it's soaring industrial structures.

Please do not turn my home town into a nightmare just to solve a very small problem, please do the job we have elected you to do – preserve our way of life against those who would destroy it.

Sincerely,

Chris Wallace

Heather

From: lt1mth@aol.com
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 11:22 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Cell tower

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

Heather

From: phyllis perry <phyllisperry424@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:58 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Cell Tower

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

Heather

From: laurie <ljwindsurf@verizon.net>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 7:04 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com; 'Jo Beth Kemp'
Subject: Cell Tower

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

Heather

From: John Youngs <eclareandjack@me.com>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 5:01 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Cell Tower

Dear Members of Town of Thompson Planning Board:

Rock Hill prides itself as the scenic gateway to Sullivan Country. It would be a travesty if the first impression it makes becomes a monstrous metal tower, particularly when other suitable and less obtrusive sites have been identified.

The proposed location is situated in a residential area. We are particularly concerned because the home we have occupied for 48 years is only a few hundred feet away. A gigantic lighted tower would be a hideous structure constantly visible to us whether we are at our home or on Wanaksink Lake. Additionally, it would have a catastrophic negative impact on the value of our property and on the value of the properties of our neighbors.

It is our understanding that suitable sites in basically nonresidential areas are available. We implore you to select one of them.

Sincerely,

Jack and Clare Youngs
99 Wurtsboro Mountain Road

Sent from my iPad

Heather

From: Ellen Ladenheim <eeladenheim@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 6:02 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Cell Tower Application

Ellen Ladenheim
3934 Grimm Rd.
Jarrettsville, MD 21084

April 15, 2020

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

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

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From: Judy King <jkingmurray@me.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 5:09 PM
To: TOT Planning Board; Scott Mace; Meddaugh, Melinda; rschock@townofthompson.com
Cc: paulaelainekaylaw@gmail.com; peklaw@hvc.rr.com; Doug Poetzsch; Maureen Kozlark
Subject: Cell Tower Placement

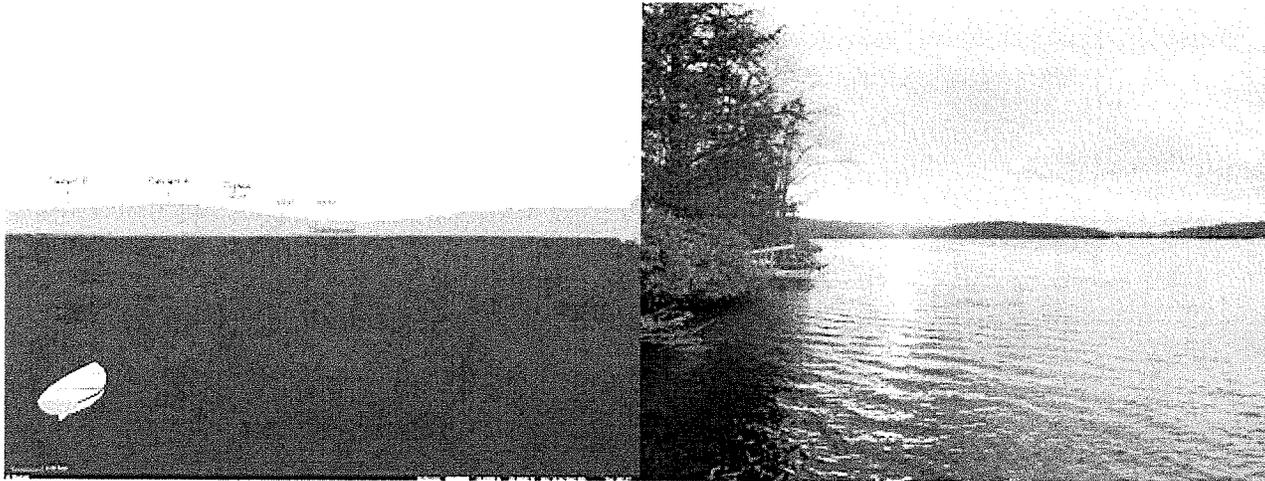
Town of Thompson Board and Planning Board,

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,

Judy King
121 South Lake Road
Rock Hill, NY 12775
e: jkingmurray@me.com
p: 917.699.8258
[LinkedIn Profile](#)

From: Judy King <jkingmurray@me.com>
Subject: Cell Phone Tower -- Please Read
Date: June 10, 2019 at 10:36:16 PM EDT
To: TOT Planning Board <planning@townofthompson.com>, paulaelainekaylaw@gmail.com

Town of Thompson Planning Board Members,

As you know, our committee at Wanaksink Lake has spent months trying to persuade you, our Planning Board, that approving a cell tower site a stone's throw from our lake's edge would have a significant negative impact on our residential community. We have consistently stated that **we are in favor of improving cell service for Rock Hill, but not to the detriment of our lake community, especially when there are other options.**

Verizon can attempt to diminish our recommendations, one by one, but as both our RF engineer and attorney pointed out, the applicants have used erroneous arguments to do so, relying on technical jargon and incomplete data that those of us without RF engineering degrees aren't educated to understand. They don't care about our town or our community. They have even been blatantly dishonest in their documentation about approaching two sites where land owners had not been contacted. It appears that they decided long ago that building on the Calcum site was a "slam dunk" and that no one had the expertise or interest to point out otherwise. As mentioned, we hired an RF engineer who has assured us (and you) that other options exist. And our attorney pointed out all of the deficiencies in the application and the lack of information

provided to facilitate and document a fact-based decision. We also learned that it's highly unusual for a Planning Board to make such a decision without the objective, independent consultation of an RF engineer or wireless expert, who has no vested interest in the outcome and could help you sort through the facts. The applicant is apparently required to pay for that service.

We've continued to hear comments like, "Don't waste your time, it's a done deal," and "You don't have a chance because you're up against a powerful self-interested land owner." We've chosen to believe that's not true. We certainly hope not, because that would challenge the integrity of the process.

Our attorney submitted every legal reason why you should not approve this application. Please use the information provided by our attorney to decline the application and proceed with a responsible alternative.

The ball is in your court. Please do the right thing.

On behalf of the concerned residents of Wanaksink Lake,



Judy King
121 South Lake Road
Rock Hill, NY 12775
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Town of Thompson Planning Board Members,

I would appreciate if you'd take a moment to read this email; it will hopefully shed some light on why your Wanaksink Lake neighbors are pushing so hard for an alternative cell tower location.

Many people from Wanaksink Lake have outlined myriad reasons for our request, but the common denominator is preserving the natural beauty of our lake, especially our extraordinary Wanaksink Lake sunsets. We are a community connected by our love for our lake. On any given summer day you'll find people in boats hovering off of our west shore and all around the lake, enjoying the natural beauty of our pristine lake with the backdrop of an amazing sunset that we've coveted and protected for nearly 100 years.

Please understand that while the prescribed process is very familiar to you on the planning board, we have felt immobilized. We believe that, given the magnitude of impact on our community, those involved in site selection should have brought us into the conversation long before we received official notification (especially since the push for a tower has apparently been underway for the past couple of years).

What we're asking for is consistent with what's outlined in the TOT Development Plan: "land use policy which reflects the community's commitment to preserve its natural environment and small-town character as well as correct those things which have gone wrong." It even states, "preserve the character of the areas as reflected,

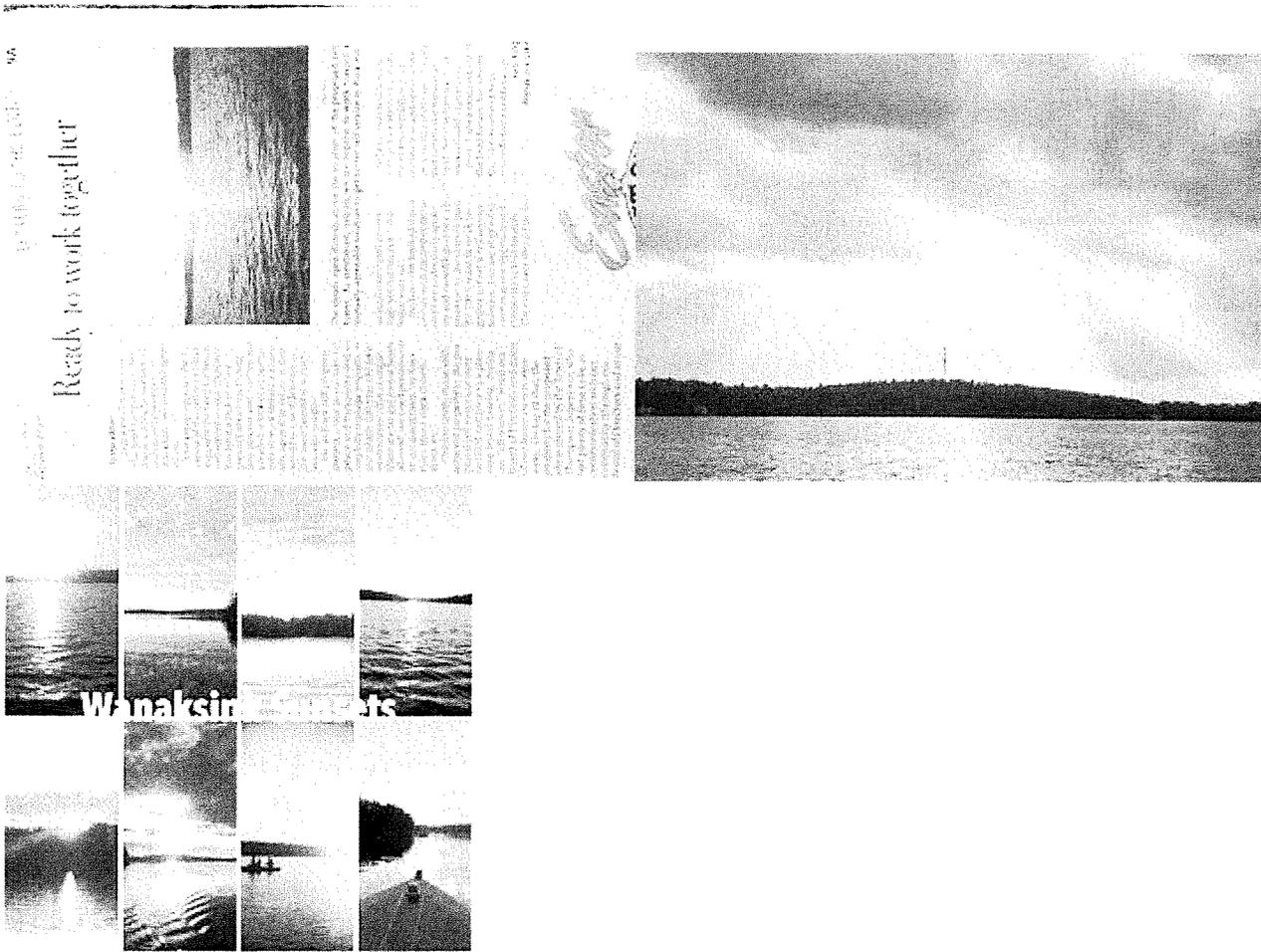
for example, in the beautiful tree canopy along Old Route 17.” A cell tower in the location requested in the current application would defy those values.

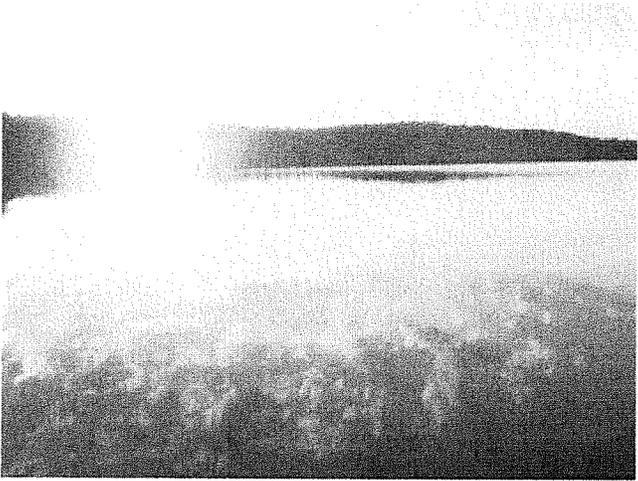
On behalf of our extended group of homeowners of Wanaksink Lake and the 1,970 people who have signed a petition, I ask that you delay a vote and grant us the opportunity for engaged and interactive discussion with all involved parties to choose a more appropriate location (from among those that we’ve highlighted in our recommendations — or others that the cell tower engineers might identify as well). Together, we can achieve what Rock Hill needs, without sacrificing our tree line and sunset views. Please help us support our community values.

Please note: I’ve attached a “letter to the editor” that I wrote (and was published over a week ago) in the Sullivan County Democrat, which depicts the value we ascribe to our lake. I’ve also included a photo-shopped view of the impact of a cell tower to our sunset, using the balloon test photos for placement guidance. Finally, please see a collage of Wanaksink Sunsets to more fully appreciate the beauty we are advocating for.

Thank you,

Judy King





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

I'm writing to ask you to hold off from approving a cell tower at the proposed location on Wurtsboro Mountain Road, until all other non-residentially impacted locations have been fully pursued and exhausted. I and others recognize the need for better cell service in Rock Hill, but there are other locations that could serve the same purpose without so severely impacting our residential community.

We comprise over 260 households and 1,000 people. The lake, it's biology, and surrounding wildlife and botany are at the essence of what brings us all together as a community at historic Wanaksink Lake.

This isn't just a "not in my (front) yard" request, but a request to not have this imposing structure in any residentially dense location in Rock Hill. And from what I've heard from local business owners, there are other options, despite a cursory review by the cell service provider early in the process.

I am a descendant of the Lord family that has been in Rock Hill for at least six generations. My great grandmother was the post-master and owned a boarding house and the property that now includes BHR and the Sullivan. I've always considered Rock Hill to be my roots and a sanctuary of community beauty and kindness. And I've been very proud of the hard work by many community minded residents. I'm not alone with my deep roots. You would find that many members of Wanaksink Lake have strong connections to history in Rock Hill.

I, along with many others in our community, would welcome the opportunity to work with the RH business association and the cell tower provider to find an alternative location in quick fashion. We already know of places that could and should be considered.

Sincerely,

Heather

From: Laurie Supinski <lauriesupinski@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 8:57 AM
To: TOT Planning Board; Scott Mace; Meddaugh, Melinda; rschock@townofthompson.com
Cc: Judy King; paulaelainekaylaw@gmail.com; peklaw@hvc.rr.com; Doug Poetzsch; Maureen Kozlark
Subject: Cell Tower Placement

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
Program Director
Start Garden
231-250-2845
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www.startgarden.com - Info website for all of our community projects
[Find out what's up at Start Garden](http://www.startgarden.com)

Heather

From: Sandra King <sanruss57@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 11:17 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Cell Tower Proposal:

A year laterI'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.

Heather

From: dcb288 <dcb288@citlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:50 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Cell tower proposal

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.

sent from my Verizon Samsung Galaxy smartphone

March 15, 2020

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

We urge you to fully consider the implications of erecting a 240 foot tall cell tower incredibly close to our lake, our children's playground, our clubhouse, our basketball courts, our BBQ area, our children's camp, tennis courts, community beach, etc.

The proposed location of the cell tower will hurt our property values considerably. It will ruin the beauty and tranquility of our beloved lake.

Please, as we have requested many times, consider the proposed alternative sites.

There is no reason to continue focusing exclusively on the Calcam property, owned by the town supervisor, when other options exist. This is a clear conflict of interest.

Sincerely,

Marlene and Philip Rhodes
4 Little North Shore Road
Rock Hill, NY 12775

Heather

From: Donny Furer <donnyfurer@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 5:40 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Cell Tower

to whom it may concern

I reside at 66 crescent circle in rock hill New York. I am totally opposed to the cell tower and location. It will deter the view from my deck, the blinking light will be an eye sore and it will decrease our property values, and there are plenty of other commercial and vacant areas to relocate it. It Does not need to be in close proximity to residential properties. Please reject the application. In addition, there are several safety concerns as well.

Heather

From: John Youngs <johngyoungs@hotmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 1:24 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Concerned about the cell tower

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board,

After growing up at Wanaksink Lake my wife and I committed our life savings to purchase a home of our own on Wanaksink last summer. Our children are 5th generation on Wanaksink. It is a pretty special place.

You can imagine our concern regarding the possibility of a large cell tower being placed in direct line of sight from our new home on Gold Point Road. I suspect this potential eyesore would harm our property value measurably, as it would for all other impacted taxpayers.

We are also disturbed that the cell tower location may be leased from the Town Supervisor. This would clearly be a conflict of interest that would not stand legal scrutiny, especially when numerous alternate non-residential sites have been identified.

We are supportive of a tower to better support Rock Hill; just not here.

We ask that you DO NOT move forward with the proposed location and listen to the collective voice of your constituents.

Thank you for listening,

John & Erin Youngs
46 Gold Point Road

Heather

From: Barbara Wexler <bwexler15@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:16 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Dear board members

I have written to you before and wish to reiterate my objections to the tower being very obviously built in a conspicuous part of the skyline that will be detrimental to the peace and beauty of Wanaksink lake Please consider an alternate site Thank you Barbara Wexler

Sent from my iPhone

Carolyn Coughlin
14 First Road
Rock Hill, NY 12775

March 11, 2020

To My Community Representatives:

Town of Thompson Planning Board (planning@townofthompson.com)
Town of Thompson Board (Melinda Meddaugh, Scott Mace, Peter Briggs, Jeff Pavese)
(emails: mmeddaugh@townofthompson.com, smace@townofthompson.com,
jpavese@townofthompson.com, rschock@townofthompson.com)

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,

Carolyn Coughlin
14 First Road, Rock Hill, NY 12775

PS, I include below my letter from last year, dated June 4, 2019 as reference to the ongoing commitment I and my family have to an outcome that is fair and reasonable.

From a letter dated June 4, 2019:

As you know, many of us at Wanaksink Lake fully support the need for better cell service in Rock Hill while at the same time we strongly oppose the currently proposed site for a cell tower to provide it. A tower there would seriously affect the natural surroundings of our lake and be a particularly obnoxious intrusion into our gorgeous sunset views.

We believe that had Tarpon thoroughly investigated the visual impact their proposal would have before they made their application to you, its negative character would have been apparent when you first considered it. Undoubtedly, the Town of Thompson Planning Board would have rejected the application at that time as it does not meet the Town's objectives as articulated in its Comprehensive Development Plan:

"...land use policy which reflects the community's commitment to preserve its natural environment and small-town character as well as correct those things which have gone wrong." It even states, "...preserve the character of the areas as reflected, for example, in the beautiful tree canopy along Old Route 17."

Three alternative sites that are not in residential areas have been identified, and the owners are amenable. We feel confident that your consideration of these sites will lead you to choose one of them, leading to a positive outcome for all concerned.

We trust that you will do the right thing so we can avoid having to take legal action, which we do not believe would be in the best interest of anyone, including the Gottliebs who have also retained an attorney. Approval of an alternative site would provide the speediest resolution to the need for better cell service. Legal action would not only waste time, it would further contribute to the already existing tension that has developed about our community leaders' apparent lack of responsiveness to its residents' concerns. We know you do care and feel that the situation in which we find ourselves now is primarily due to Tarpon and Verizon's less than thorough and forthcoming approach to their application. We all know who wins in such a situation, and it is neither the local residents nor the town representatives.

On behalf of myself, my family, and all of our many guests who come to Rock Hill, spend money in our hamlet, and come to love this area, I ask you, as our town representatives to please represent us responsibly!

Sincerely,

Carolyn Coughlin
14 First Road, Rock Hill, NY 12775

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Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board,

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You can imagine our concern regarding the possibility of a large cell tower being placed in direct line of sight from our new home on Gold Point Road. I suspect this potential eyesore would harm our property value measurably, as it would for all other impacted taxpayers.

We are also disturbed that the cell tower location may be leased from the Town Supervisor. This would clearly be a conflict of interest that would not stand legal scrutiny, especially when numerous alternate non-residential sites have been identified.

We are supportive of a tower to better support Rock Hill; just not here.

We ask that you DO NOT move forward with the proposed location and listen to the collective voice of your constituents.

Thank you for listening,

John & Erin Youngs
46 Gold Point Road

Town of Thompson Planning Board (planning@townofthompson.com)
Town of Thompson Board (Melinda Meddaugh, Scott Mace, Peter Briggs, Jeff Pavese)
(emails: mmeddaugh@townofthompson.com, smace@townofthompson.com,
jpavese@townofthompson.com, rschock@townofthompson.com)

March 11, 2020

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Sincerely,

Heather

From: Jo Beth Kemp <jbrequine16@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 3:24 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com; planningboard@townofthompson.com
Subject: Fwd: Cell Tower Letters Needed by March 18th
Attachments: TOT Letter 3-11-20.docx

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..

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From: **Jo Beth Kemp** <jbrequine16@gmail.com>
Date: Fri, Mar 13, 2020 at 11:22 AM
Subject: Fwd: Cell Tower Letters Needed by March 18th
To: laurie <LJWINDSURF@verizon.net>, R <shsp84@gmail.com>

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From: **Wanaksink Residents** <concernedwanaksinkresidents@tcbnetworks.net>
Date: Thu, Mar 12, 2020 at 5:39 AM
Subject: Cell Tower Letters Needed by March 18th
To: <Concernedwanaksinkresident@tcbnetworks.net>

WLC Community,

The Town of Thompson Planning Board has tentatively scheduled a Public Hearing on March 25 for a cell tower application — still on the same property, but moved closer to Route 17, and at 240' high, with a blinking red light. They see this as a compromise, we don't.

Our attorney, Andrew Campanelli (who has been doing a great job for us in articulating in our opposition to a residentially impacted location) will be representing our committee at the meeting. It's imperative that we demonstrate the widespread and strong resistance to building a tower that will negatively affect our bucolic lake environment, so there are two actions we need you, as a community member, to take:

- **Write a visual impact letter**, even if you did last year, opposing the new application (see bullet points below for inspiration and as reminders of what could be articulated). Email the letter as an attachment to Doug Poetzsch at douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com or text a photo of the letter to Doug at 646-369-7566. Alternatively, send a hard copy of the letter to Maureen Kozlark at 24 Oneill Court, Ridgefield, CT 06877. We are collecting letters to include with Andrew's presentation — **letters are needed by March 18th**. You can also send the same letter as an email to planning@townofthompson.com (this will go directly to all members of the planning board). A sample letter is at the very bottom.
- **Attend the March 25 meeting (still a tentative date until we get confirmation; stay tuned)** at the TOT building near Home Depot. It usually begins at 7 pm, but we'll keep an eye out for the agenda

as we get closer and send out a notification. Even though we're in our "off-season" for many, we need to show our strength of disapproval. Please make every effort to attend if you can.

Points of Opposition:

- **Visual impact to the lake community** — a community that covets and has protected the sanctity of our national environment for generations, in every regard, from water purity to tree coverage.
- **Rock Hill hamlet intrusion** — by accepting a cell tower on the edge of Rock Hill, the "welcome" as visitors pass exit 110 into the Rock Hill hamlet will be a monstrosity greater than the size of the Statue of Liberty! It's clear that Rock Hill values aesthetics, based upon the Sullivan Renaissance projects that have been funded and implemented. (Yes, cell service is necessary, but there are less obtrusive options!).
- **Refusal to investigate other viable sites** — independent of relying on Tarpon/Verizon engineers who have a vested interest in proceeding down the path of least resistance. The TOT PB should exercise their right (as virtually every other municipality does) of engaging a fully independent RF engineer to seek and investigate other sites. We did, and we found several other options.
- **Impact to property values** and associated lowering of home assessments in our lake community. That would have a TOT budget impact and we would expect a "class action" reduction in taxes.
- **Loss of tax revenue for the community** that could benefit by siting a cell tower on municipal land (like a viable site outlined behind the Ramada Inn, owned by the county), rather than providing rental income to an individual, the TOT supervisor.
- **Failure to investigate the Bridgeville Cell Tower** even when the 2015 TOT PB learned this was a possibility to address coverage deficiencies in Rock Hill.
- **The absurdity of height** — to achieve coverage in the Rock Hill area, a cell tower of far less than 180' or 240' would be required, per our RF engineer expert. The proposed heights are simply to facilitate the appeal of the tower when the builder resells it on the open market. We shouldn't need to live with a behemoth tower to facilitate profitability for Tarpon/Verizon.

See photos below for the impact of the newly proposed cell tower — Calcam A is the original location from last year; Calcam B is the newly proposed location. The photo with the lattice tower is taken from the balloon test a couple of weeks ago, with the lattice tower superimposed beneath the balloon, which was flown to illustrate tower height. The other two photos show the beauty of our unfettered western view without a tower!

Finally, for those looking for a refresher, Q&As can be found by scrolling down.

Thank you for your ongoing support in our opposition to the proposed sites of the cell tower. This is a clear case that a win/win is possible, we just need the TOT PB to focus on other possibilities.

Concerned Wanaksink Residents

Q: Why are we opposing the building of a cell tower that is much needed in Rock Hill? And isn't it within the rights of the landowner to build a cell tower?

A: Actually, the application for a cell tower on the proposed site requires special permission from the TOT PB to be built — that means that the applicant is seeking an exception to land-use zoning to be allowed to build a cell tower on the site. We, as adjacent property owners, were notified as part of the application process, with an invitation to share our objections, so we are completely within our rights. We recognize that cell service is

needed in Rock Hill, which is why our group sourced and validated alternative locations at our own expense. We are opposing the building of a cell tower near to our lake's shore because it will dramatically alter our coveted sunset view and our land values (an appraiser believes by 10-20%). Again, there are other locations that are suitable and would achieve community goals.

Q: We already have cell towers that we can see to the south and east; why does it matter if there's another tower in view?

A: First, both of those towers are considerably further away, so there is less of an impact — and two cell towers within view are already two too many! Second, while we enjoy every vantage of the lake, the sunset view is the prime location for afternoon dock loungers and boat enthusiasts — coveted activities at our lake. Third, we take our aesthetics seriously. That's why we have self-imposed rules to keep our lake pristine, including not being able to cut down a tree without permission, not allowing motorboats, needing lake-sanctioned building permits, etc. While we have ongoing development around the lake, managing aesthetics has enabled the clock to stand still in keeping our lake an amazing oasis. Opposing a 20-story structure is completely in line with our lake values. And, we are now hearing that the landowner is attempting to locate the site in a position on his property that could require a 220'+ tower with a flashing light on top. Finally, a real estate appraiser has estimated a 10-20% drop in property values for our WLC properties if the tower is looming on the west shore.

Q: Have Rock Hill businesses been threatened with boycotts for supporting the cell tower?

A: When we were first made aware of the application for the cell tower in late February and the vast majority of our WLC BODs were away, members of our committee reached out to Town Board representatives Scott Mace and Melinda Meddaugh, who own/have lived at the lake, and local business owners to understand the situation and ask for support. In addition to ongoing one-on-one conversations between many, a committee member posted a non-threatening plea on the Rock Hill Facebook page asking Rock Hill businesses to support our efforts by requesting that the impending tower be re-located away from the west shore of WLC to another location. Comments under the post became heated (with threats to boycott made by a few people), so the initial post was promptly removed. It quickly became apparent that the situation was politically charged and the only solution to avoid a cell tower being built near our WLC shore was to actively source another location. Since then, several merchants have provided assistance as we've worked to navigate the process.

Q: Why has Bill Reiber, the Town Supervisor and a landowner of the property, been vilified?

A: He hasn't been vilified, we've simply challenged his involvement in the process. Has it been frustrating when we've heard from lake members that he claimed the decision was a "done deal" and that our committee was just spinning our wheels? Of course! But the bigger issue is that as a town official, it's our understanding that he is legally required to disclose his financial interest in the project. We believe that he signed a lease-type of agreement with the builder (Tarpon/Verizon) last summer and could have let the WLC community know of the impending cell tower application. Rather, he made no attempt to inform our community, leaving it up to an official notification process in the dead of winter, when most people weren't engaged at the lake. At the committee's expense, we scouted alternative locations and validated their efficacy by hiring a radio frequency engineer. The TOT PB has refused to hire an unbiased RF engineering resource (which the town is entitled to, funded by the applicant), to consider these other options. It's our understanding, from speaking with neighboring Town Boards, that the TOT PB has empowered the applicant inappropriately. For example, they have relied upon the applicant (Tarpon/Verizon), who has a vested interest to continue with the original site, to determine whether our RF engineer-approved sites are viable. Since moving to another site would cause the applicant to incur additional expenses, they have no incentive to promote an alternative solution.

Q: If we continue to oppose the current application for a cell tower, couldn't we be in jeopardy of retribution?

A: Our elected officials have a fiduciary responsibility to us as a community and we are entitled to hold them accountable. If we are subjected to unfair treatment as a result, we will seek legal counsel. We have a right (and duty) to object to something that negatively impacts us (especially when we have willingly offered other solutions).

Q: Are we entitled to object to a cell tower that's approximately 1,000' off our shoreline, even if it's not on our property?

A: Yes. There's a process in NYS that was enacted to ensure that all environmental impacts (in addition to social and financial considerations) be factored into a decision of a town planning board. It's called SEQR (State Environmental Quality Review Act) and the TOT PB must consider a proposal's impact to: "a natural setting that includes things such as areas of important aesthetic or scenic quality..." Under SEQR, "if an agency makes an improper decision or allows a project that is subject to SEQR to start, and fails to undertake a proper review, citizens or groups who can demonstrate that they may be harmed by this failure may take legal action against the agency under Article 78 of the NYS Civil Practice Law and Rules. Project approvals may be rescinded by a court and a new review required under SEQR. NYS's court system has consistently ruled in favor of strong compliance with the provisions of SEQR." Our attorney has pointed out several missteps in the consideration process already, so we have grounds to challenge if the proposal is approved.

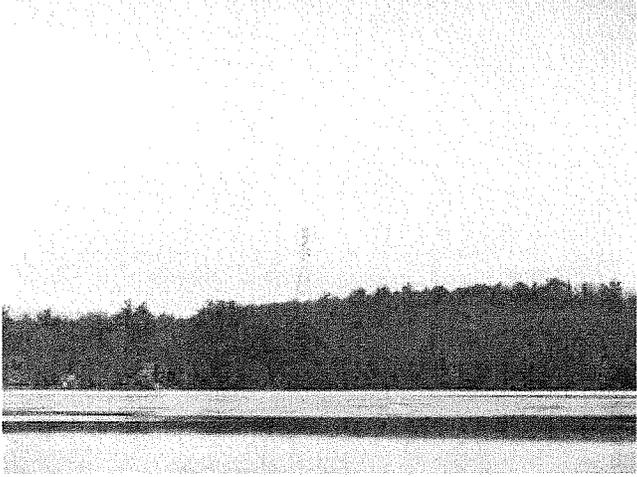
Q. Isn't this extended process, due to WLC members' objections, causing us too long of a delay in getting better cell service?

A. If the TOT PB would move the impending cell tower to one of the locations validated by our RF engineer, or any number of other locations that could be secured in the Rock Hill area, it could be built very quickly; it is the TOT that is holding up the process at this point.

Q. Isn't moving the cell tower a few hundred feet away a compromise?

A. It's a good start, but it's also 60' higher and with a flashing red light. The TOT PB should be focused on a solution that both benefits the Rock Hill community need for cell service and does so without greatly impacting the residential community of WLC. Again, there are viable options — they simply need to start focusing on them. And wouldn't it be nice if Sullivan County were able to benefit from the income of hosting a cell tower, not a private individual.





Heather

From: Jo Beth Kemp <jbrequine16@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, March 15, 2020 7:09 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Fwd: Cell Tower

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From: **Jo Beth Kemp** <jbrequine16@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 15, 2020 at 7:07 PM
Subject: Fwd: Cell Tower
To: <planningboard@townofthompson.com>

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From: **Jo Beth Kemp** <jbrequine16@gmail.com>
Date: Sun, Mar 15, 2020 at 7:05 PM
Subject: Fwd: Cell Tower
To: Judy King <jkingmurray@icloud.com>, Judy King <jkingmurray@me.com>

My sister and I put this together this afternoon jobeth

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From: **laurie** <ljwindsurf@verizon.net>
Date: Sun, Mar 15, 2020 at 7:04 PM
Subject: Cell Tower
To: <planning@townofthompson.com>
Cc: <douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com>, Jo Beth Kemp <jbrequine16@gmail.com>

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

Heather

From: joycemoshier1@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 12:23 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com; douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Hearing for cell tower

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

Thompson Board (Melinda Meddaugh, Scott Mace, Peter Briggs, Jeff Pavese
meddaugh@townofthompson.com, smace@townofthompson.com,
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Rebecca Shawyer
112 Middleton DE Road
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Heather

From: Maureen Kozlark <maureenkozlark@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 3:45 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com; paulaelainekaylaw@gmail.com;
mmeddaugh@townofthompson.com; smace@townofthompson.com;
rschock@townofthompson.com; jpavese@townofthompson.com
Subject: Please deny Tarpon/Verizon cell tower application

I am writing in opposition to the proposed construction of the Tarpon/Verizon cell tower on the Calcam property.

In a world that has been turned upside down with the current health crisis and the severe economic crisis to follow, the residents of the Town of Thompson now more than ever need the revenue a cell tower would generate if it were to be constructed on public land. This revenue relief should be felt by all not just the Town Supervisor.

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.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration,
Maureen Kozlark
29 Sylvan Shore Rd
Rock Hill, NY

Heather

From: Hillary Fabian <hillaryfabian@nyc.rr.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 4:31 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: PROPERTY OWNER OPPOSED TO CELL TOWER

Good Afternoon,

As a property owner in the Lake Louise Marie Emerald Green community I am vehemently opposed to the proposed erection of a 235-foot tower in the residential Lake Louise/Emerald Green/Wanaksink Lake area.

My husband and I have worked our entire lives to be able to fulfill our dream of owning lakefront property, and we pay an enormous amount of real estate taxes for our home. The very idea of this eyesore plopped down in the center of this residential lake community is unthinkable.

There must be dozens of less invasive areas for this tower, and it's unconscionable that this site would be considered. This region is known for - and marketed for - it's natural beauty and appreciation of lake and country living. The mere consideration of such an industrial structure is extraordinarily short sighted, callous, and completely reckless. This community has chosen this very area, and have spent hard-earned dollars for this location and atmosphere.

I know I am not alone in this sentiment, and you can expect more objections from this community.

Hillary Fabian

Heather

From: Christina DeQueiroz <cdequeiroz1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 6:42 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Proposed cell tower in Rock Hill

To whom it may concern:

For the past 6 years, my husband and I have owned our home in Lake Louise Marie. We have dedicated ourselves to many causes in the community- from the St. Patrick's Day Parade to the Business and Community Association and it's related events.

Unfortunately, we've also had to take advantage of the emergency services in the area. On June 11, 2017 i suffered an ectopic pregnancy and almost died from blood loss on my living room floor. We, just like many of our generation, do not have a landline in our home. We were able to place a call to 911 thanks in part to our Wifi. Without that service, there is a chance that i might not be here to write this letter to you all. When the power goes out, we have no wifi- and we lose our ability to communicate.

I feel the need for a cell tower in Rock Hill is absolute. I was lucky- but someone else may not be next time. That being said, please let this letter serve as my opposition to the proposed location of the new tower. As a member of the Lake Louise Marie HOA board, I it is my duty to represent the homeowners in our community. I question why other locations, which were previously under consideration and approximately the same height, are no longer under consideration. I question the sudden urgency of this meeting. I question why a zoom meeting was set up during a global crisis, when a good portion of our homeowners are not in the area, are elderly and/ or may not be able to OR understand how to attend this meeting. And i question why the only two properties that have come before the Board have been in our lake communities.

Rock Hill has a desperate urgency for a cell tower, but I strongly urge the Board to postpone their vote until the community's concerns can truly be heard. Thank you very much for your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Christina Cellini

Heather

From: david r-w <djr51@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 4:19 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com; mmeddaugh@townofthompson.com;
smace@townofthompson.com; jpavese@townofthompson.com;
rschock@townofthompson.com
Subject: Proposed Cell Tower off Wurtsboro Mountain Rd, Town of Thompson

David Wright
113 South Lake Road
Rock Hill, NY 12775

April 16, 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,

I again write to repeat our deep concern about the proposed installation of a cell tower on Wurtsboro Mountain Road in the Town of Thompson, which represents a profound threat to the character of our lake community and the value of our home.

It took our family more than ten years of avid looking to find, at Wanaksink, the exact home and lake community we hoped for – a community so committed to preserving and protecting the natural beauty of the lake that the trees and native shrubs are protected, the water so clean it is drinkable, the gorgeous sunsets safe from interruption by the built environment.

It came as quite a shock to learn that this very view of the sunset settling behind the westward tree line of the lake – so key to our enjoyment of the home we bought – is now at risk of being literally ruined by a massive cell tower, looming more than five times higher than the surrounding trees. The proposed location of the tower will obstruct views of the sunset for virtually every property owner on our lake. The electric lighting and generator for the tower would significantly compound the negative impact on the Wanaksink Lake community.

Cell service is important to lake residents and for the local businesses in the Town of Thompson we gratefully support and rely on. We are not opposed to necessary infrastructure to provide needed service. But we are confident from the research conducted by many in the Wanaksink community that there are much better alternative locations that would meet those needs without the negative impact of the proposal before the Town. Our understanding is that these better, alternative locations have been vetted; information about them has been shared with the Town, and deserves to be fully considered.

The placement of this cell tower where proposed on Wurtsboro Mountain Road would have a significant, negative impact on the character of the entire Wanaksink Lake community—one that the homeowners and association have striven to preserve for generations, and which we hope will be intact for generations to come. The tower would inarguably reduce the value of our properties as well.

We regard approval of this proposed tower as a taking of value from our home. And we urge you to weigh that in your evaluation of the project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
David Wright



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Heather

From: Kathleen Webber <KathleenWebber@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 2:34 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: mmedaugh@townofthompson.com; smace@townofthompson.com; jpavese@townofthompson.com; rschock@townofthompson.com
Subject: Proposed Cell Tower -Wanaksink Lake concerns

March 11, 2020

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

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Sincerely,

Kathleen Rowley Webber

Heather

From: H&M Wernau <hwernau@hvc.rr.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 4:16 PM
To: Town of Thompson
Cc: Poetzsch, Doug
Subject: RE: Tarpon Cell Tower Application off of Wurstboro Mountain Road

April 16, 2020

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

Heather

From: paulaelainekaylaw@gmail.com
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:26 PM
To: 'Heather'; 'Art Knapp'; dmitchell@townofthompson.com; 'Jim Carnell'; 'Kathleen Lara'; lkiefer@townofthompson.com; 'Michael Hoyt'; 'Matthew Sush'; 'Michael Croissant'
Subject: RE: Proposed Cell Tower -Wanaksink Lake concerns

Heather – please advise Ms. Webber that this is a new application and public hearing and comments are upcoming. Also – please note that there is a good possibility that due to the health crisis, we will need to postpone the hearing on the 25th.

From: Heather <planning@townofthompson.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 12, 2020 3:20 PM
To: Art Knapp <arthur@britttaylorgroup.com>; dmitchell@townofthompson.com; Jim Carnell <jcarnell@townofthompson.com>; Kathleen Lara <kathleenwlara@gmail.com>; lkiefer@townofthompson.com; Michael Hoyt <mhoytfcv@gmail.com>; Matthew Sush <mrsush@gmail.com>; Michael Croissant <n2215r@yahoo.com>; 'Paula Elaine Kay' <paulaelainekaylaw@gmail.com>
Subject: FW: Proposed Cell Tower -Wanaksink Lake concerns

Heather Jangla
Town of Thompson
845-794-2500

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This is the second time that I have written to you. Why don't you see how concerned we are about the visual impact of this location??? Why haven't you considered alternative locations that lake citizens have responsively

researched??? Have you considered how you yourself might feel, if faced with this same proposal???? Please reply to me.

Please.....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. 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.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Rowley Webber

Heather

From: William J. Rieber, Jr. <supervisor@townofthompson.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 12:26 PM
To: 'Rau, Alex G.'
Cc: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: RE: Rock Hill Tower

Alex:

I am a principal in this project. Accordingly, I am copying Heather from our planning department so she can forward this to the planning board for consideration.

Bill

William J. Rieber, Jr.

Supervisor

Town of Thompson

845-794-2500 Ext. 306

845-794-8600 – Fax

Email: supervisor@townofthompson.com



From: Rau, Alex G. [mailto:Alex.Rau@co.sullivan.ny.us]
Sent: Tuesday, March 10, 2020 10:17 PM
To: William J. Rieber, Jr. (supervisor@townofthompson.com) <supervisor@townofthompson.com>
Subject: Rock Hill Tower

Hi Bill,
I hope you are doing well. Hey, our planning department had asked me for any input on the proposed tower in Rock Hill by Tarpon Towers. I'm in support of anything that will improve cell service to the Rock Hill area. Likewise, I would have some interest in that tower for public safety to help improve coverage/paging in the Rock Hill area (perhaps also helping Woodridge/Mountindale). As the town goes through the permitting process, if you can leverage a 10' rad of space for public safety in any way that would be great. Otherwise, it might be something the county simply negotiates in the future.

Any consideration would be great.

Thanks,
Alex Rau
office: 845-807-0134
cell: 845-796-8862

March 17, 2020

Planning Board
Town of Thompson
Monticello, NY

Re: Rock Hill Cell Tower Proposal

Dear Planning Board:

A year later, and you are still not listening to the views of your Rock Hill constituents, which is quite surprising considering you actually work for us. As you have been continuously informed over the past twelve months, our view – and that of nearly all Wanaksink Lake residents - is that:

- Rock Hill needs better cell service.
- Both the currently proposed site and the previous one on the same property unacceptably impinge on the natural surroundings and, in particular, our lake's sunsets.
- There are many viable alternatives to the previous and current proposed sites that would not impose the view of the tower on Rock Hill residents. Why not choose one of them? In addition, we understand the Bridgeville tower could be modified to meet Rock Hill's needs, meaning that an additional tower would not even be necessary.
- In any case, a tower need only be tall enough to cover Rock Hill's cell phone service needs. It does not need to be able to host other entities through which the property owner can be further enriched. However, if a site owned by the town were chosen, this might be attractive.
- While it is our understanding that the property owner has recused himself from this decision, we actually find that thought laughable given local dynamics. It is highly inappropriate that a town official should seek to enrich himself at a cost to his constituents. No matter how the project was initiated, the official should have immediately deemed it inappropriate and directed Tarpon to look elsewhere.
- As an aside, but a relevant one, you should be aware that a significant number of Rock Hill residents fear reprisals should they oppose this proposal. This does not bespeak a healthy civic atmosphere.

As you are aware, the Planning Board has a duty to preserve the rural character of the town, most especially its tree cover and natural views. The mere fact that this proposal requires a hearing means that it does not meet current standards, and that those affected should actually be heard.

As you are also aware, a broad committee has spent a considerable amount of time and money in its attempt to help you – our Planning Board – come to a good solution to meet a real need. It is in all our interests to work together rather than in opposition, to do so. But if push comes to shove, as the saying goes, we will oppose you, via legal action if need be.

Carol and Ali Nasr
119 South Lake Road
Rock Hill, NY 12775

Heather

From: Carol Nasr <cwnasr@bellsouth.net>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 1:20 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Rock Hill Cell Tower Proposal
Attachments: Cell Tower TOT PB 3-20.docx

Please distribute to the Planning Board members.
Thank you,
Carol and Ali Nasr

Heather

From: pmx2aj@aol.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 7:17 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Rock Hill Cell Tower Proposal

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

Heather

From: donna sweeney <sweeneyfox5@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 5:02 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Rock Hill cell tower/Wanaksink Lake

Dear planning board,

I have lived at Wanaksink Lake for many many years. It is my favorite place in the world. It is a beautiful lake with gorgeous sunsets. The planned cell tower would be devastating to that view.

My family and I love Rock Hill and the sense is community you get from a small town. Our lake community is a big supporter of Rock Hill and we want to keep this kind of project from impacting the beauty and serenity of our lake.

Please, please find another location for the cell tower that will not forever change our stunning landscape.

Best,

Donna Sweeney

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Heather

From: Chip Ennis <dcennis17@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:49 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com; mmeddaugh@townofthompson.com;
smace@townofthompson.com; jpavese@townofthompson.com;
rschock@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Rock Hill Cell Tower

Town of Thompson Planning Board:

I have been a summer resident at Wanaksink Lake for over fifty years. As I indicated in a letter I sent to you in June of 2019, I fully support the need for better cell service in Rock Hill. At the same time I strongly oppose the proposed site for a cell tower to provide that service since it will negatively impact the beautiful natural surroundings of our lake particularly with the new projected height of 240 feet.

Your refusal to investigate alternative sites using a fully independent RF engineer instead of the Tarpon/Verizon engineers who have a vested interest in getting their approval as expeditiously as possible is an abdication of your responsibility to do your due diligence. We have engaged an independent RF engineer who has identified three alternative sites that are not in residential areas and the owners of those sites are amenable to the tower being placed there. I feel strongly that your consideration of these sites will lead you to choose one of them, leading to a positive outcome for all concerned.

Why have you not explored the feasibility of using the Bridgeville Cell Tower even though the 2015 Planning Board learned that this might be a possibility of handing the cell coverage deficiencies?

Your approval of an alternative site would provide the best and quickest resolution to the need for better cell service and preclude any legal action that would not only waste time but would also reinforce the hard feelings that alternative sites have already developed about our community leaders' apparent lack of responsiveness to its residents' concerns.

In addition, I also feel that having a virtual meeting when no local residents can be there to participate is an affront to those you are supposed to represent.

Please represent us responsibly!

Sincerely,

David C. Ennis, Jr.

14 Little North Shore Road

Heather

From: Mark DeMuro <mark@markfineart.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 4:36 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Tarpon / Verizon Cell Tower

March 16, 2020

To:

The Town of Thompson Planning Board

Last year I wrote you a 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

Mark DeMuro
917 331-5130
www.MarkFineArt.com

Heather

From: Daria Rickett <dariarickett@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 4:30 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Tarpon cell tower - not in that location!
Attachments: Cell Tower Letter.docx

Please read the attached letter regarding the proposed cell tower in Rock Hill.
Thank you,
Daria Rickett

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

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

March 22, 2019

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 treasures my views at Wanaksink Lake, I'd like to let you know that I am very concerned about the visual impact that the proposed cell tower site will have not only on me, but on my family and friends and the entire community as well.

My family decided to buy a home, 125 South Lake Road, a couple doors away from my parents' home; a place I've been enjoying for most of my life. The serenity of the lake and the views from both their and my homes as well as from boating on the water are something this big city dweller has cherished for 7 years, although I've been at the lake for over 43 years.

As proposed, the cell tower will definitely mar our westward view of the rolling treetops that soar above the water's edge near the lake's dam. Wanaksink Lake is our refuge from the fast moving outside world and although having improved cell service is something most can appreciate, we go to the lake to escape. As a kid, my sister and I used to abhor not having a telephone in the house because we felt cut off from our friends back home. But it is exactly this ability to leave the world behind that draws us back year after year, so much so that my husband and I decided to continue the tradition by buying our own house. The "best" place and time in our house is sitting on the deck facing the lake at sunset. However, if the cell tower is built as currently proposed, this experience will essentially be ruined as a commercial tower will jut above the tree line marring the view. Since the tower will also be lit at night, our stargazing will certainly be affected as well.

Please take the above (and the fact that 5G does not require large, tall cell towers thereby making the tower have a much shorter usefulness shelf life) into consideration in your evaluation of the visual impacts of the proposed cell tower.

Sincerely,
Daria Rickett

Daria Rickett

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

April 2, 2019

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,

We understand that the Planning Board has requested the applicant conduct a balloon test in the Wanaksink Lake area to better evaluate the visual impacts of the proposed cell tower on our community. We urge the Planning Board to hold another *public* hearing after the balloon test results are received to allow discussion of them.

Please also see our attached letters explaining our perspective on the visual impacts of the proposed tower site. We do not contest the need for better cell service, just the proposed location.

Sincerely,

Robert & Daria Rickett

Heather

From: Alex Wang <alexwangnyc@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 6:13 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com; douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Tarpon Cell Tower Application off of Wurstboro Mountain Road

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board Members,

I am a resident of Rock Hill and I am writing to express my concern over the proposed installation of a Veri tower in Rock Hill. I am concerned because the majority of published studies in different countries, as reported for Safe Technology, show that people who reside near a cell tower report an increase of physical symptoms: headaches, insomnia, dizziness, irritability, fatigue, heart palpitations, nausea, loss of appetite, poor concentration, depression, blood cell abnormalities, and cognitive decline in students. Another study has shown that cancer tripled among residents residing near a cell tower.

I understand that having a new cell tower will be of practical benefit to the Rock Hill community, but I question the cell tower in the middle of a residential community that includes a camp for young children (Camp Iraq) and I'm also concerned that the cell tower would be built so close to a bald eagle nesting area and I'm distressed it will have as an eyesore disrupting a view of the sunset that is one of the great natural treasures of our community. I hope you seriously consider finding a more suitable location for the cell tower, such as those proposed by the Wanaksink Lake community.

Respectfully yours,

Alex Wang

Heather

From: Thomas Kozlark <thomaskozlark@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, April 18, 2020 11:25 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com; paulaelainekaylaw@gmail.com;
mmeddaugh@townofthompson.com; smace@townofthompson.com;
rschock@townofthompson.com; jpavese@townofthompson.com
Cc: metzger@nysenate.gov; GuntheA@nyassembly.gov
Subject: Tarpon Cell Tower Application

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board,

I am writing in opposition to the Tarpon Cell Tower application to construct a 235 foot cell tower on property known as the Calcam site. My objections are both procedural with regard to deficiencies in the application as well as substantive.

Procedural objections include a failure to clearly state the economic interest in the applicant held by Town Supervisor William Rieber. The signature of the applicant is not legible nor is the identification of who signed on behalf of the applicant legible. Moreover, the exact economic interest of Supervisor Rieber is not disclosed for which such an application disclosure is legally required.

The Town of Thompson Code requires that certain substantive requirements be adhered to whenever reviewing cell tower proposals. The applicant should clearly set forth the geographic area that is deficient in service and the specifications proposed by the applicant to address those deficiencies. There needs to be a showing by the applicant that there are no reasonable alternative locations available which will allow the telecommunication company to provide the same level of service to the geographic area requested. Moreover, there needs to be evidence submitted of attempts to address the deficiency in service in less intrusive matters such as co-location on existing cell towers or alternate locations both within the town and adjoining municipalities.

The application as submitted does not address these substantive requirements. One does not need an engineering degree to recognize that the 235 foot cell tower is not required to provide coverage to Rock Hill. An inescapable conclusion is that the proposed coverage area is, in fact, not limited to Rock Hill but built for a wider area. The applicant is reluctant to acknowledge the real coverage area of the proposed cell tower insofar as it would of necessity broaden the geographic area that should be considered for location or co-location if feasible of supplemental cell equipment.

It is clear that once the deficient coverage area is disclosed with specificity that a determination of the alternate locations and proposals should be led by an independent engineer not by the same firm representing the applicant. It is an abuse of discretion by the Planning Board to not require an independent evaluation of alternate sites both new and existing by an independent third party who is employed by the Planning Board and whose interests are to the public at large and not the applicant.

Town Code requires that the neighboring municipalities be contacted to confirm if a co-located shared usage of an existing cell tower might be sufficient to provide coverage. There has been no showing that this has been done by the applicant. I am confident that an independent engineer will provide many more potential options should the coverage area be limited to only Rock Hill, including constructing shorter and less visually intrusive towers as needed in the downtown Rock Hill area, ideally on public-owned property so that the taxpayers of Thompson would enjoy the revenue

stream as opposed to private individuals, namely our Town Supervisor William Rieber. This additional revenue for the Town would certainly be beneficial to all constituents in light of the economic impact wrought by the coronavirus pandemic.

I respectfully request that the Public Hearing scheduled for Wednesday, April 22nd remain open for additional community comments once the deficiencies in the application have been addressed. The retention of an independent engineering firm by the Planning Board should be an immediate requirement to assist the Board and, by extension, their constituents in reviewing this significant proposal to alter and potentially mar the scenic vistas of our community. There should be no rush for any municipal determination on an application that is incomplete and deficient in so many respects.

Very truly yours,

Thomas H. Kozlark
29 Sylvan Shore Road
Rock Hill, NY, 12775

Heather

From: Joan <wannamogel@aol.com>
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 9:26 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com; mmeddaugh@townofthompson.com;
smace@townofthompson.com; jpavese@townofthompson.com;
rschock@townofthompson.com
Subject: Tarpon Cell Tower

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

Heather

From: Douglas Poetzsch <douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:24 AM
To: Heather; Paula Elaine Kay
Subject: Tarpon Tower - Opposition

Dear Town Planning Board:

The purpose of this letter is to express my concern and opposition with regards to the proposed Tarpon cell Tower at the Calcam property, and to encourage the Planning Board to give fair and full consideration to other locations, many of which I understand would work well to provide cell service to our community.

I am a resident and homeowner in the Wanaksink Lake community for more than 20 years. My wife and I purchased a small lakefront home 20 years ago, and over time invested much of our life savings to build a new log cabin on the property. The home faces north-west, with a sunset view that we all enjoy every evening. The proposed Tarpon cell tower location, if you allow it to move forward, will sit directly at our sunset views, ruining our beautiful views. In plain talk, it will change to grotesque what is now a wonderful natural view. And that impact we believe, will also negatively impact the value of our home.

I am also concerned with regards to the real and apparent conflict of interest in this situation, in light of our Town Supervisor's ownership interests in Calcam. The fact is, Bill Rieber is profiting at our communities' expense, and if nothing else there should be complete transparency with regards to how much Calcam is being paid.

For the forgoing reasons, I encourage the Planning Board to reject the Tarpon tower at the Calcam location in favor of other locations previously identified.

Sincerely,

Douglas Poetzsch

Heather

From: Douglas Poetzsch <douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, April 14, 2020 5:18 PM
To: mmeddaugh@townofthompson.com; rschock@townofthompson.com; smace@townofthompson.com; jpavese@townofthompson.com; Paula Elaine Kay; Heather
Subject: Tarpon Tower, Public Hearing April 22
Attachments: Executive Order 202.1.pdf; Untitled attachment 00036.txt

Dear Town and Planning Board Members,

I am writing on behalf of numerous concerned citizens of The Wanaksink Lake Community. We strongly encourage you to intercede on our behalf and have the referenced Public Hearing postponed.

We can't express how disappointing it is to be stripped of our rights to a true public hearing.

Our understanding is the Governor's subsequent order (attached) allows telephonic Public Hearings ONLY when the hearings are done to "cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, I hereby temporarily suspend...". (See the FURTHER section on page 1).

The tower will not be built and functional in time to cope or aid in coping with the disaster. Accordingly, it appears that moving forward with the Public Hearing on April 22 violates the initial order by the Governor.

Putting aside the legal technicalities, our country, state and community is in the midst of a health crisis, where family and friends are quarantined, with some gravely sick and dying. At the last Public Hearing on this matter, members in opposition to the Tarpon Tower packed the house, standing room only. And our community came with signs and shirts displaying our opposition to the tower. The proposed Zoom meeting strips our community of our right to visibly display our opposition, whether with signs, shirts or sheer numbers.

Aside from the lack of impact of a Zoom meeting, during this period of health crisis we are very challenged to bring our voices together during this health crisis. Our community is focused on the health and well being of family, friends and staying at home to support our efforts to fight the virus.

While we may argue whether it is legally appropriate to have the Public Hearing over Zoom next week, there is no question that it is morally wrong to push this through during this period of crisis.

Please include this email in the official record with regards to this matter.

Douglas Poetzsch, on behalf of numerous concerned citizens of Wanaksink Lake



No. 202.1

EXECUTIVE ORDER

**Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws
Relating to the Disaster Emergency**

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, I issued Executive Order Number 202, declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York;

WHEREAS, both travel-related cases and community contact transmission of COVID-19 have been documented in New York State and are expected to be continue; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Andrew M. Cuomo, Governor of the State of New York, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the State of New York, do hereby continue Executive Order 202, dated March 7, 2020, and I hereby continue any suspension or modification of law made by Executive Order 202 for thirty days until April 11, 2020, except that such Executive Order is amended to read as follows:

FURTHER, pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to temporarily suspend or modify any statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation, or parts thereof, of any agency during a State disaster emergency, if compliance with such statute, local law, ordinance, order, rule, or regulation would prevent, hinder, or delay action necessary to cope with the disaster emergency or if necessary to assist or aid in coping with such disaster, I hereby temporarily suspend or modify, for the period from the date of this Executive Order through April 11, 2020 the following:

Suspension of laws and regulations to allow for expansion of services and temporary facilities for health and human service providers:

- Subdivisions (a) and (e) of section 401.3 and section 710.1 of Title 10 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to allow hospitals to make temporary changes to physical plant, bed capacities, and services provided, upon approval of the Commissioner of Health, in response to a surge in patient census;
- Parts 709 and 710 of Title 10 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to allow construction applications for temporary hospital locations and extensions to be approved by the Commissioner of Health without considering the recommendation of the health systems agency or the Public Health and Health Planning Council, and to take such further measures as may be necessary to expedite departmental reviews for such approval;
- Sections 34-2.6 and 58-1.7 of Title 10 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to permit clinical laboratories to operate temporary collecting stations to collect specimen from individuals suspected of suffering from a COVID-19 infection;
- Section 41.34 of the Mental Hygiene law and Part 620 and section 686.3 of Title 14 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to allow facilities certified pursuant to Article 16 of the Mental Hygiene law to increase and/or exceed certified capacity limits without following site selection procedures and/or without providing notification to the appropriate local governmental unit upon approval of the commissioner of OPWDD;

- Section 33.17 of the Mental Hygiene Law and associated regulations to the extent necessary to permit providers to utilize staff members in the most effective means possible to transport individuals receiving services from the Office of Mental Health or a program or provider under the jurisdiction of the Office of Mental Health during the emergency, provided such facilities take all reasonable measures to protect the health and safety of such individuals;
- Sections 29.11 and 29.15 Mental Hygiene Law and section 517 of Title 14 of the NYCRR to the extent necessary to permit mental health facilities licensed pursuant to Article 31 of the Mental Hygiene Law that are treating patients during the emergency to rapidly discharge, including conditionally discharge, transfer, or receive such patients, as authorized by the Commissioner of the Office of Mental Health, provided such facilities take all reasonable measures to protect the health and safety of such patients and residents, including safe transfer and discharge practices;
- Section 29.13 of the Mental Hygiene Law and associated regulations to the extent individuals in areas affected by the emergency are temporarily receiving services from different providers, whose immediate priority is to stabilize the individual, address acute symptoms, and provide supports including medication and stress relief, such that it is impossible to comply with development, assessment, scope and frequency, and documentation requirements for treatment plans;
- Sections 131, 132 and 349-a of the Social Services Law to the extent necessary to allow screenings to be conducted by telephone;
- Sections 2510 and 2511 of the Public Health Law, to the extent necessary to waive or revise eligibility criteria, documentation requirements, or premium contributions; modify covered health care services or the scope and level of such services set forth in contracts; increase subsidy payments to approved organizations, including the maximum dollar amount set forth in contracts; or provide extensions for required reports due by approved organizations in accordance with contracts;
- Subdivision 4 of section 6909 of the Education Law, subdivision 6 of section 6527 of the Education Law, and section 64.7 of Title 8 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to permit physicians and certified nurse practitioners to issue a non-patient specific regimen to nurses or any such other persons authorized by law or by this executive order to collect throat or nasopharyngeal swab specimens from individuals suspected of suffering from a COVID-19 infection, for purposes of testing, or to perform such other tasks as may be necessary to provide care for individuals diagnosed or suspected of suffering from a COVID-19 infection;
- Section 400.9 and paragraph 7 of subdivision h of section 405.9 of Title 10 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to permit general hospitals and nursing homes licensed pursuant to Article 28 of the Public Health Law ("Article 28 facilities") that are treating patients during the disaster emergency to rapidly discharge, transfer, or receive such patients, as authorized by the Commissioner of Health, provided such facilities take all reasonable measures to protect the health and safety of such patients and residents, including safe transfer and discharge practices, and to comply with the Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act (42 U.S.C. section 1395dd) and any associated regulations;
- Subdivision 3 of section 2801-a of the Public Health Law and section 600.1 of Title 10 of the NYCRR, to the extent necessary to permit the Commissioner of Health to approve the establishment of temporary hospital locations and extensions without following the standard approval processes and to take such further measures as may be necessary to expedite departmental reviews for such approval;
- Section 2999-cc of the Public Health Law and any regulatory provisions promulgated thereunder by the Department of Health, the Office of Mental Health, the Office of Addiction Services and Supports, and the Office for People with Developmental Disabilities, to the extent necessary to allow additional telehealth provider categories and modalities, to permit other types of practitioners to deliver services within their scopes of practice and to authorize the use of certain technologies for the delivery of health care services to established patients, pursuant to such limitations as the commissioners of such agencies may determine appropriate;

Suspension of laws and regulations relating to child care to allow flexibility for providers while continuing to protect the health and safety of children:

- Sections 414.7, 416.7, 417.7, 418-1.7, 418-2.7, 414.8, 416.8, 417.8, 418-1.8, and 418-2.8 of Title 18 of the NYCRR insofar as that regulation sets the ages of children who can be served and the standards for care; Sections 414.13, 416.13, 417.13, 418-1.13, 418-2.13 of Title 18 of the NYCRR suspending requirements for staff qualifications; Section 390 of the Social Services law suspending provisions setting capacity limits for family and group family day care programs and standards for staff:child ratios in all child care modalities; Sections 390(3) and 390-a of the Social Services Law and regulations at 18 NYCRR Sections 413(g), 414.14, 415.13, 416.14, 417.14, 418-1.14, 418-2.14, allowing for the waiver of certain provisions establishing training and inspection requirements for

child day care; and Section 424-a of the Social Services Law insofar as allowing for the waiver of fees paid for statewide central register of child abuse and maltreatment database check;

- Section 410-w of the Social Services Law and sections 404.1, 404.7, 415.2, 415.3, 415.6 of Title 18 of the NYCRR insofar as that statute and those regulations establish financial eligibility standards, the reimbursement requirements, and set timeliness requirements for the provision of services including payment for absences due to COVID-19 abatement processes;

Suspension of regulations to prevent delays in providing home delivered meals and in providing services under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) to older adults:

- Clause (d) of subparagraph (ii) of paragraph (3) of subdivision (a) of section 6654.10 of Title 9 of the NYCRR, insofar as it requires an assessment be conducted prior to or within 10 days of the initiation of home delivered meals;
- Subdivision (h) of section 6654.16 of Title 9 of the NYCRR, insofar as it requires an assessment be conducted within 10 working days after the completion of the screening intake and prior to the initiation of services under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP);
- Subdivision (n) of section 6654.16 of Title 9 of the NYCRR, to allow for a care plan to remain in effect for a period exceeding 12 months under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP) when such care plan would otherwise expire during the period in which a disaster emergency is declared;
- Subdivision (x) of section 6654.16 of Title 9 of the NYCRR, modifying requirements for reassessments to be conducted every 12 months or within 5 days of becoming aware of a change in circumstance under the Expanded In-Home Services for the Elderly Program (EISEP);

Suspension of law to allow waiver of requirements necessary for apportionment of school aid:

- Section 3604(7) of the Education Law, to the extent consistent and necessary to allow the commissioner to disregard such reduction in the apportionment of public money due to a failure by a school to meet the instructional requirements proscribed within this section due to the properly executed declaration of a local state of emergency as defined within sub-section (i), a school is directed to close by a state or local health official or following a properly executed declaration of a state of emergency as defined within sub-section (i), limited to the extent that those specified schools are unable to make up missed instructional days;

Suspension of laws and regulations relating to emergency procurement:

- Sections 555(22), 559, 1209, and 1265-a of the Public Authorities Law, and 21 NYCRR Part 1002, to the extent necessary to purchase necessary equipment, materials, supplies, or services, without following the standard procurement processes, including the standard prompt payment policy;

Suspensions of law relating to appearances by defendants:

- Notwithstanding any other provision of law and except as provided in section 132.50 of Article 132 of the Criminal Procedure Law, the court, in its discretion, may dispense with the personal appearance of the defendant, except an appearance at a hearing or trial, and conduct an electronic appearance in connection with a criminal action pending in any county in New York State, provided that the chief administrator of the courts has authorized the use of electronic appearance due to the outbreak of COVID-19, and the defendant, after consultation with counsel, consents on the record. Such consent shall be required at the commencement of each electronic appearance to such electronic appearance.

Suspension of law relating to waiting periods for unemployment insurance claimants whose claims arise directly out of COVID-19 outbreak:

- Subdivision 7 of Section 590 of the Labor Law, so far as it relates to the waiting period for unemployment insurance claimants whose claims for unemployment insurance arise directly out of closings of schools or other workplaces in which claimants were employed, or out of claimants' isolation or quarantine in connection with COVID-19; and

Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar service:

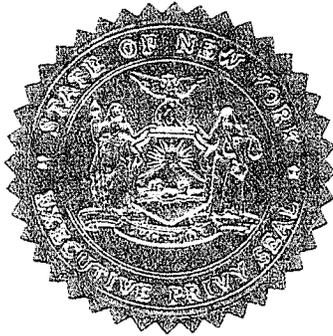
- Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed;

Suspension of law allowing residents of nursing homes to vote with modified visitor policies in place:

- Subdivision 8 of section 8-407 of the Election Law to allow individuals not employed by the Board of Elections to assist residents of nursing homes or adult care facilities in the completion of absentee ballot applications and voting;

IN ADDITION, by virtue of the authority vested in me by Section 29-a of Article 2-B of the Executive Law to issue any directive during a disaster emergency necessary to cope with the disaster, I hereby issue the following directives for the period from the date of Executive Order through April 11, 2020:

- Any guidance issued by the New York State Department of Health related to prevention and infection control of COVID-19 at nursing homes and adult care facilities, including but not limited to guidance on visitation, shall be effective immediately and shall supersede any prior conflicting guidance issued by the New York State Department of Health and any guidance issued by any local board of health, any local department of health, or any other political subdivision of the State related to the same subject.
- Any large gathering or event for which attendance is anticipated to be in excess of five hundred people shall be cancelled or postponed for a minimum of thirty days.
- Any place of business or public accommodation, and any gathering or event for which attendance is anticipated to be fewer than five hundred people, shall operate at no greater than fifty percent occupancy, and no greater than fifty percent of seating capacity, for thirty days effective on Friday, March 13, 2020, except that any theater seating five hundred or more attendees for a live performance located in a city of one million or more shall not hold any further performances after 5pm on March 12, 2020.
- The two preceding directives shall not apply to a school, hospital, nursing home, other medical office or facility as determined by the Commissioner of Health, mass transit or mass transit facility, governmental facility, law enforcement facility, or retail establishments including grocery stores. The Commissioner of Health may allow for businesses that are not public gathering spaces to exceed five hundred persons if the occupancy is less than fifty percent capacity subject to public health review.



BY THE GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. C.", written over a horizontal line.

Secretary to the Governor

G I V E N under my hand and the Privy Seal of the
State in the City of Albany the twelfth
day of March in the year two
thousand twenty.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Cuomo", written over a horizontal line.

Heather

From: catherine poetzsch <cmpoetzsch@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 8:28 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Tarpon Towers

Dear Town Planning Board:

The purpose of this letter is to express my concern and opposition with regards to the proposed Tarpon cell Tower at the Calcam property, and to encourage the Planning Board to give fair and full consideration to other locations, many of which I understand would work well to provide cell service to our community.

I am a resident and homeowner in the Wanaksink Lake community for more than 20 years. My husband and I purchased a small lakefront home 20 years ago, and over time invested much of our life savings to build a new log cabin on the property. The home faces north-west, with a sunset view that we all enjoy every evening. The proposed Tarpon cell tower location, if you allow it to move forward, will sit directly at our sunset views, ruining our beautiful views. In plain talk, it will change to grotesque what is now a wonderful natural view. And that impact we believe, will also negatively impact the value of our home.

For the forgoing reasons, I encourage the Planning Board to reject the Tarpon tower at the Calcam location in favor of other locations previously identified.

Sincerely,

Catherine Poetzsch

Heather

From: Jay Schrade <tnguy11@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:18 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Tarpon Towers II, LLC

James Schrade

458 Will Wyatt Lane

Crossville TN 38555

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,

I am writing in hopes that the Planning Board can create a better plan than the one to approve of the location of a cell tower near Wurtsboro Mountain Road and Wanaksink Lake.

The Wanaksink Lake community was created in 1935. Both my mother's father and my father's uncle were original members and land owners on the lake. Louis Schrade, who owned the Schrade Cutlery Company making pocket knives in nearby Ellenville, loved to come to Wanaksink Lake because of it's pristine water and unspoiled natural beauty. He most of all liked to fish at Wanaksink; especially Small Mouth Bass and Walleyed Pike.

I now own the property that my grandfather owned and I also enjoy the unspoiled beauty that is almost impossible to find. Out covenant is founded on the preservation of that natural beauty. As a community, we have self-regulated the area that is Wanaksink Lake and as such, have prohibited the cutting of trees and even the use of noisy gasoline motors on our boats. Being able to take a rowboat or canoe out on the water to watch the stars at night when the air is cool and still is something that would be spoiled by the sight of a blinking red light above the trees or the lattice of the tower in the daytime. It would be directly in the line of sight to watch the sun as it sets each evening.

In addition, this is in close proximity to a nesting pair of bald eagles. It seems foolish and possibly unlawful to allow construction of such a tower until an environmental study has been conducted. A known fact is that the noise and commotion that would occur during such a construction and easily cause a pair of nesting eagles to abandon a nest tree. A large number of lake residents have taken some spectacular photographs of these eagles over the years. What a wonderful and rare resource to have in the Town of Thompson! Please give the decision other thoughts and don't approve of this without a serious and studied re-consideration.

I too would very much like to have better service on my Verizon phone. But there are good alternative solutions other than the one proposed for Wurtsboro Mountain Road and I strongly feel one of them would be the best decision the Planning Board can make.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

James Schrade

Heather

From: Mary Goldberg <mgoldnikki@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, April 19, 2020 6:36 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Tarpon Towers

Dear Planning Board:

I am a resident in Rock Hill NY and very concerned with the consideration of the Tarpon Cell Tower project. My husband and I do not support this project and we urge you to protect our communities that will be affected. Besides the visual impact it will have, we are concerned about the environmental impact as well. Specifically the amount of radiation that this tower will emit and it's long term effects on the neighboring populations. We believe that Verizon needs to find an alternative location that will not impact the health of our residents. We look forward to the zoom meeting on this very important matter. Thank you. Be well, Mary and Robert Goldberg. 2 Crescent View, Rock Hill NY

Sent from my iPhone

Heather

From: Laurie Supinski <lauriesupinski@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 18, 2020 10:27 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Tarpon/Verizon Cell Tower

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board

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

Laurie Supinski
Program Director
Start Garden
231-250-2845
www.startgarden.com

Heather

From: Sally Hallinan <siannarone@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 12:26 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Tarpon/Verizon Cell Tower Application
Attachments: board letter.docx

Please see attached letter. Thank you

Sally Hallinan
siannarone@verizon.net

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

Heather

From: Sally Hallinan <siannarone@verizon.net>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 12:29 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Tarpon/Verizon Cell Tower Application
Attachments: 2020 Board Letter.docx

Please see the attached letter from John Hallinan. Thank you

Sally Hallinan
siannarone@verizon.net

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
Town of Thompson Board Members,

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

Heather

From: Philip Rhodes <prhodes@broadview-tech.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 12:15 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: douglaspoetzch@gmail.com
Subject: Tarpon/Verizon cell tower

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

Heather

From: Derek Bloomfield <pancakes96@hotmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 11:01 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Tower near Wanaksink Lake

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

Heather

From: Ann Funck <ann.funck@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 4:17 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com; douglaspoetzsch@gmail.com
Subject: Tower
Attachments: cell tower 4-22-20.docx

Letter attached

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Funck
81Wurtsboro Mountain
Road
Rock Hill, NY 12775
April 15, 2020

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

Re: Rock Hill Cell Tower Site

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board,

It is extremely disappointing that the Town of Thomson is holding a Public Hearing regarding the proposed cell tower on the Town Supervisors property during a time of crisis. We urge you to seriously consider viable, alternative sites that have been suggested. It does not seem that any of the other properties were explored. Not only that, the current plans are worse than the original submission as far as interfering with the natural beauty of the area. To make the tower higher and with a light is not a compromise.

It is the job of a Planning Board to have a willingness to encourage and accept input from citizens, organizations and those directly affected by land use related actions made by the Board of Planning & Development. Please move the proposed site of the tower.

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Funck

Heather

From: 8456494961@vzwpix.com
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2020 5:35 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Attachments: text_0.txt

Once again I urge you to reject the application by Tarpin Towers/Verizon for an alternate site on the Calcam property near route 17 and exit 110.
This tower can be placed

Heather

From: Maura Sweeney <SWEENEYMAURA@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 11:09 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Verizon cell tower

Dear Planning Board,

I have lived on the South shore of Wanaksink 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 Wanaksink 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
Wanaksink Lake

Sent from [Outlook Mobile](#)

Heather

From: Amelia Gewirtz <AGewirtz@halstead.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 9:29 AM
To: Planning; Douglas Poetzsch; Harold
Subject: Verizon tower 4.15.2020

Importance: High

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

Sent from thumbs on a Droid. Apologies for A.I. tech auto correct Odd words & spelling etc. Amelia S. Gewirtz Halstead Real Estate Named #1 West Side Team 2019 /Top 3% of entire Firm, Named Top broker Team in America Real Trends 2019, Featured on NBC/CBS TV. Your referrals make my heart smile ❤️ have a Great day and remember #curateyourlife #movetowardyourbliss. 📧 sent from Galaxy S20 plus via BlackBerry Hub+ Inbox for Android

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Heather

From: Rody-Wright, Annie <arody-wright@siena.edu>
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2020 5:32 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: Douglas Poetzsch
Subject: Visual Impact Letter
Attachments: Wanaksink Visual Impact Town of Thompson cell tower.041620.doc

Dear TOT Planning Board Members:

Please find my attached letter regarding the negative impact the proposed Tarpon/Verizon Cell Tower will have on Wanaksink Lake and its residents.

Thank you.

Annie Rody-Wright

Annie Rody-Wright, J.D.
Senior Teaching Professor
First Year Seminar/Sociology
Siena College

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Annie Rody-Wright
113 South Lake Road
Rock Hill, NY 12775

April 16, 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,

The purpose of this letter is to provide the planning Board with some perspective on the negative visual, aesthetic and atmospheric impacts the proposed cell tower would have on me and my family as homeowners on Wanaksink Lake.

In October 2018, my husband and I purchased our dream home at Wanaksink Lake after 10 years of active searching. That is an admittedly long time to search for a house, but we are very particular, and we wanted this to be our forever home—a place that we, our children, grandchildren (should we be so lucky) and generations to come would enjoy the beautiful nature that Sullivan County has to offer. We knew that we would know it when we found it, and were right! Wanaksink is the quintessential lake we wanted – non-motorized, quiet, serene, full of wildlife, neighborly. The sunsets rival any sunsets we have seen anywhere in the world.

Imagine our surprise when we were confronted with word of a massive cell tower planned for our lake, and in the worst possible location! With ground elevation, the proposed tower would rise well over 200 ft in the air and completely obstruct our treasured sunset view. The lights on the proposed tower as well as the generator's hum would run 24/7, totally and forever shattering the peacefulness of this special place. We feel like we have been stabbed in the gut to get this news after searching so long and finally finding our piece of paradise.

We urge you to consider the negative visual and atmospheric impact on us and our fellow lake residents in your evaluation of the proposed cell tower. We also respectfully request that you consider the alternative sites that have been proposed which would not have an equivalent deleterious impact.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Annie Rody-Wright

Heather

From: Daniel Alexander <axelnad@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, April 15, 2020 2:49 PM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Cc: Douglas Poetzsch
Subject: Wanaksink Lake - concerns about visual impact

Dear Planning Board Members,

I hope you are safe and well these trying times.

I am writing regarding the proposed cell tower at our beautiful lake. We are lovers of nature and beauty at Wanaksink -- and want to preserve it for our future generations.

How is it possible that, to my understanding, alternative locations haven't been pursued regarding the building of a cell tower?

We have a house on Gold Point Road. There's a reason it's called Gold Point. As a 3-season resident of the lake, I have enjoyed powerful, sublime sunsets for 5 summers already, and hope to enjoy many more. The sunset on the lake from a kayak, a pontoon, or even while swimming at the island, has been a ritual for me and my friends and family. I have many times scrambled to get myself, often others too, out to the center of the lake on a kayak just to catch this natural phenomenon that is so curative to the soul. It's part of why we live here. It's also a selling point to others who are looking for a special home. I have been known to be out of town and to check the weather app to see just when the sun will be setting, and have planned driving times around it.

When we show people photos of our life here -- among them are always the magnificent setting sun over the water -- often with dazzling and dramatic pinks, oranges, yellows and blues. It's magic. It also increases the property value here -- something one can't just "buy."

I saw a bald eagle perched right near where this tower would exist. It's crucial that we not jeopardize this kind of natural wealth, and risk the harmful environmental impact. I can't ignore the recent and startling study by the renowned Ramazzini Institute on cancer in animals caused by RF waves from cellular towers.

Again - we are lovers of nature and beauty at Wanaksink -- and want to preserve it for our future generations. **Please, please consider other options before you obscure such a marvel of a view -- the kind of view that makes Wanaksink and Rock Hill so special and unique.**

Thanks so much for taking the time to read this -
Dan Alexander

Heather

From: Matthew Downing <matthewsdowning@me.com>
Sent: Friday, April 17, 2020 8:54 AM
To: planning@townofthompson.com
Subject: Wanaksink Lake Cell Tower Letter.pdf
Attachments: Wanaksink Lake Cell Tower Letter.pdf; Untitled attachment 00034.txt

Please see attached letter of extreme opposition to the location of the tarpon/Verizon cell tower. All of you need to rethink your corruption. PUT IT SOMEWHERE ELSE!

April 16, 2020

Matthew S. Downing
76 & 93 South Lake Rd.
Rock Hill, NY 12775

To Whom It May Concern,

It has come to my attention that the proposed Verizon/Tarpon cell tower is still moving forward on the property owned by Calcam Associates, Inc (Bill Rieber) after numerous oppositions from the residents of Wanaksink Lake. I am writing this letter out of concern that there is blatant corruption within the ranks of leadership to the town of Thompson, and the decision to place a cell tower on the property owned by the Town Supervisor stinks to the highest ranks of corruption and should this fight end with a hideous tower ruining our skyline, I will join every fight to ensure you spend the rest of your life in court. All who support this tower location are on the take and should be removed from office as you do NOT have the towns best interests in mind. Independent studies have been performed and concluded that this is NOT the best place for this tower, yet it keeps coming back to the Town Supervisors personally owned property? If the person reading this has an IQ above 10, you understand my point, this is nothing more than a ploy for the Town Supervisor to line his pockets and his goon squads pockets with cash by placing a tower on an otherwise worthless piece of property, solely because of his status in the local government. Again, should construction of this tower proceed, I can guarantee you will see my name on court summons as I will sue every decision making member of the Town of Thompson. I highly encourage all members voting on the location and construction of this cell tower to seek an alternate location, as the fight myself and my neighbors will give you will be fierce. Please reconsider this poor decision and do the right thing, the thing you were elected to do, not line your pockets with cash.

Sincerely,

Matt Downing