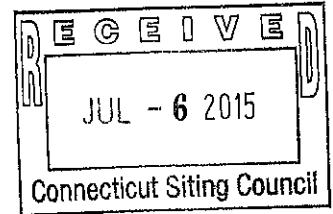


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RE: Docket 458

Dear Attorney Bachman:

This is to request that the Siting Council deny the application by North Atlantic Tower to erect a cell phone tower at 62-64 Codfish Hill Road in Bethel. Since AT&T, who initially worked with North Atlantic to try and inflict this eyesore on a quiet, country, family neighborhood, has elected, for the moment, to withdraw their part of the application, it would seem that their claimed need for this structure to provide cell coverage is not quite as urgent as their initial appeal would appear. The neighborhood has already found that there are no dropped calls and no lack of cell coverage in the immediate area, and the maps and information provided by AT&T in their local store and on their website indicate that this area already has full coverage.

Verizon, which appeared to come on board to bolster AT&T's claims, also has a store and website maps indicating that this is an area to which they provide full coverage. Personally, having been a Verizon subscriber for the last seven or eight years, I can attest to the fact that I have never had any problem with the coverage and the service provided in this area.

I cannot speak to the western side of Newtown, which AT&T/Verizon claim needs coverage; however, it seems only appropriate that if this is the case, Newtown should provide the site and suffer the local damages, rather than inflicting the negative impact on the people of a neighboring town where coverage seems to be more than adequate.

I am even more concerned about the value of a property my husband and I purchased when we married 46 years ago and where we raised our children and the highly detrimental effects such a structure will have on one of the loveliest, relatively unspoiled residential areas left in our part of the State. It is also of concern that at the public hearing on June 2<sup>nd</sup> in Bethel, Mr. Matt Knickerbocker, our First Selectman, indicated that it would not be a great deal of time before technology would have advanced to a point where such structures would no longer be needed. (My understanding, however, is that if that happens, everyone walks away from this blot on the landscape and the local residents are left to deal with it.)

I hope the Siting Council will consider seriously not only the residents' concerns and requests but those of the community at large when making its final decision.

Sincerely yours,

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