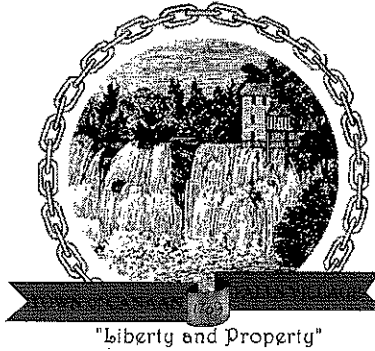


Town of Canaan
108 Main Street
P.O. Box 47
Falls Village, CT 06031-0047

*CM
SDF
CMT
CMT*



Connecticut Tax Town 021
AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER,
PROVIDER AND HOUSING ADVOCATE

Telephone: 860 824-0707
Fax: 860 824-4506
E-mail: canaan021selectmen@comcast.net

ORIGINAL

RECEIVED
APR 30 2008
CONNECTICUT
SITING COUNCIL

State of Connecticut
Connecticut Siting Council
Attention: S. Derek Phelps, Executive Director
Ten Franklin Square
New Britain, Connecticut 06051


DOCKET NO. 360 - Cello Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for Certification of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 188 Route 7 South, Falls Village (Canaan), Connecticut

Dear Mr. Phelps:

Please consider this communication the Town of Canaan Board of Selectmen's participation in the above referenced application. Thank you for the opportunity to share our thoughts on this matter.

The Board strongly supports this application. It appears that Verizon's plans for design construction will have a minimum impact on the surrounding areas. The type of tower proposed will essentially retain the existing pristine rural landscape. This plan seems to meet the general objectives and is in concert with the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. As importantly, it begins to close gaps where wireless service is essential along the Route 7 corridor of our community. Additionally, the construction of this telecommunications facility will provide the Falls Village Volunteer Fire Department with the appropriate needed space on the tower for its own communication system/s. The Board considers this benefit to be a most positive and critical factor in the arena of public safety. Further, the Town of Canaan Planning and Zoning Commission have reviewed this application and are in agreement with the Board of Selectmen in its support.

The Board will await notification from the Council in regard to this application being placed on a future agenda and the scheduling of a public hearing regarding it. Thank you for your prompt notification of this application and the process which you conduct in considering approval. For the Board of Selectmen I remain...

Respectfully,

Patricia Allyn Mecharé
First Selectman

April 28, 2008
cc: Peter G. Lawson, Selectman
Charles H. Lewis, Selectman