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May 26, 2015

Margus T. Laan, AICP
Director of Planning & Economic Development
Town of Plymouth - Land Use Department
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RE: DOCKET NO. 456 – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless application for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance, and operation of a telecommunications facility located at Plymouth Tax Assessor Map 054/065/016A-1, 33 Keegan Road, Plymouth, Connecticut.

Dear Mr. Laan:

The Connecticut Siting Council is in receipt of your recent correspondence dated May 21, 2015 concerning above-referenced Docket No. 456. Thank you for taking the time to provide the Council with your comments

Before reaching a final decision on an application, the Council carefully considers all of the facts contained in the evidentiary record. The record is developed by the Council, the applicant, parties and intervenors in the proceeding, and members of the public who speak at the public hearing or submit written statements to the Council.

The Council developed a deliberate schedule to provide all persons an opportunity to participate. This schedule included a public hearing on April 21, 2015 in Plymouth for the convenience of the public.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this proceeding on our website at <http://www.ct.gov/csc> under the "Pending Proceedings" link. You may also keep apprised of Council events on the website calendar and agenda.

Thank you for your interest and concern in this very important matter.

Very truly yours,

Melanie A. Bachman
Acting Executive Director

MAB/RM/cm

c: Council Members
Parties and Intervenors

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH LAND USE DEPARTMENT



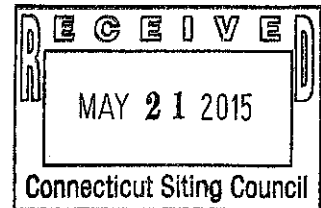
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May 21, 2015

Mr. Robert Stein, Chairman
Connecticut Siting Council
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New Britain, CT 06051

ORIGINAL



Re: Docket Number 456 – Application of Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless for Cellular Tower on property at 33 Keegan Road / Assessor Parcel Number 054-065-016A-1, Town of Plymouth, Connecticut

Dear Mr. Stein:

Thank you to the Siting Council for coming to the Town of Plymouth on April 21, 2015 and holding your public hearings on the Verizon cellular tower proposal at Town Hall. The hearing was very informative.

In accordance with the post hearing comment period, this is to advise the Connecticut Siting Council of our concerns for the development of the site. We have reviewed the revised plans (2nd revision, dated May 7, 2015) which are reflective of the discussion and concerns expressed at the April 21st public hearing.

The May 7th plans were presented to the Planning & Zoning Commission at their May 14th meeting. They asked that the Fire Marshal and Police Department be consulted. They also expressed concern on the impact of construction blasting on neighboring wells. These wells could fracture as result of the explosions.

Fire Marshal and the Terryville Volunteer Fire Department have responded with positive comment, (copy of comments attached), approving the plans as submitted. The Fire Marshal notes "If needed the emergency vehicles would use all wheel drive vehicles to access the site".

Access, of the attractive nuisance kind, is a concern voiced by another member of the Planning & Zoning Commission. Lack of any reason to be there does not stop some people from going places. People can choose to enter the driveway to explore and drive up to the top where the cellular tower is located. Given that the driveway is steep, narrow, long and remote creates a potentially at risk situation. The suggestion is that there be some type of

entry barrier at the start of the driveway, such as a gate, removable bollards or chain across, that will at least restrict the entry of unauthorized, larger, motorized vehicles.

Department of Public Works commented on the May 7th plans as well. After reviewing the plans, Charles Wiegert, Interim Director, expressed concerns as follows.

- The locations of the catch-basins are problematic. Town prefers that there be an additional catch-basin located on the street south of driveway to contain water and debris from access-way not in swale.
- The proposed wall located at very western edge at the foot of the driveway on Keegan Road is in the Town's Right Of Way and Town Ordinance does not allow that ("No structure 25 feet from centerline of road").
- Request more information on the drainage situation, seeking the drainage calculations for the proposed connection.
- Requests more information on the design of the proposed access-way, asking for the driveway profile.
- Requests information on the site distance line to the west of the driveway; it appears that only the eastern site distance line is marked on Sheet C-1A and profiled on Sheet C-4.
- As per Sheet C-1A, contractor is to field verify condition of existing drainage structures down-flow from proposed connection. Based upon condition, repair or replacement may be required.

In addition, a letter was submitted by a neighbor to this project, Sally and John Christiano of 311 Todd Hollow Road in Plymouth, to this office (copy attached). They submitted the letter to the Town with the understanding that the Town has some amount of decision making role in this situation, which we do not.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Thank you again for your time and assistance with this matter.

Respectfully,



Margus T. Laan, AICP
Director of Planning & Economic Development.

cc. Melanie Bachman, Acting Executive Director, Connecticut Siting Council
Kenneth Baldwin, Robinson & Cole LLC
Planning & Zoning Commission, Town of Plymouth
Mayor David Merchant, Town of Plymouth
Charles Wiegert, Interim Director, Department of Public Works
Charles Doback Jr., Fire Marshal
Sally & John Christiano

**PLYMOUTH FIRE
MARSHAL**

Memo

To: Margus Laan, Director of Planning & Economic Development
From: Fire Marshal Charles Doback
CC:
Date: 5/19/2015
Re: Celleco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless, 33 Keegan Road, Plymouth, CT

In reviewing the revised plans dated May 7, 2015 The Plymouth Fire Marshal and the Terryville Volunteer Fire Department is approving the plans as submitted.
If needed the emergency vehicles would use all wheel drive vehicles to access the site.

TOWN OF PLYMOUTH

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LAND USE

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May 20, 2015

Dear Members of the Board, Town of Plymouth,

LAND USE

On April 21st, 2015 my husband and I attended a town meeting regarding the relocation of a Cell Tower to be moved to Keegan Road. We are nearby neighbors to this location and my husband got up and spoke at the meeting voicing his concerns. When we attended the meeting we were shocked to find out how far along the tower relocation process was and that Cello Partnerships dba/Verizon Wireless is pretty much considering this a done deal. First we would like to say that the only way we knew about the meeting was driving by a sign that was posted at the end of the proposed driveway site. (I am sure this is one of the requirements of the town). The direct abutting neighbors never knew about a balloon test, (I thought certified mail had to go out to direct neighbors) and we would of liked to have seen this as well. I was also concerned that this test was done on a Tuesday afternoon, when a lot of neighbors were at work and could not have seen this. Why can't this test be performed on a Saturday or Sunday when people are out enjoying their property. (We feel that this was not adequate time for people surrounding this site to really grasp this situation). Also at the meeting we did find out there were other property areas that are in the zone, circled in the maps by Cello Partnerships and more rural ones that were never approached for consideration including our 30 acre site.

Before the town approves this site, which will require blasting of ledge, building of retaining walls, to filling and compacting material for a strong footing to support this huge tower and going thru wetlands and disturbing the environment and also will have a runoff going onto the already potholed/heaved Keegan road, we would like Cello Partnerships to consider all other locations before making their final decision.

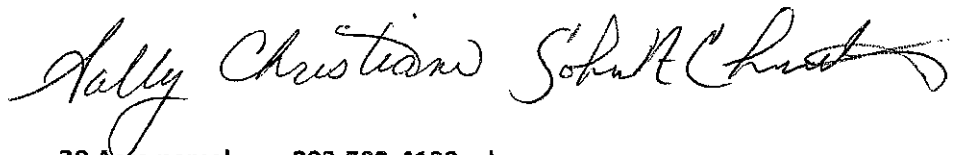
The neighbors on Knight Lane (very expensive homes) Scott Road, Keegan Rd, Todd Hollow Rd, will all be looking at this tower. The Post master commented on seeing a balloon on Tuesday waving and he was from the Plymouth Post Office, so apparently you will be able to see this from Rte 6.

As my husband stated at the meeting we do have property located in a very rural area within their target zone, 1500 feet off the road, our driveway goes up to our house with primary underground power (it took 2 years for the town to approve our site) and the tower would be hidden near the State forest of Hancock Dam. No blasting, or environmental issues would be affected. If you are thinking that we are just neighbors who would want to make a financial gain for considering this or other sites, a portion of any revenue would not be for our own profit, but would go towards running our non-profit organization farming operation for terminal ill families. (business plan available if requested). We feel the town would benefit as well because our non-profit farming facility would be bringing people to Plymouth and the town would be recognized with good merits.

With respect to the fact that we seen Bald eagles and we are part of the Hancock Brook Reservation I would also like to have an evaluation done as to if it would make sense to have Eagles nest built on it to support the Eagles preservation act.

Thank you for your consideration and guiding these giant corporations to make the right decision by preserving the rural community of Plymouth that is attracting very nice families to build rural homes and live for the future generations. Growing up in Terryville, and attending Terryville High School, I take pride in living in a community that prides itself with rural living.

Sincerely, Sally & John Christiano



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