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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 1, 2025

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RE: **DOCKET NO. 414** – Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless Certificate of Environmental Compatibility and Public Need for the construction, maintenance and operation of a telecommunications facility located at 36 Ritch Avenue, Greenwich, Connecticut. **Consent Order.**

Dear Alan Meilinggaard:

The Connecticut Siting Council (Council) is in receipt of the correspondence dated April 30, 2025 and June 30, 2025 concerning the Council's issuance of the December 6, 2024 consent order for Docket No. 414.

Please be advised that the Council's consent order imposed the following relevant conditions to the Certificate for the existing telecommunications facility at 36 Ritch Avenue in Greenwich:

Condition No. 17 – “The Certificate Holder or Tower Manager, as applicable, shall comply with the October 29, 2024 maintenance plan submitted into the record of the Council's October 2, 2024 Enforcement Action related to the facility site;” and

Condition No. 21 – “The Certificate Holder or Tower Manager shall submit a Maintenance Plan Inspection Report every 6 months for the first year beginning in 2025 and annually thereafter that shall identify who conducted the inspection, the date of the inspection, and the maintenance actions taken, including photographic documentation.”

The first Maintenance Plan Inspection Report for 2025 has not yet been submitted.

Please also be advised that the Council does not have any jurisdiction or authority beyond the boundaries of the existing facility site/lease area. Any vegetation that is growing outside of the existing facility site/lease area is not subject to the Council's jurisdiction.

Please note that you can view all of the documents related to this certificated facility on our website at the following link: https://portal.ct.gov/csc/1_applications-and-other-pending-matters/applications/3_docketnos400s/docket-no-414-verizongreenwich.

The Certificate Holder and tower manager are copied on this correspondence as notification of your concerns regarding the vegetation at the facility site.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matthew Paet". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light grey rectangular background.

Executive Director

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From: d <alanmeil@verizon.net>
Sent: Monday, June 30, 2025 1:49 PM
To: CSC-DL Siting Council <Siting.Council@ct.gov>
Subject: Docket Item 414 Cond't

Dear Sirs/Madams..

Below is a current picture of the property adjacent to mine, 36 Ritch Ave West, Greenwich, CT housing a Verizon Cell Tower. As per correspondence in 2024, regarding lack of ground maintenance to this site and "Agreement" between your committee and American Tower was reached to include semi annual maintenance to the property. As the photo shows, as of today, there has been none.

I don't want to be surly or flippant but, to me, a "Signed Agreement" contains 2 options. Abide or Enforce. Obviously neither has occurred. I'm no Landscape Tech, but to effectively minimized the overgrowth, I would think in the Spring it would be cut back and treated and after the summer it would be cut back again and disposed. Why has this not happened why do I and my family have to live next to, and see on a daily basis, an overgrown lot festering rodent activity. If the property were zoned Residential, I believe I would have some recourse thru Town Nuisance Codes. What is the process under your guidance? Will you contact Verizon/American Towers, or do I.

Awaiting your Reply.

Alan Meilinggaard

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P.S> In my previous communication, dtd April 30th, I outlined other concerns and conditions regarding the 36 Ritch Ave West site. I would like attention and resolve to these issues also. How/What do I have to do to start that process. Thank You



From: d <alanmeil@verizon.net>

Sent: Wednesday, April 30, 2025 11:20 AM

To: Fontaine, Lisa <Lisa.Fontaine@ct.gov>; sitting.council@ct.gov

Subject: Fw: Docket Item 414 Con't!

It's been a couple of months, and I assume at least 2 monthly Sitting Council Meetings and I have NOT had any reach out or contact from you regarding the Cell Tower Issues at 36 Ritch Ave West, Greenwich. (see below)

Please update me with any planned or recommended resolve to my concerns.

Thank You.

Ladies and Gentlemen...

Maintenance issues with Cell Tower Property at 36 Ritch Ave West. Greenwich still remain. My request for Maintenance assistance (because of foilage overgrowth and Rodent infestation) in July of 2024 resulted in, after second request, American Tower sending 2 men to weed wack area along the adjoining property line Period! No attention was given to Rodent concern or even clearing the area of what was cut down. The workers said they were instructed to cut down, nothing about removal or rodents.

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I applaud your efforts of making American Tower more accountable thru a Maintenance Agreement but serious issues still remain.

1. The White Pine trees planted near our property line which now have grown to a height of totally blocking the afternoon sun thus effecting mold patches to accumulate on our roof with pine needles invading both house and property. They need to be REMOVED. I incurred cost each year to pay someone to go up on the roof to remove the mold and clear the needles from our property. BTW. The trees are also causing similar damage to American Tower structure that houses their equipment.

2. Of larger concern, is the danger of those trees falling on our house. The State (3 trees) had similar old/tall White Pines adjacent to our property line. When contacted, they sent out a representative, the next day to investigate and immediately dispatched a crew to cut them down. Obviously they agreed with the pending danger of over hanging and falling limbs and/or the actual tree(s) falling.

3. As stated in the minutes of one of your meetings, this Cell Tower is the closest Cell facility to a residential property in the state. Frankly, it's a eyesore. Only a chain link fence divides the property. It's diminishing the enjoyment and value of our home. What's needed "for the closest tower in the state" is a solid 8/10 foot high partition to be constructed or some form of total visual interference.

4. Finally, I would like reassurance from Verizon/American Tower that an 84 foot Tower which is 68 feet from our property line doesn't present any danger to us or to our dwelling up to and including why, when we attempt to use our Landline Phone in our bedroom, (the room facing the Tower) we can't because of constant static on the line. But, the connection is OK in the other rooms.

I do have other questions about the process, but my focus is on the day to day quality of our life while residing at 52 and the visual and economic impact 36 has had on both.

With appreciation for your attention.

Regards

Alan Meilinggaard