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DECISION

At a Special Board of Selectmen meeting held on Friday, August 25, 2000, the Town of Bethlehem Board of Selectmen decided to APPROVE the application of SBA, Inc. for the construction of a telecommunications facility on property owned by Gary and Amy Swingle and having a street address of 310 Watertown Road, Watertown, Connecticut, in accordance with the following terms and conditions:

1. The telecommunications facility, including but not limited to the tower and all associated structures and equipment, shall be developed and constructed in accordance with the plans and written materials submitted to the Board of Selectmen as of the date of the public hearing (July 31, 2000). No changes may be made in the location, height, color, nature, or any other physical aspect of the telecommunications facility as shown on the described in those plans and written materials without further review and approval of the Board of Selectmen.
2. The Board of Selectmen finds that the applicants' plans and written materials for the telecommunications facility, submitted as of July 31, 2000, adequately addressed and satisfied the standards set forth in the Bethlehem Telecommunications Ordinance with the exception of Section I.3 and I.4, regarding the minimization of the need for towers within the Town by appropriate encouragement of co-locations; Section III.1.b(2), as to the availability within the Town of Bethlehem of emergency equipment to handle emergency circumstances occurring on the tower at heights greater than 120 feet; and Section VI, regarding a surety bond for any needed site restoration.
3. The applicant has supplemented its proposal regarding the availability of emergency equipment by offering, by letter dated August 25, 2000, contributions of \$5,000 to the capital fund of the fire services of the Town for the purchase of future equipment and training for the firefighters, and an additional \$5,000 to the Bethlehem Ambulance Association. Although those contributions do not, in themselves, assure the availability of the necessary emergency equipment, the Board of Selectmen has determined that this specific application cannot be reasonably charged with the full duty to acquire all necessary equipment, since such equipment would also benefit future applicants, who would then have no obligation to share in the burden of providing such equipment. The Board of Selectmen further finds that the proposed contributions reflect a reasonable apportionment of the obligation to provide the necessary emergency services, given the location of the tower and the portion of the Town of Bethlehem the telecommunications facility is likely to be capable of serving.

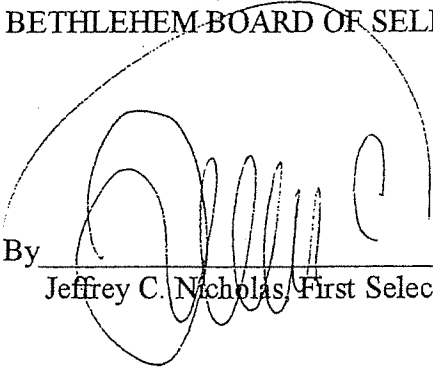
4. The Board of Selectmen finds that the remaining deficiencies in the application can be satisfactorily addressed by the imposition of the following conditions:

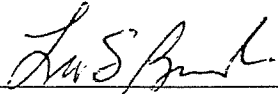
a. A surety bond for the restoration shall be provided in the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$ 125,000.00).

b. Tower access for multiple antenna for use by the Town of Bethlehem emergency services, i.e., Volunteer Fire Department, Police and Ambulance Association at no cost to the Town.

Dated at Bethlehem, Connecticut as of this 25th day of August, 2000.

BETHLEHEM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

By 
Jeffrey C. Nicholas, First Selectman

By 
Leo Bulvanoski, Selectman