

**Public Hearing Proposed AT&T Telecommunications Tower
Tuesday, August 13th, 2019 7:00 PM**

The Review Board public hearing held on August 13th, 2019 at the Caroline Town Hall was called to order at 7:06 p.m. by Chair Craig Modisher.

Attendance:

Craig Modisher, Chair
Sue Pearce-Kelling, Committee Member
Ellen Harrison, Committee Member
Bruce Murray, Committee Member

Recording Secretary: Becky Jordan, Deputy Clerk

Also present: 33 Members of the public
SEQR Public Hearing opened at 7:06 pm.
Public Comment: None

SEQR Public Hearing closed at 7:07 pm
Project Hearing opened at 7:07 pm

Wil Lawrence: submitted questions to review board. Thanked the board. Extend communication for emergency responders. No objections to the tower. First Net important. People have trouble finding her house using GPS.

Elisa Evett: disturbed by towers proximity to her home. Outdated local law used. There is a higher unpopulated location on the same hill. Wants explanation of not collocated on Miller Rd.

Mary Alyce Kobler: Urges town to put a moratorium in place so that issues can be reviewed. Should be required to co-locate.

Carol James: Opposed to tower. Roads and home values will be impacted negatively. Agrees with moratorium.

Amy Kohut: Opposed to tower. Research suggests about 90% home buyers are less interested in homes near towers. Agrees with moratorium.

John Miller: Opposed to tower. Believes parts of law not addressed. Requests the town deny application. Submitted written materials.

Greg Harrington: In favor of tower. First Net and 6th channel designed to provide communication for first responders.

Rebecca Missal: In favor of tower. brought a map to show reasons for siting. Property is the location of proposed tower. Visual minimal. Took careful consideration with decision.

Lee Tohill: In favor of tower for the improvement it will provide to internet and cell service coverage.

Kathryn Forest: In favor of tower. Support for safety issues in regards to emergency situations. Being able to call 911. Public good.

Paul Frandsen: In favor of tower. Referred to gps not working in area. Referred to benefit to emergency services. Barely able to call 911 during house fire.

John Blackmir: In favor of tower for safety reasons with an elderly parent in the area.

Mike of White Church Rd: In favor of tower for more cell service in the area. Suggest town get an 2nd consultant opinion to address public concerns

Agent Mark Fuentes response: Did due diligence in the location. Focus for connection to other towns. Provided maps of coverage. Coverage will be exponentially better. There will still be gaps. Adjustments can be made to address gaps

Carol James: red that acceptable process that as the tower is being installed if the applicant chooses to go higher they can without permission. If higher may require lights

Agent Mark Fuentes: No, we can not do that. Highest can go is 195 ft

Mary Alice: Understanding Bdale Fire Co will not benefit from the proposed coverage, is that true?

Greg Harrington: Has to be 99% coverage. Possibility to add on to Taft Rd. Bdale covers parts of 79 and Dryden.

Ellen (review board): first responders are out and about and on sites. The fire station itself is not where the responders will be.

Agent Mark Fuentes: affirmed service at Brooktondale Fire Co. will not exist

John Miller: Review Board can hire an expert/engineer that can provide help in location

Amy: requested due diligence for answers to concerns

Alissa: is it possible for a moratorium to address questions and concerns?

Ellen: federal established time frame for review and steps. Once seqr is accepted & started the clock has started.

Town Supervisor Witmer: cannot pass a moratorium in response to a project.

Carol James: What is the time frame at this point?

Agent Mark Fuentes: 150 days from May 21st for process of review to be fully vetted & decision made.

Tim Murray: response to E Miller Rd cell tower location from applicant? In materials.

Agent Mark Fuentes: in response to E Miller Rd inquiry. There is existing coverage in that area already with co-location in Danby.

Co-location within 4 miles. Engineers work out locations based on lack of coverage.

Concerns radio frequency affects. FCC supersedes the town on any health impacts. Telecommunication tower local law being used for review.

Next meeting Tuesday Aug 20th 7pm. Public welcome.

----**Adjourn the meeting** ----

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Craig Modisher and seconded by Ellen Harrison at 8:00 pm.

All in favor

Documents available on website: <attach link>

Respectfully Submitted,

Becky Jordan, Deputy Clerk