

January 16, 2015

VIA OVERNIGHT MAIL

First Selectman James B. Cosgrove
Selectman's Office
Branford Town Hall
1019 Main Street
Branford, CT 06405

Re: TowerCo & AT&T
Proposed Wireless Telecommunications Tower Facility
45 Rose Hill Road, Branford, Connecticut

Dear First Selectman Cosgrove:

We are writing to you on behalf of TowerCo with respect to its proposal to construct a wireless communications tower facility at 45 Rose Hill Road, Branford, Connecticut for use by AT&T and other wireless carriers. The purpose of our letter is to commence a formal consultation process with you and other Town of Branford officials prior to any application being filed with the State of Connecticut Siting Council. Enclosed you will find a detailed Technical Report for the proposed facility which includes information on its public need, alternatives evaluated and the environmental effects of the project as identified at this time.

Need for the Tower

Wireless services have proven essential to the public's health, safety and welfare. Forecasts of mobile data demands and other statistics including that 70% of all 911 calls in the U.S. are made from a wireless phone highlight the need for and benefits associated with wireless services. As noted in the enclosed Technical Report, AT&T wireless signal strengths are not sufficient for 4G LTE services in homes, vehicles and significant portions of Branford and adjacent East Haven. This particular tower facility would provide high speed 4G LTE services to thousands of residents in the area which also includes several miles of primary and secondary roads.

The Tower Project

TowerCo is proposing the new tower facility at 45 Rose Hill Road to meet the need for new wireless infrastructure to reliably serve the public. TowerCo would own, maintain and operate the tower facility subject to any approval the Connecticut Siting Council may issue for the project. The project as currently proposed would consist of a 134' monopole structure within a fenced compound on a 2 acre parcel that is developed as a part of a dumpster rental, recycling and refuse collection company's services.

The property abuts lands that are part of Beacon Hill Preserve and is in an area of Branford with a mix of commercial, residential and other land uses. The tower and fenced compound are designed to support the antennas and equipment of AT&T and other FCC licensed wireless

carriers. The facility will be unmanned with no sanitary or water facilities and will generate an average of one vehicle trip per month by each carrier at the site, consisting of a service technician in a light duty van or truck.

State Siting Council Considerations - Balance Of Need With Environmental Impact

Connecticut State policy generally recognizes the need for new communications facilities to serve the public and has designated the Connecticut Siting Council as the state agency with responsibility for reviewing and approving specific tower proposals. The Siting Council will be called on to evaluate this proposal once an application is filed with the agency. The Siting Council's focus is on balancing the need for a tower on a case by case basis with any significant adverse environmental impacts. Jurisdiction over any proposed cellular telecommunications facility rests exclusively with the Siting Council and would be in lieu of local zoning, wetlands and other types of municipal land use review and approvals.

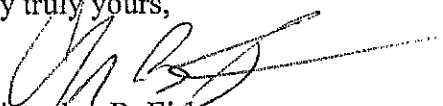
Town Input & Procedural Next Steps

The enclosed Technical Report is being provided to the Town of Branford and adjacent municipality of East Haven in accordance with Section 16-50/ of the Connecticut General Statutes. The statute requires consultation with a municipality in which a tower facility is proposed prior to submission of an application with the Siting Council. The purpose of the local consultation is to give the municipality in which the facility has been proposed an opportunity to provide the prospective applicant with any recommendations or preferences it may have prior to the filing of a formal application with the Siting Council.

Upon review of Section 16-50/ of the Connecticut General Statutes, you will also note that municipalities have the option of conducting a noticed public information session on any proposed cellular tower facility. State law requires any such information session to be held by the Town during the first 60 days of the 90 day period afforded to the municipalities for consultation with a prospective Siting Council applicant. As such, should Branford or East Haven elect to conduct a public information meeting regarding this project, it should occur before March 20, 2015. For such public information sessions, our typical practice is for introductions to be made by a municipal official, have the project team make a presentation (usually a power point) and then respond to public questions moderated by a local official or agency.

We thank you for your consideration of the enclosed and will follow this correspondence with a call to your office to schedule a meeting with you and begin to get feedback on the project and any potential alternatives or municipal preferences. We look forward to meeting with you.

Very truly yours,


Christopher B. Fisher

Enclosure

cc: Chair, Ellsworth McGuigan, Town of Branford, Planning & Zoning Commission
Chair Daniel Shapiro, Town of Branford, Inland Wetlands Commission
Chair Karyl Lee Hall, Town of Branford, Conservation/Environmental Commission
Mayor of the Town of East Haven Joseph Maturo Jr.,
Chair Peter Cianelli, Town of East Haven, Planning & Zoning Commission
Chair Richard Poulton, Town of East Haven, Inland Wetland Commission