

Since early September, a group of Manchester residents circulated a petition opposed to Verizon's cell tower at Riley Rink Hunter Park. To date, we have collected 435 signatures.

The petition reads:

"Verizon plans to install a 140-ft cell tower at RRHP in a Mixed Use 2 District. According to The Manchester Land Use & Development Ordinance (2021), zoning for MU2 does not allow communications towers in this district. The town zoning has a height limit of 130-ft.

RRHP is a non-profit recreational facility serving Manchester and the surrounding area. RRHP hosts children's sports, concerts, festivals and cultural events. A cell tower at this location would degrade the recreational nature and aesthetics of the park.

We, the undersigned, are concerned citizens who urge the Town of Manchester Select Board and Planning Commission to reject this tower proposal and direct Verizon to work with our community to find an acceptable alternative location that complies with our town plan and ordinances."

I don't believe Barbara Riley-Levin or the Hunter family, major philanthropists whose contributions were foundational to the creation of RRHP, would support the addition of a 140-ft cell tower with up to five additional carriers, on a 50-ft x 50-ft cement pad surrounded by chain link fence, including a fossil fuel generator. The proposed location is within 500-ft of the Rink.

Please do not grant Verizon a CPG for a cell tower at this location. Manchester's Planning Commission and Select Board oppose this location and have indicated they are willing to work with Verizon to find an alternative site.

Thank you.