

I moved to Marshfield in 1999 with my husband. We raised our family here and God willing, we will die here.

We love the people and the character of our great little rural village. The Old School House Common, located in the village, is the heart center of our community. It's where our kids play — on the nature trails, the playground, the baseball field, and the basketball court. It's where we have community suppers, a community garden, concerts in the summer and harvest festivals in the fall. It houses our town offices, our library, the Food Bank and it's where we vote. The Winooski River flows by and beautiful green hills surround it, dotted with church steeples. Classic Vermont.

We are opposed to the location of the proposed cell tower because it is too close to the Old School House Common. No other cell tower, that I've seen in Vermont, is as close to a road or as low on a hill side or as close to a populated village center as this proposed tower is. And, come to find out, the proposal is out of compliance with our Town Plan! It sits directly in the scenic view shed that our community identified in 2018 as essential to the rural character of our village!

We also have environmental concerns about the location's proximity to wetlands and streams because the tower proposal design provides only 50 foot buffers whereas The Marshfield Telecommunication Facilities Bylaw states that the facility must be more than 140 feet away from sensitive wetlands and streams. Again, it's out of compliance with our town plan!

And we believe the cell tower is fast becoming unnecessary due to the ongoing installation of fiber in our area and the option of satellite connectivity.

The proposed Marshfield cell tower should be denied a Certificate of Public Good. We don't think it's for the public good, we think it's for the corporate "good".