

I have been a Marshfield resident for 14 years. I moved to Marshfield, in part, because of its rural charm and beautiful landscapes. The hills, valley and river are a sight for the eyes that evoke calm and are a characteristic gem of Vermont in general. A cell tower atop a prominent hill as you enter and exit the Marshfield village would blight this scenic wonder. Marshfield is a special place with a thriving community that hosts many events that use this welcoming and charming viewscape as a backdrop. To locate a tower in the middle of this community activity would be an unwelcome change of feeling and sight.

I am surprised a tower could be located so close to where so many people dwell, as far as I know there are no towers in VT with this proximity. Once a tower is placed, it is there indefinitely. Preserving our natural landscapes provides much more societal benefit than what a cell tower would provide, especially when there are so many other ways of communicating.

I would like the cell tower proposal to be denied as it does not align with our Town Plan. I was on the Marshfield Planning Commission for 5 years and took part in drafting the Town Plan which highlights many things that are of value to Marshfield residents. Among these things are scenic views, which the tower clearly does not comply with for several reasons: the proposed tower height is too high, the protected view shed surrounds the proposed site, the wetlands are in too close of proximity and the tower would be atop a very steep slope which heavy machinery would erode.

Surely the character of the town and the perspectives of its people are important enough to warrant a say in the location of the cell tower. According to the coverage map, this tower would only really benefit the Rt. 2 corridor and does little to supply service for most Marshfield residents.