

September 8, 2025

To: Vermont Public Utilities Commission

Re: Communication Tower planned for Tinmouth, VT

These are the reasons we are against the proposed ITW radio tower to be sited in a gravel pit at the main entrance to our town.

It will ruin the view. Travelling north on East Road, the landscape opens up at Chamel Road with a spectacular view of the Tinmouth high mountain valley. The vista includes nearby open fields and hedgerows, long maintained by farmers like we are. The forested hills of town are punctuated by the white church steeple. Looking ahead, down the road, one can't miss the beautiful mountains to the north in the distance.

The balloon float proved that the tower would be an eyesore in the middle of this unique landscape. Such scenic views are so important that the original Town Plan in 1974 protected them. "Important scenic views shall be protected from strip development or other patterns of settlement which would substantially disrupt their scenic values."

The proposed tower does not conform to our current Town Plan. It requires that "... public utilities be located in such a way that they do not have an undue adverse effect on the scenic quality and land values of the town." The proposed tower will have an adverse effect on both. Tinmouth Zoning for Wireless Telecommunication Facilities-Section 409-includes protecting scenic qualities and minimizing visual impacts. It requires the height of a tower to be no more than 130 feet and no more than 20 feet above the average tree line. The proposed tower exceeds both limits..

The proposed tower appears to have no benefit to Tinmouth. Our fire department and law enforcement have means of communication that do not involve this tower or its radio signal.

Please understand how important this priceless scenic vista is to us, our community, commuters, tourists and to those who come after us.

Thank you for taking these critical points into consideration when evaluating the current proposal.

Sincerely,
Larry and Cris Carabeau