

25-2931-PET Motion to Intervene Narrative BJONES

The location where my wife and I reside in Rochester has many attributes that we value. The house has southern exposure with expansive views of the Green Mountains. The center point of the over 180 degree views of meadows, a pond, forests, mountains, is Killington Peak with the elevation of 4,233', which is over 20 plus miles away due south.

The property has several trails that existed and ones that we cut ourselves and we use them on a daily basis. We love to take to the trails with our dogs, kids and grandchild.

Meadows that are hayed after the end of July for grass feed beef cattle. This time table allows for grassland birds (bobolinks) to complete mating, laying, hatching and start their flight back to Argentina for the winter.

I enjoy the maintaining of the meadows, pastures, woods and thousands of feet of stone walls that surround and run thru this piece of property. Those stone walls were worked on many, many years ago by my great great grandfather and great grandfather. It's quite a feeling when working on the stone wall and take a break, have a drink and bite to eat on the wall, look out at the views and to think how many of my relatives did the same thing, handle the same rocks, maybe sitting in the same spot having a look at the view over 150 years ago.

We like having locals and tourist enjoy the property with VAST and Velomont bike trails going thru it. Many times these people have stopped and told us how beautiful it is here and that they really appreciate having the opportunity to ride, hike, and hunt.

If the proposed cell tower is installed at the location and elevation that the balloon simulated, this would put it at roughly 2.75 miles due south of the house where my wife and live. It would be visible from the kitchen, dining room, living room, laundry room, master bed room, guest bed room, and two outdoor decks. It would be visible from three different meadows, the driveway and would be right in front of Killington Peak.

We were planning on leaving this property to our children and we hope in turn to their children. The joy that we are getting from this property is everything we envisioned when we were planning and saving over the last 40 years of how and where we wanted to live when our retirement years came. The undue adverse aesthetic impact of this project would have on my wife and I is going to be very upsetting. Knowing that if this project goes thru, we will be going to wake up every day and have to look at a cell tower, there is no way to miss it when you look out the windows, when we go for walks, when I walk down the mail box, when I'm working in the meadows, when I'm working on the stone walls, when were out in the garden, when we are feeding the chickens, mowing the lawn, when we are the dining room table, sitting in the living, hanging the cloths on the line, eating on the deck, and more. You won't be able to miss it. This is going to be

mentally taxing. To have the center piece of the property visually ruined. It feels that we are being robbed of something we cherish.

Everything we worked and planned for to get us in the position were in today would be wipe away by a poorly placed cell tower with minimal coverage added to existing service. We will be another piece of the collateral damage this project will create. What gives them the right to ruin other peoples' lives for a little more cell coverage?

The proposed cell tower location and access road to it seems to be in conflict with the town plan. The tower would be visible from scenic route 100 and historic village. It would also be visible from our home which is located in "The Hollows", an historical significant site according the Scenic Byway Corridor Management plan in section 7F of the Rochester Town Plan. The access road is steep, cuts through a wetland and wildlife habitat. Both the planning commission and select board feel the project does not meet the town plan. When the balloon was up I also walked thru the village, several locations in the village the tower will be visible and several houses in the surrounding area. The photos supplied by Vertex were very limited and very select to minimize the negative visual effect on the area. An independent study should take place to verify the information that was given to the town by Vertex is complete and correct.

If the project is not denied based on the town's recommendations, I request a hearing.

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