

Public Comment from Kevin Marvin, adjoining landowner.

As a nearby property owner, I support the construction of the tower to immediately support fire and emergency communications in the area and to likely provide cellular communications that do not currently exist. Better emergency services coverage and future cellular coverage will make work, travel, and recreation related activities safer in the area. Since the new tower has the potential to support multiple cellular companies, it will likely be the only tower needed to cover the VT108 corridor between Enosburg and Bakersfield. It will also give many area residents the luxury of dropping the expense of a land line once they have good cell coverage.

Though there is talk that nearby towers adversely impact property values, I propose that good cellular access has greater impact on increasing property values as it supports a safer community and provides better support for residents to work from home in this idyllic environment.

In concern for the impact of such a tower on Bordoville residents, I also shared concerns about the visual impact of the tower until I researched further. Bordoville is unique in its location among forests, trees, hills, quietude, and associated views. That said, I observed from the front of the historical church, the views that would be impacted by the tower. Based on the tower location and height (now 20 feet lower) it will be difficult to see the tower when it is built. At the same time, I noticed several telephone poles and power lines across this line of sight that have significant impact on this view. I suggest that the community pursue the burying of these power lines if such views are important.

With permission of the landowner, I flew a drone to the 153 feet peak height of the previous proposed tower. The new proposal is 20 feet lower. My assumption is that anything I could see from that location could also see the tower. Below are some pictures from a drone flying at the proposed tower peak.

The result of this effort shows that very few homes are visible from the top of the tower. This likely means that the tower will be very difficult to see from Bordoville with a few exceptions. Most of the trees in the Bordoville area are hemlock and pine so the pictured views are very similar year round. The tower will be more apparent from Vt 108 as shown in the last three pictures. This drone observation confirms the study done by Industrial Tower and Wireless.



North drone view from the top of proposed tower. The green roof of the Hughes house can barely be seen through the trees on the lower right (685 ft away). This is the nearest building to the tower. In the middle of the picture is the backyard of the House property (1,500 ft away)



Northwest view. The field on the left in front of the Hoke property off Chester Arthur Road is 2,300 ft away.



Left of the above view. The white building is the Bordoville Seventh-day Adventist Church on Chester Arthur Road. (2,100 ft away). The white spot to the right of the church is the Lobbell house on Bordoville Rd with a red roof (1,500 ft from the proposed tower)



To the right is the Bordoville Seventh-day Adventist Church. On the upper left is the Kavchak house at Bordoville Rd and Jones Rd. (3,000 ft away). In the middle is the intersection of Chester Arthur Rd. and Jones Rd.



View North up VT 108 towards West Enosburg. This will provide great line of sight radio coverage.



View slightly south from above picture.



East drone view from top of proposed tower.



Southeast view from top of proposed tower.



South view from top of proposed tower.