

Bordoville Seventh-day Adventist Church
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Dear Enosburg Town Elect Regional Planning Commission, Representatives for ITW, and the PUC:

We are writing to express our strong support for preserving the natural beauty and historic character of the Bordoville SDA Church and its surrounding landscape. This site represents not only a place of worship and prayer but also a cherished historic landmark that preserves the heritage and identity of the SDA community as well as the Bordoville Village Historic District.

Since 1984, the Bordoville SDA Church has been listed in the State Register of Historic Places as a contributing resource to the Bordoville Village Historic District. Now the leaders of the Bordoville SDA Church are gathering an updated survey of historic information with details of the church's history. This history includes that it is the first SDA church built by SDAs in New England; it was built in 1864. Soon, a consultant will be helping us prepare our church to be in the National Register of Historic Places. Since we may complete this process before the steps for placing a tower are completed, we wish to make you aware that we have heard that towers may not be placed near a Nationally Registered Historic Place.

The proposed construction of tower infrastructure nearby would significantly disrupt the aesthetic harmony of the area. The Bordoville SDA Church's setting - defined by a historic cemetery on the hill, a lower-level church with open space, and its peaceful environment - would be diminished by the presence of a large, modern structure that is incompatible with the historic surroundings. In agreement with our thoughts, your own plans state the following on page 33 under Goals and Policies:

"e. Consolidation of new telecommunications facilities on existing sites is preferred over the development of new sites. New telecommunications equipment and towers shall be sited in the least obtrusive and least ecologically sensitive areas possible."

Protecting this space is about more than appearance; it is about honoring history, maintaining community character, and preserving a sense of place that cannot be replicated once altered. We respectfully urge you to consider the long-term impact of this project and to prioritize the preservation of this irreplaceable historic landmark.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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