## WANAKSINK LAKE CLUB, INC.

P.O. BOX 796

**ROCK HILL, NEW YORK 12775** 

March 30, 2019

Dear Town of Thompson Planning Board Members,

As the President of the Wanaksink Lake Club I am reaching out to you on behalf of our 260 + membership families regarding the cell tower proposed adjacent to Wanaksink Lake. Unfortunately many of our members are away at this time of year and don't know what is happening on their doorstep which is completely unfair. With that in mind I respectfully request that you keep the hearing open so that our members, who are now beginning to return to the lake, will have an opportunity to let their voices be heard.

We do understand the need for better cell service but strongly object to the proposed location of this 184 foot tower rising out of our tree-lined landscape and landing in the center of our sunset vista area. What an eye sore for those who will be looking at this every day. Many folks go out on the lake each evening to view the beautiful sunsets over the lake. Please think about how you would feel if a tower were to rise up in the middle of your favorite view.

It seems hard to believe that there are not better locations in the area than right next to the lake. We do understand that various locations have been looked at and are deemed unsatisfactory for one reason or another. What is the possibility of taking another look at some of those sites? We have worked for generations to preserve the beauty found at Wanaksink and our members need to get permission to even cut down a tree.

Please let the hearing remain open while you take time to reconsider and find a different location that achieves the intended outcome of better cell service and doesn't destroy our Wanaksink Lake vistas. My hope is that you would keep this hearing open until those who are directly impacted are aware and have an opportunity to be included in any conversation about this major decision. I know that our lake community would appreciate being involved in a project that will greatly change the way things look at Wanaksink Lake.

Sincerely, Stephanie Calcene

Stephanie Collins, President

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# HAROLD STEPHAN

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Planning Board, Town of Thompson 4052 Route 42 Monticello, NY 12701

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TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING BOARD ZONING BOARD

RE: Tarpon Cell Tower Application off of Wurstboro Mountain Road

Dear Planning Board Members,

We understand that the Planning Board has requested the applicant conduct a balloon test in the Wanaksink Lake area to better evaluate the visual impacts to the community. We would urge the Planning Board to conduct another public hearing after the balloon tests results are submitted to allow discussion around the results. Please also see attached letter(s) we have written that explain our perspective on the visual impacts from the proposed tower.

Sincerely,

Harold Stephan

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March 23, 2019

Planning Board, Town of Thompson 4052 Route 42 Monticello, NY 12701 RECEIVED

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RE: Tarpon Cell Tower Application off of Wurstboro Mountain Road

Dear Planning Board Members,

I am a home owner at 24 Sylvan Shore Road and I just became aware of the plan to build a cell tower immediately next to the lake. While I appreciate the need for better cell service in our community, I am wondering how wise it is to build such a tower immediately next to the lake?

This tower will not only be a tremendous eye sore for home owners who look forward to the serene views afforded by the tree-line on the western shore of the lake. Federal and state regulated safety lighting on this tower will be extremely offensive at night, given there is no road lighting on this stretch of Wurtsboro Mountain Road. I also have serious concerns about the biological impact of the tower on my twelve-year old son. The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) has classified RF fields as "possibly carcinogenic to humans," and at the location of our home the scatter field from the antennae will be greater than it is directly beneath the tower.

There are other locations in the immediate area that seem equally suited to provide high quality cell service which are much better suited to keep the integrity of the views intact. An excellent alternative which would keep the business with William Rieber is at his 412 Wild Turnpike address, which is a commercial firewood business property. This site is a short 2 miles from the Wurtsobo Mountain Rd. location currently being considered next to Wanaksink Lake, and would have little impact on the efficacy of the cell tower range which is listed at up to 45 miles for modern smartphones.\*

On a personal note, I look so forward to those summer sunsets at the lake. It is one my life's greatest joys. Please don't take that away from my family or from the other residents at Wanaksink lake.

Sincerely yours

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<sup>\*</sup>Source: https://smallbusiness.chron.com/far-can-cell-tower-cellphone-pick-up-signal-32124.html

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