Dennis Kujawski 71 Bertrand Drive Princeton, NJ 08540

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RE: Tarpon Cell Tower Application off of Wurtsboro Mountain Road

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Sincerely,

Dennis and Linda Kujawski

Linda Kujawski 71 Bertrand Drive Princeton, NJ 08540

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

Dear Members of The Town of Thompson Planning Board,

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I am a member of the Wanaksink Lake Community and think of myself as a member of the Rock Hill Community as well—"a community growing together." Twenty-seven years ago, I moved to central New Jersey due to a job relocation, but my heart will always call Sullivan County home. I grew up at "the lakes" and purchased my own cabin thirty-three years ago.

The recent decision to locate a lattice cell tower on property near Sullivan County residential areas has been an unpleasant surprise. The tower will be visible to all as an unsightly welcome to the community and it will clearly obstruct the sunset view in the western sky of Wanaksink Lake.

I understand the need for cell service. I *don't* understand why a community I have respected is pursuing this location with such disregard for community voices. The approval of such a towering permanent construction in an area that prides itself on being a welcoming community with vision and heart is shocking.

The aesthetics of our community is worth defending. I would hope this is not a question of profit vs. the beauty of Sullivan County. One cannot put a price on the view. Beauty can be marginalized by eager cell tower owners, but it should not be disregarded by a community known for supporting curb appeal and hometown values. Who has not noticed the positive impact of Rock Hill's signs and well thought-out landscaping, building designs (The Rock Hill Pharmacy), and even the flower gardens of a post office employee who dug in the soil to beautify the post office building.

I believe in this community or I would not continue to live here every summer.

In the words of Ernest Schwiebert (1931-2005), an architect, writer, and avid fly fisherman, "... in our contentious time of partisan hubris, selfishness, and outright mendacity, Beauty itself may prove the most endangered thing of all."

Linda Kujawski

Sincerely.

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Dear Planning Board Members,

I have maintained a cabin at 68 Gold Point Road at Wanaksink Lake for 33 years. Over the years I have supported local businesses and consider myself a part of the community. I come to the area to enjoy the beauty and pristine nature as do my family and friends. I am very concerned about the visual impact the proposed cell tower will have on us.

I enjoy sailing, fishing and cruising around the lake, especially at sunset, enjoying the views. A cell tower looming over the lake on the western horizon would destroy the beauty of our Sullivan County retreat.

I therefore ask you consider the visual impact of the proposed cell tower on our community.

Respectfully submitted,

Dennis Kujawski

March 28, 2019

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Re: Tarpon Cell Tower Application

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Our home on Wurtsboro Mountain Road is less than 1,000 feet from the proposed tower site. We have owned this residence for 47 years and are members of the Wanaksink Lake Club.

This tower would be visible from nearly every point on the lake. Because it would be situated at the western end of the lake it would rise above the tree line and be an unsightly blemish on the sunsets that we have all enjoyed for generations.

Because of its proximity to our home it would also cause a significant reduction in the value of our property.

We implore you to honor the request presented in the enclosed petition.

Sincerely,

John and Clare Youngs

99 Wurtsboro Mountain Road

PO Box 773

Rock Hill, NY 12775

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P O Box 773

Rock Hill, New York 12775

James Schrade 180 North Shore Road Rock Hill NY 12775

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Annie Rody-Wright 51 Woodstream Dr. Delmar, NY 12054

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Dear Planning Board Members,

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Planning Board with some perspective on the negative visual, aesthetic and atmospheric impacts the proposed tower will have on me and my family as homeowners on Wanaksink Lake.

On October 16, 2018, my husband and I purchased our dream home at 113 South Lake Road on Wanaksink Lake after 10 years of intense searching. Ten years may seem like a crazy length of time to look for a house, but we are particular and wanted this to be our forever home — a place we, our children, grandchildren and generations to come would enjoy the beautiful nature the Catskills has to offer. We knew we'd know it when we found it, and 113 South Lake was it! Wanaksink is the quintessentiall lake — non-motorized, quiet, serene, full of wildlife and neighborly. The sunsets to the west rival any sunsets we have seen anywhere in the world.

Imagine our surprise when, just last week, before we've even experienced our first summer on the lake, we received word of a massive 184 foot cell tower planned for our lake. Because it would be set at 30 feet elevation, the tower would rise 214 feet in the air and would completely obstruct our treasured sunset view. The lights on the tower as well as the generator's hum will run 24/7, totally and forever shattering the peacefulness of the place we are just beginning to enjoy. We feel like we have been stabbed in the gut to get this news after searching for and finally finding our little piece of paradise.

We urge you to consider the visual and atmospheric impact on us and our fellow lake residents in your evaluation of the proposed cell tower.

Thank you.

Annie Rody-Wright

March 23, 2019

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As someone who treasures my views at Wanaksink Lake, I'd like to let you know that I'm not only concerned about the visual impact that the proposed cell tower site will have not only on me, my family and friends who visit and enjoy the lovely sunsets, but also the wildlife that live in the area.

My home at 186 North Shore Road in Rock Hill has been owned by my family since 1968. My namesake grandfather owned property on the same lake from 1920's to the 1940's and was a charter member of the lake club. I've been the property owner at 186 North Shore Road for the past 15 years and truly enjoy watching the sunset when facing West where the proposed Tarpon Cell Tower will be placed.

One of my fondest activities from since I was a child has been rowing out on the lake for a day of fishing and swimming, then enjoying a lovely sunset rowing back to shore. The beautiful view facing West from my dock is a sight I truly cherish sharing with my family and friends. The thought of seeing such an extremely high cell tower, "towering" above the tree line, will spoil those special evenings-to-twilight moments that make life on the lake so amazingly beautiful. I've learned that the Tarpon Cell Tower will be lit at night, which will make viewing the Western sky at night less desirable due to light pollution from the tower. Please take into consideration the loss of quality of life to the residents of Rock Hill the proposed cell tower will have, and how the residents of Thompson would feel if they were in a similar situation.

Also, please take into consideration the environmental impact the proposed cell tower will have. Many studies show that cell towers do significant damage to wildlife and to the environment. Studies show abrupt declines in pollinators, such as bees and butterflies. As a longtime homeowner on Wanaksink Lake who appreciates the wonders of nature that surrounds the lake, please reconsider other alternatives to placing such an extremely tall cell tower on the lake in order to facilitate better cell service.

Harold Hultslander

Sincerely

Concerned Resident of Rock Hill

March 24, 2019

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I write to express our deep concern about the installation of a proposed cell tower on Wurtsboro Mountain Road in the Town of Thompson. Our family is relatively new to the Town, having purchased our home on Wanaksink Lake this past October, and we are shocked to learn that the character and value of our home is under such a profound threat.

Our family had been searching for a lakefront home for more than ten years, avidly looking for a peaceful, non-motorized lake where the beauty of nature is uninterrupted by the built environment. In Wanaksink, we thought we found the exact home we'd been looking for...and the gorgeous sunsets were key to our enjoyment of the home we bought.

We were shocked and horrified to learn that this very view of the sunset settling behind the westward tree line of the lake is now at risk of being literally ruined by a massive cell tower, looming some five times higher than the surrounding trees. The proposed location of the tower will obstruct views of the sunset for virtually every property owner on our lake. The electric lighting and generator for the tower would significantly compound the negative impact on the Wanaksink Lake community.

The placement of this cell tower where proposed on Wurtsboro Mountain Road would have a significant, negative impact on the character of the entire Wanaksink Lake community—one that the homeowners and association have striven to preserve for generations, and which we hope will be intact for generations to come. The tower would inarguably reduce the value of our properties as well.

We regard approval of this proposed tower as a taking of value from our home. And we urge you to weigh that in your evaluation of the project.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**David Wright** 

Margaret E. Scribner

137 South Lake Road

Rock Hill

N.Y.12775

March 29, 2019

Planning Board, Town of Thompson

4042 Route 42

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RE: Tarpon Cell Tower Application off of Wurtsboro Mt. Rd.

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Having attended the Planning Board Meeting on March 27, 2019, you requested the applicant conduct a balloon test in the Wanaksink Lake area to better evaluate the visual impact on the community. I appreciate your action in order to fully understand the impact to all members of the community.

I would urge the Planning Board to conduct another public hearing after the balloon tests have been submitted to allow discussion about the results. Please also see the included letter which explains my perspective of the visual impacts from the proposed tower.

Sincerely,

Margaret E. Scribner

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RE: Tarpon Cell Tower Application "Louise Marie"

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As one who has treasured the views at Wanaksink Lake, I want you to know that I am very concerned about the impact that the proposed cell tower will have on me, my family and my neighbors.

My home is located at 137 South Lake Road and I've been enjoying the peacefulness of the lake for forty years. Family and friends have enjoyed boat rides especially in the evening to view the western shore and to photograph the magnificent sunsets.

The proposed cell tower looming over the tree line will ruin our views from our dock, our deck and westward facing windows. I am concerned that our properties will decline in value as well.

I have read the application and have noticed in Exhibit I there are no photos taken east of the proposed site. What were the applicants thinking by ignoring us? There are approximately 270 families who will be impacted by this hideous looking tower scarring the natural beauty and lake vistas.

I urge you to be considerate of us, the residents when you evaluate the visual impacts of the proposed cell tower.

Sincerely,

Margaret E. Scribner

----- Forwarded message -----

From: Sandra King < sanruss57@gmail.com >

Date: Tue, Mar 26, 2019 at 3:45 PM

Subject: cell tower proposal

To: <<u>planning@townofthompson.com</u>>

Cc: <westjm9@gmail.com>

Here I am -- 1400 miles away -- receiving word about a proposal for a cell phone tower to be erected (literally) in my backyard adjacent to Wurtsboro Mountain Rd. The idea of this will not only impact me aesthetically as an eyesore, but will also affect -- negatively -- the value of my home and property.

I'm in agreement with a quest for better cell service in our area, but why not in a non-residential location rather than right next to a lake where 250+ families reside and enjoy the beauty of the surrounding greenery, trees, and sunsets? Why wasn't Wanaksink Lake approached with this proposal last summer or at their annual meeting on Labor Day weekend, instead of waiting until off-season when many are away for the winter?

Please schedule an on-season meeting, where Wanaksink Lake voices can be heard. Thank you for your consideration of us.

Sandra King

73 Wurtsboro Mountain Road

Rock Hill, NY 12775

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Frank Saladino 16 First Road Rock Hill, NY 12721

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Sincerely,

Frank Saladino

Frank Saladino 8 Rachel Court Bloomingburg, NY 12721

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Dear Planning Board Members,

I'd like to let you know that I am very concerned about the visual impact that the proposed cell tower site will have not only on me, but on my family and friends.

My home is at 16 First Road, which is almost directly across from where the proposed cell tower would be built. One of my family's many joys of the lake is boating at dusk and watching the beautiful sunset. This commercial cell tower will destroy not only the sunset view but the entire natural setting of the lake.

Please take this into consideration in you evaluation of the visual impacts of the proposed cell tower.

Sincerely.

Frank Saladino

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The proposed cell tower if built, which is almost directly across the lake from our home, will not only ruin our beautiful view of the sunset on the lake, it takes away the entire serenity and natural setting of the lake.

Please take this into consideration in you evaluation of the visual impacts of the proposed cell tower.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Saladino

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Tom and Maureen Kozlark 29 Sylvan Shore Road Rock Hill, New York 12775

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Maureen and Tom Kagleh

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Dear Planning Board Members,

After almost 60 years, the peace and serenity that I feel when I am at Wanaksink Lake has not diminished. If anything, with age, my appreciation for those foresighted enough to maintain the Lake's quiet, undisturbed environment has only heightened.

With that in mind, I respectively request that you deny the application to construct a cell tower on private property on Wurtsboro Road—a tower that would loom over the west side of the Lake, directly in everyone's line of sight.

I realize that "times change" and the need for cellular coverage is necessary. I am hopeful that there is an alternate, less intrusive location for this tower. A more appropriate and more remote location would still serve the people of Rock Hill and Sullivan County, but would not infringe upon the quality of life and the enjoyment of an entire community of your constituents at Wanaksink Lake.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Sincerely,

Maureen Kozlark

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Dear Planning Board Members,

The sunsets from my first summer at Wanaksink Lake in 1976 are painted vividly in my memory. The beauty of the surroundings and the breathtaking panorama of pink and purple hues filling the western sky remain with me to this day.

I am opposed to sunsets such as these being marred by a cell tower constructed on private land.

I request that if you deem there is a need for enhanced cell coverage that you revisit alternate sites for a cell tower. Ideally, these alternate sites would be both remote and also located on town-owned land so that all Thompson taxpayers would enjoy the benefit of added revenue.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Thomas H. Kozlark

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Joyce Moshier 91 South Lake Road Rock Hill, NY 12775

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TOWN OF THOMPSON PLANNING BOARD ZONING BOARD

### **Dear Planning Board Members:**

I have been at Wanaksink Lake for over 75 years. The lake's beauty and serenity have never changed in all my years. We strive to take care of its natural beauty. I am asking you to reconsider the placement of a cell phone tower in this spot. I cannot imagine looking to the west and seeing a tower in the scene. The responsibility is ours to preserve its natural beauty.

Thank you for your consideration!

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I am writing this letter to you in regard to the proposed Cell Tower for Rock Hill, and implore you to consider other locations that will not impact the beauty of Wanaksink Lake.

My family and I were introduced to Wanaksink Lake approximately 15 years ago, after relocating from the Boston area to Orange County, NY. We couldn't believe that this stunning oasis, reminiscent of the beautiful lakes we were used to visiting in New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine, was only 30 minutes from our home in Goshen. My husband and I instantly fell in love, and when an opportunity arose, we purchased our own cabin on the lake. We have spent the last decade improving this property, and currently have plans to knock down an eyesore next door and build our forever retirement home.

In addition, I am a part of the Wanaksink Lake Improvement Association, whose goal is to maintain the beautiful environment that I am so fortunate to be a part of. Every summer, I plant flowers around the lake, have been a part of establishing new gardens, and in general, do my part to keep this piece of Sullivan County so lovely. This Cell Tower will most certainly negatively impact my efforts, as well as the beauty of Wanaksink Lake. I hope you will take this into consideration as you evaluate the visual impact of this proposed site.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Perry