

Paul Foley

From: Tracey Braun [tracey.braun@exim.gov]
Sent: Thursday, January 17, 2013 11:17 AM
To: foley@mvcommission.org
Subject: West Tisbury Cell Tower Proposal

Dear Paul,

Please find an objection letter from Betsy McIsaac (she apparently misspelled your email address).

Sincerely yours,

Tracey Braun

From: Betsy McIsaac [mailto:mcisaacbetsy1930@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 16, 2013 4:12 PM
To: Tracey Braun
Subject: Fwd: Delivery Status Notification (Failure)

Subject: proposed cell tower
From: Betsy McIsaac <mcisaacbetsy1930@gmail.com>
To: foley@mvcommission.org

Dear MVC,

I have been a seasonal resident of Town Cove since 1968 and with my family enjoyed birding, fishing, shelfishing and absorbing the visual beauty of this pristine slice of nature. Thus I was very concerned when I learned that Verizon has proposed locating a 80 foot cell tower fairly near the pond shore which will tower some 40 feet above the existing tree tops. I think this would be an industrial intrusion and violation of the natural beauty of the entire pond. While improved cell phone reception is a beneficial goal for all the residents of the area I feel that other alternatives should be explored. The following questions occur to me:

-Have other locations (perhaps the unoccupied woods abutting the Fair grounds) been considered? Where? What were the objections to them? More costly? Harder to install equipment?

-Would several shorter towers provide nearly as good service while being less offensive?

-I assume Verizon provided cell service for the Obamas during the times they were in residence. Where was their tower located? Is it still in existence? Could it be reactivated?

-Chilmark seems to have partially solved the reception problem by attaching some sort of boxes to existing telephone poles. Why is this much less intrusive solution not appropriate for West Tisbury?

-Is he MVC concerned that approving the current proposal it would be violating one of its own basic principles which caused it to establish the Costal District of Critical Planning whose purpose was to prevent just this sort of thing? Do they realize that their ability to attract financial support from fellow environmentalist could be jeopardized?

-Would approval of this project establish a president for allowing towers in other environmentally sensitive areas on the island?

I strongly urge you not to approve the current proposal and work diligently to identify a less intrusive alternative to enhance cell phone reception for West Tisbury.

Respectfully yours, Betsy McIsaac

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