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Subject: Objection to Proposed Verizon Tower on Tisbury Great Pond

Dear Mr. Foley and other MVC Members:

I am writing to object to the proposed Verizon cell tower off Town Cove on Tisbury Great Pond.

I am a resident of West Tisbury (on Looks Pond) and my family is a riparian owner on Tisbury Great Pond. We have been using the pond recreationally for as long as I can remember. When I visit other ponds in New England and see the development that has been allowed around pristine views, I realize how lucky I am to be a West Tisbury resident.

Having looked at the photo projections, I feel that the 80' tower would be extremely disruptive to the landscape. I have seen these cell phone towers that try to look like trees elsewhere, and no matter how hard they may try they are still industrial cell phone towers. As the only structure in the area to project above the horizon, the tower becomes even more intrusive.

Of greatest concern is the fact that if the MVC allows a variance for this tower, I don't see why other companies with industrial towers wouldn't soon be asking for variances of their own.

I would like to see the MVC explore other options -- it seems as though there might be options for a smaller tower, or a different location, etc. Yes, cell phone reception is important, but we cannot let the desire for a few more "bars" on select residents' cell phones compromise the values and heritage of our town.

I am extremely proud of West Tisbury's strict zoning laws and other conservation rules to maintain the rural character of this great town, and I am thankful for the MVC's efforts to support them. I hope that the MVC will show moderation and forward-thinking by voting against this proposal. I know that future generations will be happy that you did.

Thank you,

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