

September 8, 2020

Town of East Hampton  
Planning & Zoning Commission  
1 Community Drive  
East Hampton, CT 06424



Dear Planning & Zoning Commission members,

This letter addresses the relocation of an existing telecommunications facility from the property at 94 East High Street to a parcel off Lakeview Street in East Hampton CT. The placement of this facility on property that is zoned residential is an inappropriate use of the land and I would like to ask that you deny the application and recommend that Crown Castle Towers continue to investigate other locations that are zoned industrial or commercial. There are a number of areas in East Hampton that are already being used in these capacities and would not adversely impact residential areas.

The current zoning of the parcel off Lakeview Street is R-1. A 250-foot tower certainly does not fit into the existing landscape in a residential area containing a mixture of historic and newer homes. This tower would negatively impact property values and the scenic nature of the area. If the facility is built, the size, height and number of towers will likely increase in the future, and this will increase the adverse impact on the residential properties surrounding it.

This spot zoning is singling out a parcel of land for a use classification totally different from that of the surrounding area for the benefit of the owner of the property and to the detriment of other owners.

The telecommunications facility on Lakeview Street will be visible throughout over 650 acres (440 year- round and an additional 239 without foliage) of mostly a residential area, according to Crown Castle Towers. This will include a negative impact to the recreational value of the Airline Trail and Lake Pocotopaug, both of which attract numerous people to East Hampton and help stimulate the town's economy. The tower's visibility to this large residential area is not in keeping with the landscape of the area.

The proposed height of the tower is 250 feet, will a balloon be placed on the site at that level for a reasonable period of time so that the surrounding neighborhood will be able to see the exact impact of this telecommunications facility? The obstruction marking and lighting will further make the tower more visible to the area.

If water runoff and/or drainage is into Cranberry Bog, this will further compromise this body of water that is used for ice skating and other winter recreation. If this is allowed to totally silt in, it would impact not only the winter activities, but also the Airline Trail and migrating birds.

I would like to thank you in advance for taking the above points into consideration before approving the telecommunication facility on Lakeview Street in East Hampton.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Lowe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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