

17 Angell Road, Tunbridge

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Tunbridge Planning Commission

Tunbridge, VT

Dear Planning Commission,

As a resident and property owner, I support the engineering plan for cell tower location and height as presented last summer by Vertex on behalf of Verizon Wireless. We need the height to reach the most residents.

I am Electrical Engineer by training and career, a licensed Amateur "Ham" Radio Operator and a licensed Vermont First Responder.

Too keep it simple, it's a line-of-sight issue. If your cell phone does not have a straight path to the tower, it can't connect reliably. The signal also does not travel well through forests.

Tunbridge is very hilly compared to most places. We can't change that. No matter where we put the tower, a lower tower height will result in fewer connections. I'm quite confident that many people will be disappointed.

The selected location minimizes the visual disruption to a small number of residents based on photos provided at the meeting. I found the Vertex analysis to be comprehensive and well-done.

Please also be aware that by law, all cell phone carriers are required to listen for and accept 911 calls, even if it's not their customer. From a safety point of view, everyone with a cell phone will benefit.

Thank you for your good work.

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