

Testimony Submitted to the Town of Verona Town Board

Town Board Meeting

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This testimony is submitted to the Town Board to communicate our opposition to the proposed cell phone tower on Foster Street in Durhamville, NY 13054. I request that this testimony be read into the minutes of this board meeting as a matter of record.

We believed that the Town Board and Town Councilmen's responsibility is to represent the citizens, voters and taxpayers of Durhamville and the Town of Verona. I grew up in Durhamville and having traveled far and wide during my adult years, I have come to realize what a special and magical place the Hamlet of Durhamville truly is. This historic Eire Canal village is steeped in yet to be written history and has all the positive qualities of a small American town. I have yet to discover a more perfect place to raise a family, to grow up in and to spend one's retirement years. My wife and I have purchased a small property in the village in hopes of building a retirement home to spend our golden years in this wonderful village.

The installation of an industrial-like facility, i.e. a cell phone tower, is clearly inappropriate for our residential hamlet and would materially compromise the quality of life and aesthetics in the hamlet. In addition to this, the special permit application has many other issues which should invalidate the application on the face of it. There are many other locations in the town where it could be located and which would have significantly less impact on the hamlet. We are not against cell phone towers but we are against the location of this one.

I request that the Town of Verona Supervisor and Councilmen read the "Memorandum in Opposition" which was submitted to the Zoning Boards of Appeals. I also request that the Town Supervisor and Councilmen request to speak at the Zoning Board of Appeals on behalf of the Hamlet of Durhamville in opposition to the request for this Special Permit.

Thank you for the privilege of accepting our testimony.

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