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Stow Planning Board
380 Great Road
Stow, Massachusetts 01775

We have been following the application of Verizon for Stow Holdings LLC, the owners of Stow Acres Country Club, to lease property and an access way for a 100-foot cell tower on their property off Randall Road. We recognize that the Town created a zoning district some years ago to define areas where cell towers may be built pending Planning Board approval: Town of Stow, Wireless Service Facility Overlay District Map produced 12/7/2015 by J P Kem. As the proposed cell tower is not in the district, we see no reason for its approval by the board. The Town of Stow Wireless Service Facility Overlay District Map was carefully mapped by the Board to minimize the negative impact of cell towers on the environment, its wetlands, residential property values created by such an eyesore, monopole or monopine and its security fencing, potential noise produced by the backup generators on site,... According to the Town of Stow Zoning Bylaw - including Amendments through May 2022, "5.3.1 Wireless Service Facility Objectives: This section permits the construction and use of Wireless Service Facilities within Stow, regulates their impacts and accommodates their location and use in a manner intended to A. Protect the scenic, historic, natural and man-made resources of the town; B. Preserve the general safety and quality of life in the community; C. Protect property values; D. Protect the environment; E. Guide sound development and encourage the most appropriate use of the land; F. Encourage the use of certain existing Towers and structures; G. Limit the total number and height of such facilities to what is essential to meet the need; H. Promote shared use of facilities where appropriate to reduce the need for new facilities, and I. Comply with the Communications Act of 1936 as amended by the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996."

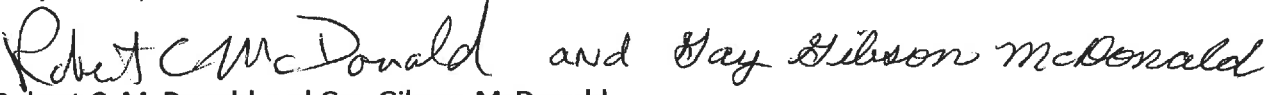
In reviewing Town of Stow Planning Department Site Suitability in the Wireless Service Facility Overlay District January 17, 2023, which is in your Meeting Packet for tonight's meeting, we are also opposed to an alternative cell tower site for Verizon or any other company in the future, anywhere on the Lambert Hill parcel (aka "Parcel K)" page 15, abutting our property. This site would be within 1000 feet of our house, at 846 feet according to your map on page 15. We were approached years ago by a company to lease some of our land on Lambert Hill (At a height of 301 feet according to your map, page 15) for a cell tower, in return for financial compensation. We vehemently opposed the proposal then, as we do now, or in the future. Additionally, we would not be in favor of amending the Wireless Service Facility Overlay District Map to accommodate Verizon's request or any other Wireless Service Carrier's request. This would be spot zoning to benefit a single corporation.

In addition, the Town of Stow must consider the concerns over the potential for health hazards in this new 5G technology. While not every cell phone carrier will have coverage over all sections of Stow, we know that there are companies which can provide coverage to each residence. It is not the responsibility of the Town to provide cell phone coverage for every residence for all of the many cell phone carriers. It is furthermore probable that wireless

communication technology will continue to improve service, but it is also likely that definitive information on the impacts to human health will lag behind. We urge the Planning Board to take into account the risks to the Town of legal actions brought by residents who may be adversely affected by a decision to allow a cell tower outside the already defined district map.

As residents of our property here in Stow for almost 44 years, we rely on our Town's bylaws and our volunteer Town boards to protect the residents of Stow. We greatly appreciate all of your efforts and your service on behalf of us all. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully submitted,


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