



TOWN OF NEWBURGH
PLANNING BOARD
TECHNICAL REVIEW COMMENTS

PROJECT NAME: VERIZON WIRELESS – CRONOMER HILL
PROJECT NO.: 2024-22
PROJECT LOCATION: SECTION 34, BLOCK 2, LOT 21
REVIEW DATE: 13 SEPTEMBER 2024
MEETING DATE: 19 SEPTEMBER 2024
PROJECT REPRESENTATIVE: TECTONIC ENGINEERING - YOUNG SOMMER LLC (SCOTT OLSON)

1. The visual impact of the proposed tower is likely to be significant during leaf-off season, as illustrated in the viewshed analysis. The balloon test should therefore be conducted in early to mid-November when the deciduous trees and brush have lost their foliage. The balloon test should prioritize visibility from public parkland such as Cronomer Hill County Park and Chadwick Lake Town Park as well as other public vantage points identified by the Planning Board.
2. The applicants are before the Board tonight to discuss the timing scheduling of the balloon test required under Section 1686E. This code section states “in order to better inform the public, in case of a new proposed telecommunication tower, the applicant shall, prior to the public hearing on the application, hold a balloon test as follows; the applicant shall arrange to fly, or raise upon a temporary mast a minimum of a 3 foot diameter brightly colored balloon at the maximum height of the proposed new tower. The dates, (including a second date in case of poor visibility on the initial date) time and location of the balloon test shall be advertised twice by the applicant seven and fourteen days in advance of the test, in one of the official newspapers in the town. The applicant shall inform the Board, in writing, of these dates and times of the test 14 days in advance. The balloon shall be flown for at least 8 consecutive hours, sometime between 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM on the dates chosen. The primary date shall be on a weekend with the second date, in the case of poor visibility on the initial date”.
3. The applicant shall discuss with the Planning Board locations to photo document the balloon test in order to provide photo simulations of the tower based on the balloon testing. Points of land and any sensitive receptors should be addressed during the ballon test in order to generate the visual assessments.
4. Balloon testing should be coordinated with the Towns Tower Consultant Town of Newburgh.

Respectfully submitted,

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