

Charlton Cell and Broadband Service Advisory Committee's Comments on the Verizon Cell Tower Application for the Hunt Property

Charlton Cell and Broadband Service Committee Meeting Notes October 9, 2019

Discussion of Verizon Application

Existing High Structure Discussion

- By the town's zoning laws, Verizon needs to address the impracticality of the water tower site.
 - Application needs to address the financial, technical and physical reasons why existing high structures are impractical.
 - Reference Town of Charlton, Appendix of Local Law #1 of the Year 2015, A Local Law Relating to Telecommunications Towers in the Town of Charlton
 - Section 3. Application, part (a) Application of Exceptional Use Permit Regulation
- Verizon application provides limited discussion on the following impracticalities
 - Need to elevate the FAA required warning light
 - Limited and visible space for ground equipment
 - Limited space for colocation of equipment
 - Verizon application page 6, part (h) with reference to Tab 6
- Significant discussion regarding the thoroughness with which the application addresses the impracticality of the water tower location. The Committee did not reach a consensus view on the thoroughness with which the application addresses the impracticalities of the water tower location.
- The Verizon application states that the Town Board requested that Verizon pursue a raw land tower (application Tab 6, page 3).
 - Committee discussion that this appears to be factually incorrect and that the Town Board requested Verizon pursue sites beyond the water tower location based on several factors beyond negative public comments.

Coverage Discussion

- The Committee believes the application proposes adequacy in cell coverage aligned with the goals of the Committee.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) (Tab 1)

- Verizon submitted Long Form 1
- Town will be lead agency and must complete parts 2 and 3
- The Environmental Assessment Form (EAF) appears to be missing information based on check box completion
 - Section E-2, part h *iii* (page 11 of 13) – appears that bodies of water on site are not identified
 - Section E-3, part e (page 13 of 13) – appears Charlton Historic District is not identified/described
 - No comments part e - *iii*, about additional information or adverse impacts

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Visual Analysis

- The Committee believe Verizon performed an adequate level of visual impact study with balloon tests and five photo simulations with a representative cell tower superimposed at the balloon location.

Additional cell equipment on the water tower will have increased visibility from the Historic District compared to a new tower at the Hunt Property

Meeting Attendees

- Ken Crotty
- Dave Crudele
- Jim Glavin
- Councilman Joe Grasso
- Sherrill McGill
- Eileen Stone
- Torben Aabo
- Representative from Young/Sommer, LLC

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