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Hello, I am submitting my personal comments for the public hearing on ARX wireless cell tower application. I hope they can be read as a matter of record at the hearing and included in the minutes since I cannot attend the meeting.....:

Putting aside the wants and needs of the cell tower in this area, I am providing questions to the process in which the Board assesses the impacts specifically the visual analysis.

For site plan review in Town Code, a certified mailing is required to owners of property within 500 feet of the proposed site, however, the Planning Board can also determine that the mailing goes to any other "persons whom the Board may deem to be particularly affected".

While it appears most people to be impacted are within 200 feet of the tower and presumably aware of the hearing, the tower is highly visible from other areas; for example the tower sits very out of place in the photo provided from Sugar Loaf Mountain Road (#34).

Did the Board consider expanding the mailing list to other property owners? In addition, given the location of the tower to Goosepond Mountain State Parkland and regional hiking trails, I wanted to know if the Palisades Interstate Park Commission, Palisades Park Conservatory and NYNJ Trail Conference were notified of the project for input as well?

Regarding the visual analysis report provided by the applicant, did the Planning Board review ahead of time the methodology to be used in the visual study? In other words, is the impact assessment in conformity with : NYS DEC Program Policy, Assessing and Mitigating Visual Impacts.?

I hope another visual study will be required to take place during off-leaf season and include any other points of interest to the Planning Board and/or general public that was missing in the study provided by the applicant thus far. I would be interested in the views from the Highlands Trail as well as at the Gibson Hill/Laroe intersection in the scenic viewshed of the state parkland, which were not included in the applicant's study. I am curious as part of mitigation, could the applicant be required to add landscaping that is outside of the site location such as in a town right of way along our roadways or along the hiking trails in the area, if tower is significantly visible?

Lastly, I think it proves helpful if a balloon test is announced ahead of time (as done in other municipalities) so the public could participate in the review by providing photos that might have been overlooked in the applicant's findings. Also to that point, were the Planning Board members aware of the balloon test day so they could evaluate the impacts for this application personally?

Note at the last Planning Board meeting, the Board assured the public that the hearing will be left open. I am hoping that is still the case as you continue your review for approval and keep the hearing open if any new information is submitted by the applicant for public review.

Thank you.
Tracy Schuh