

May 18, 2021

Via Email

Dear Planning Board Members,

I own the 100 acre property at 896 Hopkins Hill Road adjacent to the existing tower site and like many of my neighbors I strongly object to AT & T's proposal to add height to the existing tower. The tower was originally built for the Vermont based Cloud Alliance internet provider company. It triangulates with two other towers across Hardwick. I did not object at the time of its construction because the height was reasonable with minimal equipment attached to the top and the local company involved would provide needed internet service to areas out of reach of broadband service.

I do, however, object to the tower extension for the following reasons:

- The pond on my property is very close to the tower and frequently used by wildlife.
- The area around the tower is an active wildlife corridor for deer, moose, bobcats, bear, grouse, coyotes, rabbits, porcupines and a nesting site for two mated pairs of northern harriers along with numerous birds and small mammals.
- I do not post my land since the woods and fields of Hopkins Hill are a popular hunting resource and have been for many generations in Hardwick.
- Due to recent clearcutting the height of the tower **now** stands more than 20 feet above the treeline.
- If built the added relays and bulky equipment at the top of an even taller tower will further mar this scenic resource.
- This proposed bulked up, taller tower, so close to my property line, will reduce my property values.

My neighbors and I are counting on the Planning Board to consider our concerns.

Sincerely,

Daphne Kalmar (896 Hopkins Hill Rd.)

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