

From: [Laurie Little](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Cell Tower
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 6:33:50 PM

I am in favor of the cell tower being built in Princeton as the service in the area is very "iffy" right now. It would be a great improvement.

Thank you

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Fw: Cell Tower
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 6:34:23 PM

----- Original Message -----

From: Laurie Little [<mailto:littlelaurie@roadrunner.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 06:32 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell Tower

I am very much in favor of the Cell Tower being built in Princeton. I see no reason why people would object to improvements.

Thank you

From: [Ernest or Ellen Carle](#)
To: [Flannery, Jean A](#); [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: cell tower in BLT
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 6:56:40 PM

As a resident of Big Lake Township, I am in favor of the cell tower because of safety issues. I am not able to use my cell phone in my home or on most of my properties because of no service in the area.

Ellen L. Carle
837 West St.
Big Lake Twp, ME 04668

I, Ruth Damon, am a resident of Big Lake Township and I am in favor of the cell tower in Big Lake Twp. I cannot use my cell phone in my home because of no service and being elderly and on a fixed income it would give me more peace of mind to have a phone I could use regularly.

From: [Cochran-Barnes, Michele](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#); [Flannery, Jean A](#)
Subject: cell phone tower in Big Lake Township
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 7:02:25 PM

Ladies,

Thank you for holding the forum at the Princeton Elem. School.

Having a cell tower that provides service to the residents to Princeton and surrounding areas would be an asset to our community. To me, I would find comfort in knowing that my parents are safe. When Hurricane Arthur came through, my 70 year old parents lost power with no way to communicate with us. I was concerned for their safety. Luckily, my dad was able to drive down the road to our house to relay the message that indeed they were okay.

Personally, I would like to have cell phone service so I can drop my land line and save \$600 a year.

You may not know this but the residents on West St. have limited hardwire phone service, too. Most people use Fairpoint, and the lines are not dependable. When it rains, some people can't receive calls. Other times, people hear multiple conversations through their lines. Having dependable cell service would eliminate these Fairpoint problems.

Did you also know that many of my students that live on West St. and all the way out to Big Lake Township do not have Internet service? Their only option is dial-up. Have you tried to use the Internet through a dial-up connection? I wouldn't bother. US Cellular provides a "Hot Spot" service for Internet. This is another positive reason why the cell phone tower should be constructed on the property of Christopher Cochran.

I hope you consider all the pros for having a cell phone as opposed to the one con: scenic beauty. From my moral upbringing, saving lives trumps scenic beauty every time.

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Michele Cochran-Barnes
assistant to the principal Princeton Elementary School
AP ELA grades 5-8 (G/T) and K-8 Computer Teacher
MLTI teacher & tech lead
RTI & curriculum mapper coach
WJSHS varsity volleyball coach

From: [Donna Netzer](#)
To: [Flannery, Jean A](#); [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Big Lake Township cell phone tower
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 7:11:47 PM

I am in favor of a cell tower, in the proposed site, in Big Lake Township. It would increase safety and as a mother of two little ones, that is very important to my husband and I. I believe we will have a view of it from our home, but I will look at it and feel safe not upset that there is a man made light in the sky.

Donna Netzer
Resident of Princeton

From: [Lisa Crocker Socobasin](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Cell Tower in Princeton area
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 8:49:39 PM

We live in an area where the cell service is poor. Getting another tower would benefit the Princeton area. Please consider how beneficial it would be for us.
Thank you,
Lisa Socobasin and family.

From: [Tammy McEwen](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: I an in favor of a cell phone tower
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 9:07:07 PM

I am in favor of a cell phone tower because I lived on the Yates Point Road for many years and now my grown children live their with their families. The cell phone service there is horrible!! There has been a few accidents on that camp road when I lived there and they could not get service on their phone therefore they had to come out to near the end of the Yates Point Road to use my landline to call an ambulance. My children due to the economic conditions of the area cannot afford both a landline and a cell phone and the work they do requires them to have a phone on them at all times. I also have grandchildren there and would hate to think if they got hurt they would have to go down the road somewhere to use a landline because the cell phone they have doesn't work. I hope you will take this into consideration when making your decision.

Sincerely,

Tammy L. McEwen

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Fw: Cell Tower in Big Lake Township
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 9:27:36 PM

From: Donna Melanson [mailto:donnajeanmelanson@yahoo.com]
Sent: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 09:23 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell Tower in Big Lake Township

I am in favor of a cell town in Big Lake Township because I live on the Airport Road in Princeton and I cannot even get one bar on my tracfone!!! Donna Melanson

From: [Ben](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Cell phone tower big lake twn
Date: Wednesday, August 13, 2014 10:26:28 PM

Good evening , as a firefighter for the town of Princeton I strongly am for a cell phone tower in big lake twn! This could be a life saving tool for someone lost while hunting or fallen through the ice. Cell phone service is a must in the area

Thank u

Ben Leighton

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Mark Ranalli](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Cc: [Wesla Ranalli](#)
Subject: public hearing Re: cell tower B.L.T.
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014 7:35:02 AM

Good morning Karen,

Wesla and I both want to thank you for all of your help in this process over the last year or so. I truly appreciate both your dedication and your concern for the lands you oversee and the people who live in them. You have been professional, patient, and extremely accessible and helpful.

We have nothing but praise for you, the commissioners and your staffs. I would have to commend all of you for the way in which you have conducted yourselves throughout this process. We appreciate the opportunity the commissioners gave us to air our concerns.

It was obvious to all in attendance, that those of us who wanted to preserve the natural beauty of our homes, the lake and the surrounding areas were in the minority. As I tried , rather poorly, to articulate,we can have our cake and eat it too. That is to say I am reasonably sure that we could relocate this tower and have the service we all desire and need, yet preserve the natural beauty of a very special area. That is what I call a win win scenario. I realize, as Brad Richard pointed out, that this would drag this process out and delay the needed services and this is surely true.But one could argue that if U.S. cellular were asked to find a more appropriate site and had to incur the cost and inconvenience of such a move, it stands to reason they would be more careful in their selection process from the beginning . Had they done as much in this case the tower could have probably been up and running by now

Wesla and I are going to submit our letter to the commission probably Monday. Even though I realize that public opinion is strongly in favor of this proposed tower, I'm confident that the commissioners are going to look at this application very carefully. I rest assured knowing that the members of the commission will do the right thing for the right reasons regardless of the 'mob' mentality.

Again Karen, Thank you!

Sincerely,

Mark Ranalli

From: [Sears, Kenneth A.](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Cell Tower in Big Lake Township
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014 12:22:37 PM

I am in favor of the new proposed cell tower in Big Lake Township because I feel the added cell service in this area would be beneficial for those who do not have cell service in that area as well as it would add better service in remote areas in case of an emergency.

Ken Sears

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Cell Phone tower Big Lake Township
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014 1:51:03 PM

Jean

From: Brenda Sabattis [mailto:brenda.sabattis@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 1:37 PM
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell Phone tower Big Lake Township

I, as an employee at Peter Dana Point am in support of a cell phone tower at Big Lake Township. I am asking that my opinion to entered as public testimony.

Thank you,
Brenda Sabattis
49 Mahar Lane
Calais, ME 04619

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Cellular coverage
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014 1:51:20 PM

Jean

-----Original Message-----

From: glenna Nicholas [<mailto:gnicholas@nspit.nashville.ihg.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 1:03 PM
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cellular coverage

I live, work and play in Big lake Twp., Grand Lake Stream, Indian Township, Princeton, South Princeton, or Alexander, and want better cellular service.

We are an area that has been sadly overlooked for years! A cellular tower in our area is greatly needed.

Glenna Nicholas
Washington County Bred

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Cell Phone Tower
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014 1:51:40 PM

Jean

-----Original Message-----

From: SANDY Melanson [<mailto:SMELANSON@nspit.nashville.ihc.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 1:12 PM
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell Phone Tower

On behalf of my family members and I we are asking that a cell phone tower be placed in our area for better phone reception. I ask that my opinion & testimony be entered as public record and let our voice be heard. It is time that someone help the Washington County area. If there were an emergency we are at the mercy of getting a signal which is hard to get in most places. We are constantly searching for reception.

Holding our phones in the air and moving slowly in hopes to get connected. We are the true T. V. commercial. "Can you hear me now."

I am in hopes that someone is listening. Please help our situation.
Thank you.

Raphael R Sockabasin
Sandra Melanson
Jason Phelps
Melissa Phelps

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Big Lake Cell Tower
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014 2:09:43 PM

Jean

From: Darren McGovern [mailto:bostonfan7679@gmail.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 2:02 PM
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Big Lake Cell Tower

To the Maine Land Use Planning Committee

In today's world cell phones are a vital part of everyday life. They help us to communicate with others whether it be for business, pleasure, or for reasons of safety. Cell phones have become a mainstay of life in this country. People, regardless of where they live should be granted equal access to confident use of cellular technology. It is true, that the area around Princeton, Big Lake, Grand Lake Stream, Alexander and so on, is a sportsman's paradise. Some would think that that is precisely why we wouldn't want an "unsightly" tower being placed in these areas. On the contrary, the rural area may be one of the most suitable areas for cellular access. For instance: a businessman on vacation may be more likely to return to the area year after year on vacation if it means that he will be able to conduct business while away using the cell phone that is issued by his corporation. Such ability could bring people into our beautiful area for pleasure, bringing a needed boost to our small economy. Perhaps a fisherman is injured and alone, a boater stranded, an ATV or Snowmobile rider lost, why should they not have the ability to contact emergency services as needed. For the many people that live in these areas, they should not be in a situation where their cellular phone will not work in their home, those working in these areas should be able to use their phones while at their place of employment. No one in these areas can afford for cell phones to lack the value that they have when properly serviced. No one should have to pay a bill for a service they can use only when they venture to larger towns around them. I support the erection of towers, not only to service the people in Grand Lake or Princeton or Alexander; but to service all of the many people that pass through the area, the people that work, live and play in the areas that we here call home, or our workplace. Help us strengthen the lines of communication here, help us to promote a stronger economy, help us move quickly into the 21st century. What better use of a small plot of land and resources than to promote these factors. As a member of the Emergency Medical and Fire Services in this area, I truly understand the need for this technology. Why should a patient not be able to contact an ambulance when it is needed? Why should a homeowner that quickly escaped a burning home have to stand by looking at a cellular phone that reads "No Service" while their home and belongings are destroyed, or even at the worst a loved one trapped inside? Such negligence is simply irresponsible.

Darren E. McGovern
Nationally Registered Advanced Emergency Medical Technician (NRAEMT)
(941) 855-0396

(207) 454-7679

"Government's view of the economy could be summed up in a few short phrases: If it moves, tax it. If it keeps moving, regulate it. And if it stops moving, subsidize it."
- President Ronald Reagan

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Cell Tower
Date: Thursday, August 14, 2014 3:29:24 PM

Jean

From: Elaine Brown [mailto:ebrownjv@yahoo.com]
Sent: Thursday, August 14, 2014 3:12 PM
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell Tower

I am in favor of the cwill phone tower out on West St in Princeton Maine.

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Fw: cell tower
Date: Friday, August 15, 2014 7:23:45 AM

From: pineisle@myfairpoint.net [mailto:pineisle@myfairpoint.net]
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 07:10 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: cell tower

As a resident of Princeton, we feel the need of cell tower at Big Lake Twp.

I have a cell phone and have to walk around to find an area to call out. As a senior citizen I feel we need better coverage in our area. I find it very frustrating especially when we have power outages.

We live on Mill Street in Princeton and have a camp on Big Lake on Pine Island and it would be reassuring to be able get get help while at camp if needed.

It would really be beneficial for all especially since some people do not have land lines - just cell phones.

Thank you
Rosalie and Dean Williams
Princeton, Me.

From: [Sharon Norman](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: US Cellular Tower in Big Lake Township
Date: Friday, August 15, 2014 7:55:38 AM

Good morning, Karen,

I was @ the public hearing on Friday but did not choose to speak. As many already mentioned the improved cell service would provide better safety for all.

However, my thinking is personal. I participate in the Princeton Farmer's Mkt which runs from end of May till mid Sept as a small business owner - Thyme to

Paint. There are several of us artisans - painters, wood turners to quilt makers so this service would greatly improve our chances for growth. Most of us include our cell phone number on our business cards but the service is spotty @ best. So, to improve the economy for several of us on a small level would be an advantage.

Thank you for the chance to express my support of the tower in Big Lake Township.

As a side note, I live on Big Lake but could not "see the balloon" the other evening as some stated they had seen it from Big Lake.

Sincerely,

Sharon Norman

41 Memory Lane

Big Lake Township, Princeton 04668

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Fw: cell phone tower/service
Date: Friday, August 15, 2014 8:30:48 AM

From: David McAlpine [mailto:dbm04694@yahoo.com]
Sent: Friday, August 15, 2014 08:04 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: cell phone tower/service

Dear Jean

I am writing in support of better cellular service within the Grand Lake Stream and surrounding areas. I have a camp on West Grand Lake and there is no cell service in the area. There was a tower erected within the town about three years ago but at this time it only offers internet service.

Being able to use your cell phone within the surrounding areas would be huge plus especially for safety reasons. Please enter this request for the public record.

Thank You
David McAlpine

From: [Mike & Nancy Marshall](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Cc: [Beth Turner](#); [David Burns](#)
Subject: Big Lake Cell Tower
Date: Friday, August 15, 2014 8:59:20 AM
Attachments: [Cell Tower Comments on public hearing.doc](#)

August 15, 2014

Hello Karen,

Nancy and I would like to submit the attached letter to the LUPC Commissioners as part of the public comment process. Would you please see that they get it. Thank you.

Mike Marshall

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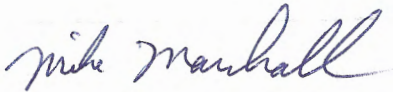
August 15, 2014

LUPC
106 Hogan Road Suite 8
Bangor, Maine 04401

Dear Karen or other staff member opening the mail,

Please include this letter as part of the public comment process concerning the proposed cell tower in Big Lake Twp..

Thank You ,



Mike Marshall
951 West St.
Big Lake Twp., Maine 04668

Tel. 796-2122
mnmarshall@pwless.net

August, 15, 2014

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To the Staff and Commissioners of LUPC,

Thank you again for holding the public hearing on August 13th in Princeton concerning the proposed cell tower in Big Lake Township. We appreciate the process. We just would like to make a few comments concerning the testimony that was given.

We heard a good deal of passionate pleas from the public advocating for better cell coverage in our area. We too would like better coverage. In our mind, public safety is the biggest issue but many people are just plain passionate about all forms of their social media. We believe many citizens at the hearing would be just as passionate against a tower being erected next door to their house. They might have more accurately testified, "I am passionate about getting better cell coverage as long as the tower isn't in my back yard."

I do not think it went unnoticed that Black Diamond Consultants did not do a thorough job at documenting the visual impact of the tower. We are so glad the commissioners made a site visit. As was mentioned at the hearing, Black Diamond has never contacted us, the neighbors next door. You did not see any pictures of our house in their photo presentation. We are not hard to find. We live right here and our name is on the tree farm sign out front. Why would they take a picture of the front of the church in Princeton 5 miles away but not our house located next to the project? We would have invited them on our property. However, they could have parked on the road in front of our house and taken a picture of the balloon in the background. In fact we believe they could have taken pictures from the yards of any of our neighbors if they had only asked. To our knowledge they only asked permission to enter one neighbor's property and it was granted to them. One picture was taken from the road from behind a neighbor's hedge row of trees. It was also obvious their report was lacking because no documentation of the views from watercraft on Big Lake were considered. They took a picture of trees at a boat launch with not mention that if you shoved a boat out into the water at the landing, the tower would be right there, visible. What about all the camp owners on the opposite side of the lake? Some of their pictures really did not pass the straight face test. Pictures were shown at a distance in the direction of the balloon and because the balloon could not be easily spotted, we were told we would also not be able to see a 250' steel tower equipped with 6 antenna platforms and two lights. All visual assessment photos were taken with the leaves on the trees and none were taken at night. The balloon had no strobe light tied to it. No mention was made during the hearing of the potential noise made by the wind whistling through the lattice work of the steel tower.

The U S Cellular lawyer said home valuations are not affected by cell towers in New Hampshire. We doubt that assessment and we are sure home valuations would be affected in Maine. I would like to pose this question. If a family was looking to buy a country home and they found two identical homes for about the same price, but one had a 250 foot cell tower next door, which property would they most likely buy?

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Since the field visit, a measurement was made from our common property line to the stake showing the location of the proposed tower. It is about 320 feet. The Cochran lot is about 1250 feet wide and quite flat. Would it not be too much to ask that the tower be located in the center of the wooded property? If in fact the center of the property is a lower elevation, I believe it would be no more than a couple feet. This would be the time to make that change. No land clearing or test borings for the tower site have been made yet. A service road and power line extending further back on the property and another 300 feet into the center of the Cochran property does not seem too much to ask for this permanent project. It would put the tower back further from the public road, lake and neighbors at only a minimal increased cost to U S Cellular. Mike Marshall and Chris Cochran spoke during the site visit. Chris said he would not be opposed to moving the location of the tower on his property.

If U S Cellular is granted a permit for a cell tower on the Cochran property please seriously consider mitigating the visual impact of the tower on the community in accordance to Chapter 10 section E. The Cochran property is made up of combined lots that total about 44 acres. The total lot is about 1250 feet wide and 1730 feet deep. Please require the tower structure to be at least 600 feet from any abutting property and further back away from the public road and lake. This would only minimally affect the project's cost but would help mitigate the visual, sound and safety impact. According to the standards of Chapter 10 section E., this proposed development should be placed in a way to minimize visual impact on the surrounding area and to least likely block or interrupt scenic views from traveled ways, water bodies and public property. Please minimize the negative impact of this development in our community. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mike and Nancy Marshall
951 West St.
Big Lake Twp., Maine 04668

Tel. 796-2122
mnmarshall@pwless.net

From: [Mike & Nancy Marshall](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Cell Tower Big Lake Twp.
Date: Monday, August 25, 2014 10:17:02 AM
Attachments: [Addendum.doc](#)

RE: Addendum to cell tower comment

Please add the attachments of this email to my comment letter dated August 15, 2014.

Thank you.

Michael Marshall
Big Lake Twp., Maine









From: [Bob Norman](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Big Lake Twp. cell tower
Date: Friday, August 15, 2014 9:02:03 AM

Karen,

My name is Bob Norman, a resident of Big Lake Twp., and I attended the meeting at Princeton Elementary School on 8/13/14 concerning the cell tower placement in Big Lake Twp. I would like to state for the record that I am in favor of this project.

The issue at hand is all about safety, as was expressed by several speakers. Cell phones have become the way of communication in this technological world and enhancements to areas with little or no service is very important.

A life saved is far greater than worrying about the seemingly insignificant effects expressed by the opponents. None of their concerns were life threatening nor would it affect their property or way of life.

Thank you,

Bob Norman

From: [Dick Miles](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Cell Phone Tower in Big Lake Township
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 8:39:13 AM

As you know much of Maine is plagued by poor to nonexistent cellular phone service. We need to improve this situation anyway possible. PLEASE SUPPORT CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW TOWER IN BIG LAKE TWP.!!!

Thank you for your help.

Richard A. Miles
Baileyville, Maine

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Cell Phone Tower in Big Lake Township
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 8:46:30 AM

Jean

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From: Dick Miles [<mailto:milesalvah@myfairpoint.net>]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 8:37 AM
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell Phone Tower in Big Lake Township

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Thank you for your help.

Richard A. Miles
Baileyville, Maine

From: [Roger Ritter](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 9:22:10 AM

***Hello Karen:** I have heard about the possibility there might be a cell phone tower in Big Lake Township. I fully support that notion. Cell phone service in this entire remote area is extremely spotty and unreliable. If for some reason the locals in Big Lake Township do not want a cell tower in their community, I know the people of nearby Indian Township would approve one on Huntley Hill where there is electrical power readily available. Thank you. --Roger G. Ritter*

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Cell Tower
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 10:17:22 AM

Jean

From: Roger Ritter [mailto:rogerritter01@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 9:20 AM
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell Tower

Hello Jean: I have heard about the possibility there might be a cell phone tower in Big Lake Township. I fully support that notion. Cell phone service in this entire remote area is extremely spotty and unreliable. If for some reason the locals in Big Lake Township do not want a cell tower in their community, I know the people of Indian Township would approve one on Huntley Hill where there is electrical power readily available. Thank you. --Roger G. Ritter

From: [Wesla Ranalli](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Big Lake Twp
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 10:05:03 AM

Good morning Karen,

Thank you for your diligent and thoughtful attention to our township. You are a credit to the LUPC and our state.

At this point, should letters to the commissioners be sent to you by email or to another address and is the 25th the final date?

Also, in the permit, "adjacent occupants" are listed. What is the criteria to be included on that list and is it necessary for them to be notified of the proposal?

Thanks,
Wesla Ranalli

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Fw: Cell Tower
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 5:25:35 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

From: Jerry Poulin [mailto:jerry@wagnerforest.com]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 04:17 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell Tower

Jean Flannery,

I am writing in support of a cell tower being placed in Big Lake Township.

The company I work for is a landowner in Washington County and Big Lake Twp., we have foresters and loggers working and driving in the area on a daily basis, cell coverage is important for many reasons but **safety** is the most important reason.

Gerald Poulin



Gerald Poulin

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Bangor, Maine 04402-0933

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Cell: 207-944-9822

jerry@wagnerforest.com

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Fw: Cell tower in Big Lake Twp.
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 5:35:07 PM

From: Virginia Graceffa [mailto:pinepalmg@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 05:33 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell tower in Big Lake Twp.

We live in Greenlaw Chopping twp and are in favor of the cell tower. We have to drive over 15 miles to get cell phone reception.

Vincet Graceffa
Virginia Graceffa
Phone :207-796-2542

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Fw: Cell tower in Big Lake Township
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 7:24:07 PM

----- Original Message -----

From: Jeanne Graceffa [<mailto:graceffa40@icloud.com>]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 05:51 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell tower in Big Lake Township

I am writing in support of having the cell phone tower on Christopher Cochran's land for a couple of reasons. One is, I would like very much for my cell phone to work when I am at home or out for a ride in my side by side in the woods. I live in Grand Lake Stream and have a US Cellular phone for my business in Baileyville but it does not work at home. The other reason I support having it there is they are a young couple with two children that are autistic. This means that Melanie cannot work because of the care that these children require. The money that US Cellular would pay them each month would replace the income that she is unable to earn. In my opinion, this is totally a Godsend for them. They did not ask for it, it showed up on their doorstep, literally. Please ignore all of the greedy people who just want that money for themselves and let US Cellular do us all a wonderful service.

Thank you for your time,

Jeanne and Bill Graceffa

Sent from my iPad

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Fw: Cell Phone Tower in Big Lake Twp
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 9:14:29 PM

From: Cathy Shamel [mailto:cathyshamel@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 18, 2014 08:08 PM Eastern Standard Time
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell Phone Tower in Big Lake Twp

Hello,

My wife and I would like to go on record as supporting any effort to have a cell phone tower located in Big Lake Township so as to service Grand Lake Stream.

We both are small business owners... Cathy is an artist who does business as Cathy Shamel, Piecemaker. I am a canoe builder and do business as Shamel Boat and Canoe Works.

We are also members of the organizing committee of the Grand Lake Folk Art Festival. Cell phone coverage during the festival would be a tremendous asset. Exhibitors and vendors who participate in the festival would be able to make credit card and debit card sales using their mobile devices.

Our professional and personal lives would be greatly improved if we had cell phone coverage in Grand Lake Stream.

Sincerely,

Cathy Shamel and Bill Shamel

From: [Mark Ranalli](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Big Lake Twp.
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 9:30:05 PM
Attachments: [To the commissioners and staff of the LUPC.docx](#)

Hi Karen,

I have attached a letter for submission to the commissioners.

Thank you for your help,
Mark Ranalli

From: [Wesla Ranalli](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Big Lake Township
Date: Monday, August 18, 2014 10:00:30 PM
Attachments: [cell tower letter.docx](#)

Hello Karen,

I hope you have had a good week off when you receive this note. Please forward my attached letter to the commissioners.

*Thanks,
Wesla Ranalli*

From: [Bonnie](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Cell tower
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 8:57:45 AM

We are for a cell tower in Princeton area to enable residents/non residents to better function in their daily lives.
Sent from my iPad

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Cell tower on west st. Princeton
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 9:08:53 AM

Jean

-----Original Message-----

From: Bonnie [<mailto:bjgcarter@myfairpoint.net>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 8:56 AM
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell tower on west st. Princeton

We are in favor of better cell service in the area especially for the many young families with children and for the older residents who may need to call for assistance Sent from my iPade.

From: [Don Flewelling](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Big Lake Twp cell site permitting
Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 11:22:59 AM
Attachments: [BLT USC site 8-8-2014.pdf](#)

Hi Karen,

It was nice to meet you at Big Lake Twp. Thanks for taking the time to become acquainted!

I called your office, but got the "closed till 8/25" message.

How did the Princeton meeting turn out? When is the commission likely to make a decision?

Thx,

Don Flewelling

Don Flewelling / Public Relations
Pioneer Broadband / 37 North St / Houlton / ME / 04730
207.521.5765 O / 207.538.5307 C / don@PioneerBroadband.net

From: Don Flewelling
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 8:53 AM
To: 'Bolstridge, Karen'
Subject: RE: Big Lake Twp cell site permitting
Karen,

Please find attached pdf, and feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Thx,

Don

From: Bolstridge, Karen [<mailto:Karen.Bolstridge@maine.gov>]
Sent: Friday, August 08, 2014 7:16 AM
To: Don Flewelling
Cc: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: RE: Big Lake Twp cell site permitting

This map does not work in the Maine system and I am unable to bring it up. Please .pdf a copy to me.

Thanks

Karen E. Bolstridge

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www.maine.gov/acf

From: Don Flewelling [<mailto:don@pioneerbroadband.net>]
Sent: Thursday, August 07, 2014 5:24 PM
To: Bolstridge, Karen
Cc: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Big Lake Twp cell site permitting

Hi Karen:

Jean (thank you for taking my call today!) suggested that I write you in regards to the Big Lake Township vs. US Cellular site situation.

1. My company, Pioneer Broadband, has fiber optic lines available which could serve the US Cellular site on West St in Big Lake Township. We built fiber there last year which was funded by a ConnectME grant, so we are always on the lookout for potential customers.
2. If the site is not permitted, I have a suggestion on how USC could serve the area without the "Visual Disturbance" that a 300 foot tower causes.

Specifically, if the tower were located on nearby Pocoomoonshine Mtn., a much shorter tower could be used, perhaps 60 to 100'. And, if the town (Princeton, I think) is smart they would contract with to put their Public Safety radio on the tower for a reduced rate.

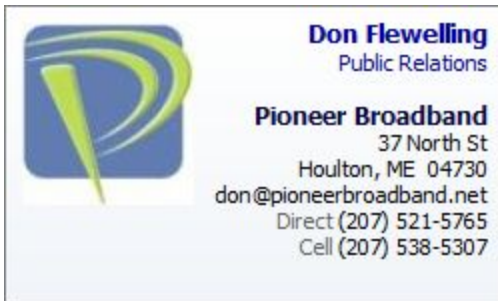
I know that one of the goals of this tower is to provide better service to the Town of Grand Lake Stream as well. From the Pocoomoonshine site a relay could be built to send a microwave signal over to the tower on the hill at the end of Church St. Pioneer sold GLS the tower a few years ago with this sort of project in mind. Pioneer would also apply for grant funds to serve Grand Lake Stream and the US Cellular equipment as well.

Here is a Google map link showing the current points and my suggestions.

<https://mapsengine.google.com/map/edit?mid=zvdl8nyVJekw.khYMo8HlvXeg>

Thanks again,

Don



From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Fw: Cell Tower in Big Lake Twp.
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 7:32:53 AM

----- Original Message -----

From: Sandra Smith [<mailto:bellmardinn@myfairpoint.net>]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 07:24 AM Eastern Standard Time
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Cell Tower in Big Lake Twp.

I would like to state my thoughts and support regarding the proposed installation of a cell tower in Big Lake Township.

I have been in the lodging/tourism business for 30 years and do care about the environment and keeping it as natural as can be accomplished. However, it seems like the tower companies are trying to help with the looks of the tower.

If we are to appeal to tourism, we do need to have access to better cell phone coverage. In this area my guests have to go to the end of our driveway to get a marginal signal. We do not have a cell phone other than a trac phone for when we are travelling because it does not make sense for us without a decent signal.

Additionally, there is the safety factor. There are many lakes here and deep woods. Being able to get a signal may save someones life.

Sandra L. Smith
Owner
Bellmard Inn
Princeton

From: steadytock@gmail.com on behalf of [Scott Kadey](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 7:38:58 AM

It has come to my attention that there is an application in process to erect a cell tower on the property of Christopher Cochran of Big Lake Township.

Having received no notification of this project, I request that the process be halted immediately. As an adjacent occupant landowner, my property borders the Cochran property to the east. I understand that the law may require this notification.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Scott Kadey
19 Hawthorne Drive, Unit #142
New London, CT 06320

From: [David Bruso](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Cell Tower
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 9:30:09 AM
Attachments: [Scan1.pdf](#)

Has the Passamaquoddy Tribe been informed of the cell tower application? I can not find where this "Sacred Island" is mentioned in the Historical Study?

Gordon Island, in my opinion, will be affected by the cell tower lights.

Please see the attachment, Thanks!

dana kadey dk@roadrunner.com

From: [dana kadey](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: cell tower
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 10:39:09 AM

Concerning the proposed location in Big Lake Township:

Mr Houde, by his own testimony, did not investigate the negative impact of his choice of site. He found a willing landowner and it was easy, quick and cheap. Good enough!

There are at least 13 private lots to the southwest of the proposed location which are 1/4 to 1/2 mile away from the proposed site.

As for a year delay, that was the result of Mr.Houde"s action.

Why is it necessary to do it wrong rather have the tower meet the needs for communication and still mitigate the concerns we have expressed?

Another concern: Testimony revealed that the sight evaluation was not conducted on the lake by boat. Neither was there a night evaluation. That should be enough evidence to show the study as incomplete and unacceptable.

From: [David Stillings](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Proposed Cell Tower in Big Lake Twnshp
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 1:57:38 PM

Dear Karen,

I am in favor of the proposed cell tower in Big Lake Township on the location surveyed by US Cellular.

This location would provide the surrounding area with greatly improved cell service and other benefits of this technology. There are many examples of dropped calls or simply no service because of the lack of a cell site in this area. Cellphones are growing in numbers and people depend on them for daily communications and emergency calls.

This is an extremely project! Please allow it to go forward as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

David Stillings
141 Savage Road
Grand Lake Stream, Maine 04668
(207) 796-5514

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Proposed Cell Tower in Big Lake Twnshp
Date: Thursday, August 21, 2014 2:02:16 PM

Jean

-----Original Message-----

From: David Stillings [<mailto:dstillings@me.com>]
Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2014 1:45 PM
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Proposed Cell Tower in Big Lake Twnshp

To Whom It May Concern -

I am in favor of the proposed cell tower in Big Lake Township on the location surveyed by US Cellular.

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141 Savage Road
Grand Lake Stream, Maine 04668
(207) 796-5514

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Flannery, Jean A](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: FW: Big Lake Twp cell phone tower
Date: Friday, August 22, 2014 9:45:32 AM

Jean

From: Pam Cochran [mailto:plt21pamc@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 22, 2014 9:36 AM
To: Flannery, Jean A
Subject: Big Lake Twp cell phone tower

My name is Pamela Cochran, no relation to Chris Cochran, and I live across the street from his home and

property. I attended the public hearing re: cell phone tower in Big Lake Twp. on 8-13-14. I want to express my support for having the 250' tower installed on the location discussed. I do not

believe it will be obtrusive. It will in fact be beneficial to the entire area. When land lines are down due

to a power outage, or someone is on the lake, or any of the back roads cell phone access may be crucial

for a number of safety issues.

I hope you will consider all the areas this cell phone tower would impact in a positive way: Big Lake Twp.,

Princeton, Indian Township, Grand Lake Stream, our back roads, our lakes and streams. This would benefit

the general population, the Fire Dept. and Ambulance services, Maine Guides, and our tourists visiting

any of this generally remote, rural area.

Thank you for considering this very important cell phone tower installation.

From: [Alise DeMaris](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Proposed Tower in Big Lake Township
Date: Sunday, August 24, 2014 7:56:59 PM
Attachments: [A.DeMaris - Communications Tower in Big Lake Township.pdf](#)

Dear Ms. Bolstridge,

I am a former resident of Big Lake Township, and I am opposed to the construction of the U.S. Cellular communications tower on West Street as currently proposed. I would like to submit the attached letter for consideration. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter; it is much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Alise DeMaris

From: [Brad R](#)
To: [Bolstridge, Karen](#)
Subject: Big Lake Twp Cell Tower permit
Date: Monday, August 25, 2014 12:01:03 PM

Brad Richard
643 West St.
Princeton, ME 04668

I would like to submit some comments for the proposed cell tower located on Chris Cochran's property in Big Lake Twp.

First I would like to say that I completely support the tower.

It would allow myself as well as many other residents in the area to cancel my landline phone saving me personally over \$600 a year.

I know there have been some concerns or comments on the light on the tower. I feel there are some points that have not been brought up.

1. The tower is being placed on basically flat ground. Many times when towers are placed they are on a hill which in turn makes them much more visible for longer distances. This would be best illustrated by looking at Musquash Mountain in Topsfield from Big Lake. The towers are approximately 17 miles away and are visible on clear days and nights. This would not be the case in Big Lake Twp.

I spend a great deal of time on Big Lake and made it a point to speak to as many people as I could about a cell tower near Jimmy Libby Cove that I know have places on lake or were here visiting. I heard people make a comment about the tower bothering ecotourism because of the sight of it. I find that to be completely untrue. I did not hear one negative comment from anyone that I spoke with. The visibility of the tower in my personal opinion would be restricted to Jimmy Libby and Sand Cove. I have made it a point to look at the places that one could possibly see the tower and cannot see where it would be visible from many other locations on the lake.

2. A second point that has been brought up about the light is the light pollution. That is not the case. If one was out on Big Lake at night in most any part of the lake and you look back at the direction of where the proposed tower is to be located there are already two things that have very bright lights. One is Woodland Pulp LLC lights from their facility actually make a glow in the night sky. The second light is the rotating beacon from Princeton Municipal Airport is also visible most any night.

3. The last point I would like to make is from a safety standpoint. I own a camp in Clifford Bay on an Island on Big Lake in Big Lake Twp. I often leave my wife and two small children there while I go to work and I am constantly worried about them as cell service is not very good there and we must go out on the dock to talk. The tower would give me some security that they could call in the event of an emergency.

I feel that this tower will enhance our area as technology has become such a huge part of our lives. For people that come from away it is just as important for them to stay connected with their world while on

vacation as it is for us to have reliable service as part of our everyday lives.

Thank you for your consideration,

Brad Richard