

SPECIAL PERMIT NARRATIVE

RE: APPLICANT: Tarpon Towers III, LLC & Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless as Co-Applicants

PROPERTY: 0 Call Road, Colrain, MA 01370

OWNER: Michael J. Bailey, Jr.

RELIEF SOUGHT: Special Permit for the Construction of a Monopole and the Installation of a Wireless Communications Facility Pursuant to Section III-2, Use Regulations Schedule and Section X-1 of the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Colrain (the “Bylaws”)

Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40A, § 9 and the above-referenced sections of the Bylaws, Tarpon Towers III, LLC (“Tarpon”) and Celco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless (“Verizon” and together with Tarpon, the “Applicants”) requests a special permit for the erection of a monopole and installation of wireless communications equipment (the “Wireless Installation”) on the property located at 0 Call Road, Colrain, Massachusetts 01370, having a Parcel ID of 4120-0004-00010 (the “Property”). Tarpon has entered into a lease with the Michael J. Bailey, Jr. (the “Owner”) for the use of and access to the portion of the Property shown on the enclosed Zoning Drawings.

The proposed Wireless Installation, consisting of erecting a one hundred twenty-five (125) foot tall monopole which will house six (6) panel antennas (2 sectors, 3 antennas per sector), remote radio head (RRH) units with accessory junction boxes and surge suppressors mounted nearby the antennas, a diesel fueled back-up power generator on a concrete pad, as well as additional hardware and cable equipment as further described in the Plans, all within a 25' x 50' fenced compound which will be enclosed by 6' tall chain link fencing.

The proposed Wireless Installation serves a few important purposes for the community. As the enclosed Engineering Necessity Case demonstrates, the proposed Wireless Installation will improve Verizon's wireless coverage in the Town of Colrain. In this particular location, the installation of wireless facilities is critical to serve the residents of Colrain. At present, there are several areas surrounding Call Road and Main Road (Route 112) that have limited to no Verizon service. This lack of cellular service substantially hinders the wireless service experience for the residents and visitors of Colrain. As a result, the proposed Wireless Installation will substantially improve the general welfare and safety of the community, while simultaneously addressing the economic needs of the residents of the Town of Colrain.

Moreover, the project has been designed to minimize adverse effects to the community. For example, as shown in the photo simulations, the proposed Wireless Installation has been designed to minimize any visual impact. In addition, Tarpon is willing to offer co-location opportunities to other carriers upon construction of the proposed monopole pursuant to lease agreements, effectively increasing the wireless coverage in the area while minimizing the total number of towers in the area.

In addition to this Narrative, the Applicants submit the following in connection with its application:

1. Special Permit Application Form;
2. Application Filing Fee;
3. Letter of Authorization;
4. Certified List of Abutters;
5. Copy of Assessor's Map;
6. Statement of Non-Feasibility of Co-location on Existing Towers
7. FCC Licenses;
8. Engineering Necessity Case;
9. Antenna Specifications;
10. MPE Report;
11. Plans; and
12. Habitat for Rare Species Map.