

To the Town of Naples and Planning Board Members,

This letter regarding the potential cell phone tower being installed on Wilderness Way off of State Park Road. There are numerous neighbors concerned about the proximity of the cell phone tower to their houses. There are roughly 20 houses that are within 1640' from the tower, the closest being about 500'. 5 of these homes, on the parcel of land itself, are anywhere from 400ft-1000ft from the proposed tower location. Multiple homes in this described area are home to children, whom may be greatly effected by the RF EMF emitted from the towers. Our neighboring state, New Hampshire has plans in the works, backed by science and research, not to allow any cell phone tower within 1640' from any residence. FCC regulations, although they deem current, are based on research from 1996, pre-G (3G,4G,5G).

Our biggest concern is the radiation that this tower will emit, at the end of the day we are all 'guinea pigs' with all this new technology. This is becoming a huge concern nationwide, communities have fought cell phone companies trying to put towers on the schools their kids attend. Fire stations have closed/relocated away from cell phone towers because the tower was emitting such a tight frequency it was raising havoc on their internal communication system within the fire barn. These are just a few examples of what towns have encountered with cell phone towers. Will Tarpon Towers/Verizon be doing annual RF-EMF measurements? Will they be doing measurements each time they allow another carrier to attach to the the tower?

Naples is home of the Historic Songo Lock; people travel long distances to step back in time and enjoy the simplicity of our past. While we hope the Locks will always be a part of Naples it would be a tragedy to have a cell phone tower in the natural landscape of the lock. We as nearby residents recommend that the planning board abide by the current ordinance on what is allowed on that property (ie: height limits of 50ft).

This potential tower will also impact the abundance of wildlife within the Sebago Lake State Park and surrounding areas. Cell phone towers have also been researched concerning the effects on wildlife. Examples of the effects are disturbing breeding grounds, migration patterns and ecosystems, and increased risk of fires. We are waiting on a more specific report for our area from Maine Inland Fisheries and Wildlife located at the Gray, ME office.

Another, but smaller, concern the neighbors have is the decrease in property values. There have been some studies done that show up to a 20% decrease in property value. If a cell tower is within 2000' from the home. That being said, most of the houses on the Songo river fall into that category.

The federal and state government has given our town the right to make our own choices on cell towers here. We as neighbors and a concerned community want you to truly think long and hard and do your due diligence/research before passing this cell phone tower. Please ask your self's this one question would you want a cell tower next to your house and put your family's health at risk? We as a nation have enough problems between the food we eat and the PFAS we consume daily basis please don't give us another reason to decrease the life expectancy of the human race. Citizens should have the ability to choose whether they are exposed to and the duration of exposure, not the other way around. Don't put us at risk 24 hours a day. Most people can have high speed internet in their homes, which can help increase the reliability of our cell phones for phone calls, texts and internet. Unlike a cell phone tower, the high speed internet is a choice and can be turned off when wanted. Cell phone companies can also provide, for a small fee, people with cell phone signal boosters that can be installed in their home. Please continue to ask the important questions to the Tower team and Verizon and continue being diligent in doing your own research.

Thank you,
Concerned Citizens of Naples



These photos are a rough representative of the height of the proposed tower

Fire barns/Schools

<https://ehtrust.org/firestation-closes-due-to-cell-tower-radiation-issues/>

<https://legislature.maine.gov/testimony/resources/EUT20230307Scarato133225242838550080.pdf>

Exhibit B. NH's 1640

<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=DWK74ie7krc>

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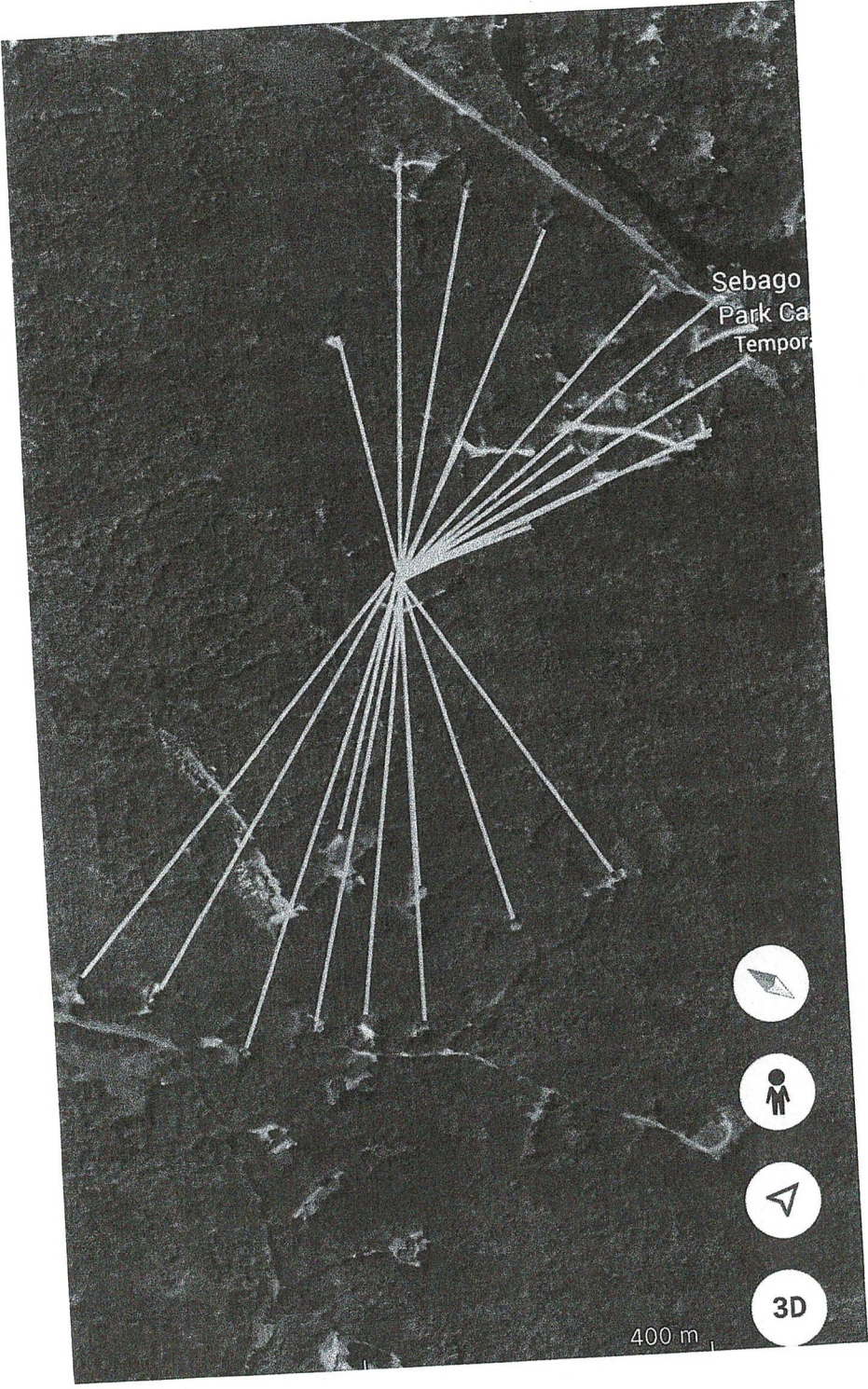
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