

Good afternoon Senate Finance Committee Members,

I am a property owner less than 1/2 mile from the proposed Enosburgh Tower Project, and from my experience, 248a needs to be amended to protect the citizens of Vermont. Please don't extend it for 5 years because there doesn't seem to be any problems. There are many problems with it and now is our chance to update 248a to ensure the community is protected, has a voice in the process, and is included with what is happening in our community.

My experience in a nutshell is this:

- There was no advance notification of the project because we are not abutters.
- We live in a historical hamlet of Vermont (less than 1/2 mile from the project) and the project was somehow passed through with "no adverse effects on historical sites"...
- The proximity of the tower impacts 14 homes (less than 1/2 mile from site) - 2 less than 600 feet and have children
- The Town was not up to speed on what the process is and what actions to take
- The health concerns of EMF are real and yet the Board of Health is not involved, nor are we able to argue health concerns
- The aesthetic impact to the area is undue-dropped into our scenic vista of the Cold Hollow Mountains and a scenic Chester Arthur Rd (historic site of the 21st President and the oldest Seventh Day Adventist Church in North America)
- Community was not included in the "Balloon Test" and it is a 153' tower proposal for a Rural Residential area
- Neither the petitioner nor the DPS conducted a full Quechee Test to include the Supreme CT Decision (Rutland Renewables) to include aesthetic impact from private properties
- There was NO site visit from the 2 Aesthetic Experts (Petitioner and DPS) or from the PUC
- The burden of arguing and protecting our rights fell into our hands (the neighbors)--and became costly with time and money
- Industrial Tower and Wireless sued PUC for giving time to allow an intervention process

I ask that you consider putting the time into changing 248a so it does not give unequal advantage to the Telecommunication Industry and also allows TIME for the town and those impacted to get educated on the process. Telecommunication Facilities are unsightly to look at and unhealthy to be near...please address the problems for our communities and our beautiful state of Vermont.

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