

I have spend a great deal of time listening to the corporate presentations on why we need to have another cell tower in Manchester.

This is pure foolishness. The outcome at the Select Board meetings is that residents don't need it, don't want it that it isn't zoned for the Municipal Area they want to put it. That was the outcome of years of meetings. Those of us who have read the literature about dangers from EMF's don't want it near school children and recreation area that could harm them.

Company representatives stated in so many words, "We don't care what you want- or about your planning, we will do what we want. "

I wrote to Kathleen James and her committee about the problems of continuing Section 248a. She admitted- in a non-direct way in an email -that she didn't keep up with this issue which was disappointing. Her constituents have been very concerned up to date with the siting and with the potential problems. She was informed that our Town Select Board voted down the antenna at Hunter Park/Riley Rink. She and the majority of her House Energy and Digital Infrastructure still sided with Verizon and Big Tech.

Now it's your turn. Please vote to sunset Section 248a so it goes back to ACT 250 and the public participation process for siting towers and antennas and not put the power in the hands of Big Tech which is making a huge push to change Federal Law and allow for them to decide on placing antennas wherever they (the corporations) want. They are seeking to eliminate the rights of local citizens and municipalities across Vermont and America and you can help prevent this by sunseting 248a and thereby keeping our towns with the power to choose what they want. We should have the right to choose otherwise we aren't a democracy.

Thank you,

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