

Maine Land Use Planning Commission

DP4944 Written Statement

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My name is Scott Kadey. I live in New London, Connecticut. I own two camps on Big Lake and the adjacent property to the east of the proposed tower sight. I am here today to request that the Commission deny DP 4944 and insist the applicant find a more secluded, less intrusive location. As everyone else who I've heard speak against DP 4944 before, I am not against the tower, just its location.

I grew up right there on the border of Princeton and Big Lake Township in the 70s and 80s. The land I own there today was land I discovered and explored as a kid with my yellow lab. It was always peaceful and natural. The greatest thing about Washington County is how little development has gone on there. The drawback to this is I cannot pursue my career as a software engineer there. Once I've retired, I will be able to return to my piece of the Maine woods, and I would prefer I didn't have a cell tower looming over it.

There are hundreds, if not thousands, of undeveloped acres in the area where the tower could easily be located away from neighbors. It seems the federal government is requiring US Cellular to provide coverage in the area. I'm concerned that they picked this site because it's easiest for them, not necessarily best for Big Lake Township and the people who live there. No good comes from taking shortcuts. They seem in quite a rush and didn't even indicate my property on their diagrams and maps. I must thank Karen Bolstridge for clearing up that error and getting me a chance to speak to you today.

For the visual impact assessment, I listened to Julie Larry testify for quite a while about where she could and couldn't see the balloon. I heard no report from Ms. Larry about the view from my land. Since I wasn't notified in a timely manner, I didn't get the option to see the balloon either, but I've been led to believe that the Commission actually got to see the view from my lot, so you can perhaps understand my concern. I'm afraid that Ms. Larry, hired by the applicant, may not be the most objective and thorough resource here.

Maine is known everywhere for its pristine wilderness. We need to protect this resource as best we can, proceeding with development projects such as this by considering how best to serve Washington County for the long term, not rushing ahead quickly just so a cell phone company can most easily meet its obligations to the federal government.

Thank you for your time.

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