

Citizen Correspondence Received

- 1) **Staff received written feedback from 3 citizens in support of the facility.**
The feedback received revolved around the need for improved cellular service in this area of the County.
- 2) **Staff received correspondence from 1 citizen in opposition to the facility.**
The correspondence comprised of numerous emails, voicemails, phone calls, and in person conversations. The feedback received focused on concerns of the health effect caused by the facility (to children, pregnant women, and anyone else who lives nearby), requests to notify the parents of students at the elementary school of the proposal, concerns about the negative impacts to property values caused by the facility, concerns about the potential for the facility to catch fire and start a forest fire, concerns about the view of the monopole & ground equipment from the nature trail behind the elementary school, and concerns about the view from Route 20 and surrounding properties.
- 3) **Staff received verbal feedback from a couple walking their property during the Tuesday, August 22nd balloon test.** They requested another balloon test be performed during the winter months to better gauge the visibility after the leaves have fallen off the trees.
- 4) **Staff received feedback from 2 citizens interested in receiving more information about the proposal.** No follow-up correspondence was received by staff from these citizens after they were provided with the requested information about the proposal.
- 5) A community meeting was held on Monday, Aug 21 at 6:30pm. The meeting was attended by 4 citizens (3 of the same citizens referred to above, and 1 additional citizen), a handful of Fire Fighters with the Stony Point station, PC and BOS members, the applicants representatives, two county staff members, and a uniformed police officer.

Citizen Support of the Proposal
(correspondence provided after this sheet)

Christopher Perez

From: Charlie Armstrong <CharlesA@southern-development.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 4:41 PM
To: Christopher Perez
Cc: 'Lori.Schweller@leclairryan.com'
Subject: FW: Introduction to Milestone Communications Project

Chris,

I write to express my SUPPORT for this SP application. My kids attend Stony Point Elementary and we would love to have better wireless coverage in that area. We need this infrastructure.

Thanks,

Charlie Armstrong

From: STONY POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL [mailto:email@blackboard.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 12:42 PM
To: uvaalum@gmail.com
Subject: Introduction to Milestone Communications Project

A message from STONY POINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Dear Members of our School Community:

We recently learned that Milestone Communications, which is a developer of wireless communications infrastructure projects, will be holding a community meeting on August 21 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the Stony Point Fire Station. This meeting will provide information and answer questions about a proposal by the company to install a monopole near the fire station that will house up to four antennas for wireless carriers. This pole will not be located on school property and our school division is not involved with this project. Nonetheless, we want to ensure that you are aware of the August 21 meeting ahead of time in the event you would like to attend.

Attached you will find a copy of a letter from Milestone Communications with more details about their proposed project and with instructions on whom you may contact for more information.

Sincerely,

Andy Johnson

Principal

Stony Point Elementary School

File attachments:

Balloon Test and Community Meeting Notice Stony Point Communications - 8....pdf

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Christopher Perez

From: Mary Tise (gmail) <mary.tise@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 10:21 PM
To: Christopher Perez
Cc: shackelford1@aol.com; Corkey Shackelford
Subject: Milestone/Shentel cell tower application

Chris,

Thank you for the opportunity to follow up my comments at this evening's public hearing for the cell tower installation at Stony Point VFD.

I want to reiterate the need for reliable cell service in this area of the county. It's my view Stony Point is underserved in terms of cell service from ANY provider, even though the population appears to be increasing along with the traffic out here. My provider is AT&T; in order to get a signal to send you this email, I am sitting in a window on the second floor of my parents' house. A call to my husband in Delaware from my cell phone earlier today cut off when I stepped from the front yard onto the porch. The many commuters, tourists, and delivery trucks that travel Rt. 20 are undoubtedly frustrated by the poor cell reception in this area.

I appreciate Albemarle County's diligence in conducting public hearings, and I recognize the importance of protecting the health our children and residents as one factor in deciding where to approve cell tower construction. However, I want to emphasize the need for reliable cell service in the Stony Point area. Cell service has become a basic utility, and I urge Albemarle County to find a way to encourage its development here.

Many thanks!

Mary Shackelford Tise

Christopher Perez

From: Shackelford1@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 21, 2017 11:47 PM
To: mary.tise@gmail.com; Christopher Perez
Cc: Corkey Shackelford
Subject: Re: Milestone/Shentel cell tower application

Chris,
I agree completely with Mary Tise's comments. I live at 3733 Stony Point Pass, which is about a quarter mile from the Stony Point Fire Station. My cell carrier is Verizon, and the signal around my house is weak and unreliable. We definitely need better cell service in this area!
Thanks,
Fred Shackelford

In a message dated 8/21/2017 10:22:07 P.M. Eastern Daylight Time, mary.tise@gmail.com writes:

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Mary Shackelford Tise

Citizen Opposition to the Proposal
(printable correspondence provided after this sheet)

Schweller, Lori H.

From: ryan@rellinc.com
Sent: Tuesday, August 08, 2017 7:11 AM
To: Schweller, Lori H.
Subject: Proposed cell tower stony point

I received your letter about the proposed cell tower at the spvfc. I assume I received this letter because I live close to the proposed site. However I would like to know if you have contacted the parents of all the children that attend Stony Point Elementary school? As the children are the ones most endangered by the RF radiation emitted by the proposed tower. I have contacted a law firm that specializes in anti cell tower litigation to level the playing field here. If you think that parents will approve of their children being exposed to RF radiation the entire time they are at school which makes them more likely to get cancer you are wrong. Have you done any research on the negative affects of humans? Do you think it is wise to install this tower right next to an elementary school?

Sincerely
Ryan Estes
3914 Stony Point
Keswick VA

Voicemail Message from Ryan Estes (8.10.17 at 7:37 AM)

Hey Lori this is Ryan Estes 3914 Stony Point, Keswick, Virginia we spoke on the phone the other day regarding the proposed 138 foot monopole cell tower that could carry antennas from up to 4 providers, going in right next to the elementary school here. My concern is really for the parents of the children who will be involuntarily receiving all this extra radiation while they are at school everyday, throughout the school year. I've talked to you and you've told me that letters were mailed to all neighbors within a half mile, however that doesn't include our neighbors right across the street at the school, those kids who are most susceptible to the radiation and by the way as you suggested I've been doing my own research and I am very concerned with what I have found. So again back to the parents, I have talked to the principal across the street and he has no knowledge of this, I've been to the county's website, the school website and there is no mention of this. And it seems like this balloon test is going to be held either on the first day of school or the day before, now a law firm has been hired I guess to convince all of us locals that this is okay. I'm not sure why a law firm has been hired since their job is lawyers convince people, they make arguments. You know I think it makes more sense to have, like a radiologist or you know somebody like that, I'm sure you will probably have one at the meeting whose on the payroll there for the tower folks. It's a little slick that there is a law firm here that we've heard nothing from the people at the firehouse, you know we haven't heard anything from them and how they stand to gain from this, how much they want this to happen. We have gotten a letter from LeClairRyan and you know they are attorneys, so that's pretty slick, especially since you don't intend on notifying these children, or im sorry the parents of the children. Now again, first day of school coming up I would think that you would rather the parents hear about this from you, from the county, or from the firehouse, rather than me or the entire street that I live on which in front of the school being clustered with signs asking how much radiation is enough for your kid, a sign stating keep cell phone towers away from our elementary school, I mean I think that is going to cause a lot of concern especially on the first day of school especially if the county hasn't notified them and they are only finding out by these roadside signs littering the streets up and down Stony Point Road right across the street right across the street from the Elementary School. So I've talked to my neighbors and this sign thing is looking pretty promising, you know we are going to have the whole street covered and you know Mr. Christopher Perez the guy in charge of this for the county he's not returning my call, I've left two messages, with two simple questions. 1) Do you think this is an appropriate installation right next to an Elementary School? 2) Do you think it is wise? Don't you think the parents deserve to know well, he's not returning my call I guess he doesn't want to answer my questions, but I can understand why given the position that he is in. So, I'm just imploring with you Lori to let these parent know what their kids are going to be receiving in school and I don't mean an education I meal all that extra radiation. I mean we've all got smart meters in for our power meters outside delivering radiation. I have high voltage wires behind my house as well as in trash cans on a stick. The last thing I need is more radiation from a 138 foot tower, so again I implore you to contact the parents or implore you to urge the county contact these parents its simply not right for the parents not to be aware of this. It makes no sense to me for you to mail a letter to everyone within a half mile or well what about the kids, the kids are going to be closer to this than anyone else and you are

not going to inform the parents in any way shape or form? I mean as parent, don't you think that is wrong? I mean I know you are here to convince us that this is right and this is all good and that we should just relax because it's federally regulated and under the current administration that really scares me, that really really scares me. So again, you know the parents think they should be notified, I think you know I'm giving you some time to save face here, the county as well. So you guys can do the right thing and notify the parents or they are going to be seeing some shocking signs in front of the school, across the street from the school where we all live here and I just think you'd get a better response if you did the right thing and have the county or the firehouse or even a slick law firm letter from an attorney or something like that to contact the parents or let them know if you contacted all the neighbors within a half mile why haven't you contacted the parents of the kids who are going to be right underneath this thing, it makes no sense whatsoever, so again I'm going to implore you to do the right thing and contacts to the parents, whether the county does or the firehouse does or whether another law firm does, I don't know. Certainly they have the right to know and I really hope you follow up on that and save a lot of face if you just came right out and say hey this is what we are thinking about doing and can we get your input on it, but it seems kinda slick, pretty slick that you are going to skirt this parents on this one, I just cant understand it makes no sense to me. And again what kind of backlash is there going to be on the first day of school and they start seeing these signs about keeping these cell phone towers away from our elementary schools and how much radiation is enough for your kid? And you now concerns about leukemia, brain development issues, sterility you know all these things about radiation, and have know to cause. Again, you know I am asking you to do the right thing contact parents, I think the parents are going to be really upset if they have to learn about this from you know signs across the street from the school from neighbors who have been notified about this, while they haven't. I think that you are going to get backlash from upset parents who want to know why they weren't informed that their kids are going to be receiving all this extra radiation 8 hours a day, every day of the school year. So again that is really it, I don't even need a call back just need you to do the right thing and make sure the parents are going to be notified of this in some way because they are the closest neighbors to that cell phone tower aside from the firehouse fellas but again the kids are again the most susceptible and I think that would be great if you did the right thing and notified the parents, you know if there is backlash because they are upset because they weren't notified and nobody sent them a letter, the county did nothing to notify them, but hey when I took my kid to school on the first day I'm seeing all these signs protesting cell phone towers what's that about? Are you guys gonna put? I just don't see that going well for you so just a head up. Have a good day!

From: ryan@rellinc.com [mailto:ryan@rellinc.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 22, 2017 3:49 PM
To: Schweller, Lori H.
Subject: Todays meeting

Lori

I did want to write you to comment on the fact that when I arrived at the firehouse this morning at 9 am after leaving work I was told by spvfc personnel that their was no meeting today and that the meeting was yesterday. I produced your letter which for some reason gives the later date first and showed him that he was in fact uninformed. He conceded he knew nothing about it. No personnel from yesterdays meeting were present out front. Their was no sign or letter taped to the door. Nothing. I wandered around back and found you meanwhile other people were arriving while NOBODY was out front to tell them we were all in back. It just seemed very unprofessional. After a while another fire man came around back and asked who we all were and what we were doing there. The lack of communication and forthrightness surrounding this tower really concerns me. Especially the lack of concern for the elementary school. I would like to know if you have checked in with the folks at Park Hill Farm who are 1.7 miles from the proposed site to see if they will accept your devices on their tower?

Thank you

Ryan Estes

3914 Stony Point

Keswick VA 22947

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Voicemail Message from Ryan Estes (8.24.17)

Hey Lori, Ryan Estes, 3914 Stony Point got your letter here full of untruths, the packet full of untruths that clearly states the untruth of cell towers do not affect property values, well why don't you sign this thing and lets go ahead and make a contract between me and either the law firm that you work for or the tower people that you work for, let's go ahead and create a contract and get signatures on it that makes the same promises that these cell phone towers that do not affect property values. Because I have worked for several realtors and they tell me differently, people don't want to live next to these things, just like I don't want to live next to these things just like the parents at the school threw a fit when they approved one on top of the school and I think that is where I am going to get my traction here and get this thing stopped is with the parents of these kindergartners and stuff over here. You didn't acknowledge the parents over here at the school in your letter full of untruths; a big untruth in your letter is that Jamie Dennis, the paid Shentel Engineer that spoke at the meeting. When are we going to get some unbiased, unpaid people to talk about this thing – oh, that's right, we are not. He *explained* to us that the Stony Point area is high priority for Shentel because of lack of coverage. Well, I hope you can make this call out because I am speaking to you on my cell phone from inside my home which currently displays that I have three bars of 4G service so the lack of coverage here that Mr. Dennis is *explaining* to us I don't need it explained because I have a cell phone and it works great, right here in my home. So that's not true, that's not true at all, my coverage is great here, and -- what am I -- 1500 feet from the proposed tower wants to go in? Wow, so I'm just going to go ahead and throw this stuff away. The obvious propaganda that it's only here to forward your agenda, there is no unbiased material. There is nothing from anyone that is not being unpaid to you know just put this forward this agenda; it is all about getting this tower built. I guess the tower people that hired your law firm knew that, and that is why they went ahead and got all lawyered up from the get go so you can make all these promises but not back any of them up. You know what really, Lori, that's all you have to do is put it in writing and make a promise to me or the whole community would be better and to all the parents at the school and just go ahead and put in a contract everything that you are telling us, that this will have no negative impacts on the community, no negative impacts on health, no negative impacts on property values. This is going to be nothing but great, great, great go ahead and put it in writing for us and sign it so that we can have your word that that is the case, because I think that we all know that 5-10 years

from now we are going to find out this thing is bad for us, and you are going to be down the road still getting towers put up, and you are going to say oh I had nothing to do with that, that's not my fault. So you know there is no accountability here, everybody is telling us all these towers are great, they aren't going to hurt you one bit. We need it, we need the coverage because the lack of coverage, put it down on paper and sign it, you are a lawyer make a contract, make a contract with all homeowners here at Stony Point and all the parents over at the school that this isn't going to negatively affect our health, that this isn't going to negatively affect our property values. You can do that, can't you? But you won't, but you won't because you know that you cannot guarantee anything on this. Except that you'll get paid, the boys at the firehouse will get paid, and the county will be happy. You know, forget the kindergartners that are going to glow by the time they are in 5th grade. So, there's no mention of the parents here in your letter of lies that I got from you here, no mention of the parents whatsoever, which I find odd because when we initially spoke you told me you were doing this for the parents for the poor little Jimmy's and Janie's over at the school that didn't have internet and then we had our meeting, and it's like the last thing anyone wanted to talk about, was the school. It's weird, so which is it? So it rained today and I've got 10 pieces of poster board here with some letters and I am going to do the best I can to try to get these parents up in arms, because I think once they know about this and once they know that you are trying to put a tower 700 feet from where their 5 year old plays everyday I don't think they are going to be into it, because they like me are going to know that you can't guarantee us anything, that you are telling us everything, Lori, you're telling us everything but you are not showing me anything. You are sending me these packages that say oh the coverage is in desperate need in your area, well let me know if you haven't been able to make out this message because I am on my cell phone walking around my house, and I've got plenty of service, my coverage is fine right here. So I don't know maybe send me a contract Lori, send me a contract that guarantees that we are not going to have any adverse affects from this with these health, with property values, any of that and give me an avenue to where I can get, you know compensated when years down the road when I can't sell this house because there is a tower right across the street and when I've got brain cancer because there is a tower across the street, give me that contract so in 10 years when bad things starts happening I've got some recourse and I can go to you and say hey, Lori, I need some money because I can't sell my house because of the tower that you guys put up and I am sick because the tower you guys put up and the whole

time you were telling me oh this is a great thing and there are no adverse impacts and its going to be great, great, great and it does not affect your property values and it's not going to affect your health. Put it in writing, Lori, put it in writing to tell me everything and showing me nothing. Send us a contract that puts this in writing so that we'll have some recourse later down the road. But right now you are just blowing smoke, just blowing smoke, Lori, and you sending me this letter where you tell me that the Shentel engineer who spoke at the meeting explained that Stony Point area is high priority because of lack of coverage. What about my coverage I got right now? Three bars, AT&T, 4G crystal, crystal clear, crystal clear. So what do you have to say about that? The lack of coverage, my coverage is great. That is just untruth to me as well as the packet entitled cell phone towers do not affect property values, what a blanket statement, what an untruth . So anyway this is good, I am going to show this to some of the parents that are going to be coming across the street to talk to me tomorrow when I get these signs up, and I will be marching come 8:00, I will be marching. So anyway I hope you are having a good day selling you soul to these cell phone folks and if you would put everything you are saying in writing, it contract form I would love, love it if you would mail that to me signed with you know recourse for us for when this thing turns out to be not the, not the positive, positive, positive impact all around that you say it is going to be. So, yeah, thanks!

Voicemail Message from Ryan Estes (8.24.17)

Hey Lori, Ryan Estes 3914 Stony Point, Keswick, Virginia. I sent you an email yesterday evening. I took your advice and was doing some of my own research on this thing and cell towers have a proven negative impact on property values. It's not a mixed opinion like the health issues. It's a definite; you know that space needle looking antenna thing popping through the woods, popping through the treeline right behind all these homes is certainly going to affect these values. I wouldn't buy a house near a cell tower especially with the visibility that this tower offers. So I just want to give you a fair warning I am going to go door to door this weekend and we are going to go full signage Monday morning and rally the troops. I know the parents are the only way to get this thing stopped, so we are going to go ahead and appeal to the kindergartners whose parents will be sending their five year old to a school to receive radiation for the next six years every day, every moment while they are at school. I just can't believe that you think that that's right, but I guess they're paying you guys really well, so maybe that just okay with you, but yeah its come to that. Nobody is paying any attention to this thing. Nobody is talking about it, the firehouse folks don't want to talk about it and they are the applicants and that's because they know that if the parents find out about this thing they are going to raise holy heck and come Monday morning the parents are going to know all about this thing, but if you give me a call back and advise me on the property values situation since you guys seem to know everything about this and tell us that we have nothing to worry about whatsoever, so if you could comment on the property value situation I'd love to hear what you have to say. Thank you.

Christopher Perez

From: ryan@rellinc.com
Sent: Friday, August 25, 2017 7:18 AM
To: Schweller, Lori H.
Cc: Christopher Perez; cris@milestonecorp.com; CHarold@milestonecorp.com
Subject: RF exposure to Pregnant women and children

Lori

I am still waiting for you to tell me how the proposed tower will affect our property values? My latest research indicates that pregnant women and children are most at risk to your towers radiation.

A Harvard study shows that children have increased hyperactivity and lower brain function when exposed to RF. Your emails do not show any text just your legal notice. Feel free to call and leave a message 434-977-7134 to explain how the proposed 135' cell tower will affect our property values. I would appreciate it if you answered my question.

Thanks

Ryan Estes

3914 Stony Point

Keswick VA