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09/17/15

Re: ATT cell tower # 2038 Cheshire Ct.

Hi Melanie

Thank you for taking my call this morning. As discussed, this department received a complaint from a Cheshire Planning and Zoning Commissioner a few days ago regarding the condition of a cell tower at 1338 Highland Ave. (aka State Highway Rte 10). The complainant pointed out that the Permit issued by the Cheshire Planning and Zoning Commission (approx. 2002, expanded 2006) requires the cell antennae which are mounted on top of a farm silo be screened from view or "stealth". He stated that several of the panels which cover the antennae have been missing for months.

As follow-up, I reviewed the special permit issued by P&Z in 2002/2005 and confirmed these stealth conditions which include fencing around some of the ground support facilities. Yesterday, 09/16/15, I visited the site and met with John Manke, property owner. I observed that approx. five panels are missing from the sixty four foot tower and that the fencing of the ground facilities was in a state of disrepair. John stated that the panels disconnect from the tower in high winds. In one instance a panel was found on the other side of the adjacent Highland Ave. (state highway #10). John stated that he was glad that this department was looking into the deteriorating conditions since he has been attempting to get ATT to address it for the last six months.

It is noted that each panel weighs an estimated 30 lbs. and approx. four by six feet in length. One such panel is visible on the ground in attached picture #0650. The tower is located approx. seventy feet from the highway, sixty four feet high (according to approved plan) and within the Tower Farms public display area for their flowers and shrubs. As such, these panels represent a public hazard to anyone in the area including motorists on Highland Ave.

In addition to the obvious public safety issue the current state of disrepair also represents a violation of Cheshire Zoning Regulations.

Could you please take a look at this information including the attached photos and determine if your office could be of assistance in resolving these issues as well as determining who I point the finger at for documentation and enforcement purposes. I would be happy to listen to any suggestions you may have.

Attachments (5)

Thank you for your assistance
Sincerely



