



ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE  
ONE AVENUE A  
TURNERS FALLS, MA 01376

**NOTICE OF DECISION & VOTE**  
**CORRECTED BOOK AND PAGE**

**Applicant Owner:**

Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless  
20 Alexander Dr.  
Wallingford, CT 06492

Case No. 21-01

Hearing Date: 3/10/21 and 4/7/21

Issuance Date: 4/12/21

**Owner:**

Anthony A. and Amelia A Sirum  
313 Wonsey Rd.  
Montague, MA 01351

**Premises Affected:**

(283) Federal St.  
Montague, MA 01351  
Assessors' Map 40 Lot 47  
**F Co. Registry of Deeds: Bk 2506 Pg 277**

Special Permit	(X)
Variance Application (40A)	( )
Section 6 Ch. 40A - Finding	( )
Site Plan Review	( )

**Pursuant to Montague Zoning Bylaws Section:**

Section 8.6 to allow a telecommunication facility within the Rural Business District.

**Final Approved Plans and documents on file with the Zoning Board:**

- Application dated 1/26/2021 including Zoning Drawings for site "Montague\_CTR\_MA" Stamped by Jordon D. Phillips, PE, latest revision dated 03/31/21 and Removal Bond Letter dated 2/9/2021 stamped by Jiazhu Hu, PE.

**The Board finds:**

The installation of a 155 foot monopole telecommunications tower and appurtenant structures will not be of substantial harm to the neighborhood, or to the natural resources or infrastructure of the Town, will not create nuisance, hazards or congestion and will not derogate from the intent of the Zoning Bylaws of the Town of Montague for the following reasons:

- The facility meets the standards of section 8.6.5
- The applicant has demonstrated that they will provide a public benefit in the form of addressing a gap in cellular network coverage that will benefit the villages of Montague Center, Lake Pleasant, and Millers Falls.

- The facility is located along the Connecticut River Scenic Byway (Route 63) and is in the proximity of residential uses. Accordingly, additional visual mitigation is conditioned as part of this approval to ensure that standards 8.6.5 (e),(g),(h) and (J) are satisfied.

**The Board Votes to:**

**( X ) APPROVE**

**( ) DENY**

The granting of a special permit to Cellco Partnership d/b/a Verizon Wireless to permit a new monopole telecommunications facility at 283 Federal Street, subject to the following conditions:

1. Tower be painted a brown color;
2. Arborvitae be planted 6' on center along the east side of the access road (for the purpose of screening views from 279 Federal Street);
3. The fence for the compound is to be constructed with privacy slats on all sides and shall be 8' in height in lieu of barbed wire.

**The vote of the Zoning Board of Appeals on the Special Permit with conditions was as follows:**

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| 1. <u>John Burek, Chairman</u> | <b>YES</b> | 2. <u>Richard Ruth, Vice-Chairman</u> | <b>YES</b> |
| 3. <u>Alan Ripingill</u>       | <b>YES</b> | 4. <u>William Doyle IV</u>            | <b>YES</b> |
| 5. <u>Joshua Lively</u>        | <b>YES</b> |                                       |            |

**Modification and Approval:** Any changes proposed shall be reviewed by the Board of Appeals or its designee. The Chairman or designee may approve changes if in conformance with the intent of the Special Permit or may refer it to the Board. Changes consistent with the purpose of this approval may be allowed by the Board without further hearing. Further hearings shall be at the discretion of the Board. Approval shall not be unreasonably withheld.

**IMPORTANT:** Any appeal from the decision of the Town of Montague Zoning Board of Appeals can be made only to the Court and must be made pursuant to Section 17, Chapter 40A (MGL) as amended, and must be filed in the office of the Town Clerk within twenty (20) days after the date of filing of the decision with the Town Clerk.

Board of Appeals

By John Burek, Chairman

Karen Casey-Chretien, Clerk

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Received for filing by Town Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Date  
Twenty day appeal period ends: \_\_\_\_\_  
Time Date

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT NO APPEAL HAS BEEN FILED WITHIN 20 DAYS  
FROM THE DATE THAT THIS DECISION WAS FILED WITH THE TOWN CLERK:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Montague Town Clerk Date

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*Notice to be recorded by Landowner*