

January 13, 2016

Susan Brock, Esq., Town Attorney
Town of Dryden, Dryden, NY 13053

Dear Counselor,

Thank you for the communications and earlier telephone conversation. Congratulations on your "new" appointment- I'm pleased to be working with counsel who is familiar with the scope of the county communications systems.

I contacted previous Town Supervisor Sumner in November and provided materials with regard to a potential telecommunications co-locator at the County's Mount Pleasant radio transmission site. By way of history, it is a tower and shelter located on a leased parcel owned by Cornell University, and the County has had a presence there since the 1980s.

An 175' guyed tower was replaced by an 185' self-supporting lattice tower in 2006/07. As was the case at the time, each tower modification, construction or replacement was reviewed with a town body or board selected by the respective town supervisor. To minimize potential proliferation of towers, and at the suggestion of the municipal bodies, the facilities were each constructed with substantial reserved or unused capacity to accommodate future county needs, anticipated private co-locators, and a system then planned by the State of New York.

The County promised then that it would share information and requests for co-location with the respective municipalities at such time as requests for private co-location was requested, and the towns would review such requests as each felt appropriate.

Attached is a full description and drawings of the proposed project at Mt. Pleasant (Dryden West Tower) as submitted by PEG Bandwidth. It is for the placement of two microwave radio point-to-point dish style antennas, 6' in diameter at respective centerlines of 110' and 120'. Also in the PEG document is a visual drawing of the tower and antennas as proposed, a drawing of the shelter area and compound, and full scope of work. The makes, models, and manufacturers of the equipment are captured on the first page.

Also attached is a current, single-page schematic of the tower. In this "Revised Version 0," I will call your attention to antenna #s 6,12 and 18 which are to be removed and replaced with PEG's equipment.

A structural survey was previously forwarded to the Town, and I understand you have received it.

As Tompkins County's agent and manager of the communications systems, I am requesting the Town's determination of whether the antenna co-location is subject to the Town's zoning requirements.

I appreciate your attention to the matter. Please call me with any questions.

Sincerely,

Lee Shurtleff, Director
Tompkins County Department of Emergency Response