



## **Memorandum**

To: Town Board  
C: Town Clerk, Town Attorney  
From: Planning Department  
Subject: Telecommunications Special Use Permit Re-certification & Amendment- Crown Castle/Sprint Facility 1387 Dryden Road, Tax Parcel ID # 52.-1-13.99  
Date: October 18, 2018

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Following the requirements set forth in Section 18, subsections (A) and (E) of the Town's Telecommunication Tower Siting Law (TTS), Crown Castle has submitted a written request for re-certification (18A) of, and amendment (18E) to, its Special Permit for its facility located on NYSEG property at 1387 Dryden Road.

Re-certification is required every five years. The amendment is to allow Sprint to replace three antennas and add three additional antennas and appurtenant equipment. Dende Engineering has completed its review of the project. We anticipate receipt of that report shortly.

The original Special Permit was issued in 2004 and last re-certified in 2012. Despite the lapse, the Planning Department recommends the Board grant the re-certification and approve the amendment request.

We believe TTS should be amended, making re-certification an administrative function of the Planning Department, or eliminating re-certification all together and instead, requiring only that the facilities owner provide annual inspection reports to the Town.

Further, we believe 18E of the law should be amended, allowing the Planning Department to approve equipment replacement and upgrades, including increasing the quantity of antennas and accessory equipment.

### **SEQR, County Review**

This project is subject to State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) as an Unlisted Action. Part 1 of the Short Environmental Assessment Form (SEAF) is provided. The Town Board shall serve as Lead Agency for the SEQR review.

A copy of the Crown Castle/Sprint application was forwarded to the Tompkins County Planning & Sustainability Department, pursuant to NYS GML 239 M.