



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth
Massachusetts Historical Commission

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RE: Telecommunications Antenna Monopole, 361 Tilden Road, Scituate, MA. MHC #RC.49334.

Dear Mr. Farmer:

Staff of the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC), office of the State Historic Preservation Officer, have reviewed the additional information regarding the project referenced above, received by the MHC on July 25, 2014, the comments of the Scituate Historical Commission dated March 11, 2014 and received by the MHC on August 19, 2014, and the MHC's project file, including comments from the public received by the MHC.

The information that you submitted indicates that after consultation with the MHC and the Scituate Historical Commission, the applicant has agreed to adopt a feasible project alternative that resolves concerns regarding the visual adverse effect to historic properties in the project area of potential effect for visual effects that would have occurred from the originally proposed monopole antenna or from the subsequently proposed monopine antenna. The project is now proposed to be a 150-foot high stealth flagpole design with a light gray matte finish, tapering from 60 inches at the base to 42 inches at the top, without flag, lanyard, or lighting, which was recommended by the Scituate Historical Commission.

After review of the materials submitted and the MHC's files, and in accordance with Stipulation VII.C.6 of the "Nationwide Programmatic Agreement for Review of Effects on Historic Properties for Certain Undertakings Approved by the Federal Communications Commission" [FCC] (September 2004, FCC 04-222), (PA), it is the opinion of the MHC's staff that the project if implemented as now proposed will have "no adverse effect" (36 CFR 800.5(b)) on the following historic properties in the project area of potential effect for visual effects:

(a) Multiple inventoried historic properties along Tilden Road, including the George Litchfield house at 397 Tilden Road (MHC # SCI.781), the Thomas Litchfield House at 377 Tilden Road (SCI.779), the Simeon Litchfield House at 401 Tilden Road (SCI.782), the Walter Litchfield House at 407 Tilden Road (SCI.783), and the Marshall Litchfield House at 378 Tilden Road (SCI.780). These properties constitute the Egypt-Litchfield Houses Area, which area, in the opinion of the MHC's staff, meets the Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C at the local level of significance.

(b) The Rudolphus Elms House at 435 Tilden Road (MHC # SCI.785), which property, in the opinion of the MHC's staff, meets the Criteria for Evaluation (36 CFR 60) for listing in the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion C at the local level of significance.

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(c) The Lawson Tower at 330 First Parish Road (MHC # SCI.907), listed in the State and National Registers of Historic Places.

In accordance with Stipulation VII.C.6 of the PA, the MHC advises that the applicant should notify the FCC of this resolution.

These comments are offered to assist in compliance with the PA. If you have any questions concerning this review, please contact Jonathan K. Patton at this office.

Sincerely,



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