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RE: Industrial Wireless Technologies application for Chester wireless tower

Dear Brian Sullivan:

The Chester Planning Commission met on March 20, 2023, and reviewed your pre-application notice dated February 15, 2023, which was received on February 21, 2023, regarding a proposed wireless tower off Whitmore Brook Road. The Planning Commission has the following comments:

1. The tower is proposed to be 183 feet tall, about 108 feet above the average tree height. We have been informed that a balloon test has been conducted and a report on aesthetics is being prepared. This tower seems rather tall, and the Planning Commission would welcome an opportunity to review the report on aesthetics before an application is submitted.
2. Chester recently experienced a prolonged power outage in which cell phone coverage failed after about 8 hours. What would be the feasibility of this tower being able to operate for 24 to 48 hours after a power outage through battery backup, generator backup, or both? Also, what would be the feasibility of connecting to the terminal pole of the 3-phase power line at the so-called north quarry on VT-103 as a more reliable source of power?

We look forward to your response to these comments.

Sincerely,

Hugh Quinn
Planning Commission Chair