



Historic District Commission

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Subject: Section 106 review of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1996 (NHPA) as amended by the Westport Historic District Commission (HDC) of a 92 Greens Farms Road, Westport, CT application for a +/-124' wireless cell tower by Tarpon Towers II.

With regard to its NHPA purview to evaluate the impact of a massive +/-124' tall industrial structure in the very historically significant Greens Farms area of Westport, CT the HDC finds this project will unquestionably have a negative impact on the surrounding historic Greens Farms area and detract from the historic context of the historic properties therein.

One of the few HDCs in the State of Connecticut to achieve and maintain Certified Local Government, (CLG) status, the Westport HDC takes this matter very seriously.

This bucolic historic area of rolling terrain sloping to the Long Island Sound dates back to the colonial days. In that time Westport was in fact part of neighboring Fairfield, CT, prior to Westport's incorporation in 1835. At one point in the mid nineteenth century the Greens Farms area of Westport was the leading producer of onions in the entire country.

Numerous sources including articles in the New York Times in 2001, Wikipedia, and the Greens Farms Association, (attached); as well as the landmark 1933 book, "Green's Farms, Connecticut, The Old West Parish of Fairfield" by George Penfield can provide significant documentation on this historic area. In 1648 Thomas Newton, Henry Gray, John Green, Daniel Frost, and Francis Andrews, became known as the "Bankside Farmers" settled this specific area and in 1732 the area was renamed "Green's Farms" in honor of John Green.

Specifically, Page 5-3 of the Westport HDC Handbook lists Green's Farms Road as a neighborhood area eligible for designation as a Local Historic District.

Considering all the above, and while such a proposed old technology +/-124' cell tower, while possibly interesting and significant in its own right as an example of obsolete pre-5G, late 20th Century wireless technology, the HDC finds this project to be wholly inappropriate and totally out of character for this historically significant area of the colonial Greens Farms area of Westport, CT.

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