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ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS MEETING

SEVEN MAPLE AVENUE

HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK 10706-1497

Held April 23, 2009 at 8:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:
Brian Murphy, Chairman
Stanley Pycior, Deputy Chairman
David Forbes-Watkins, Member
Ray H. Dovell, Jr., Member
Marc Leaf, Alternate

Marianne Stecich, Board Counsel Deven Sharma, Building Inspector

ALSO PRESENT:

3 Members of the Public (approximately)

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- 2 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Good evening
- 3 everyone. We're here for the April 23,
- 4 2009 Zoning Board of Appeals meeting. We
- 5 originally had two cases on the agenda
- 6 tonight. I understand that the first case,
- 7 Case No. 3-09, Christina Griffin and Peter
- 8 Wolfe, 433 Warburton Avenue, that that
- 9 application has been withdrawn. Is that
- 10 correct?
- 11 MR. SHARMA: They have withdrawn
- 12 the application, yes.
- 13 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: So we have then
- only one case this evening, Case No. 4-09,
- 15 New Cingular Wireless PC also AT&T for View
- 16 Preservation Approval for the construction
- of three panel antennas and associated
- 18 electronic equipment on the roof of the
- 19 Municipal Building.
- 20 And Mr. Sharma, are the mailings
- in order for that application?
- MR. SHARMA: I've been informed
- 23 by the secretary that the mailings are in
- 24 order.
- 25 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: I also

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- 2 understand that in accordance with our
- 3 procedures, the Planning Board was to have
- 4 heard the application and made a
- 5 recommendation to the Zoning Board
- 6 regarding View Preservation Approval.
- 7 The Planning Board has not yet
- 8 made such a recommendation, but having said
- 9 that, why don't we hear from the applicant
- 10 who can explain the status of the
- 11 proceedings. Mr. Laub.
- MR. LAUB: Good evening, Mr.
- 13 Chairman, Members of the Board.
- 14 For the record, my name is Daniel
- 15 Laub. I'm an attorney with the firm of
- 16 Cuddy & Feder here on behalf of AT&T and
- 17 Cingular Wireless.
- 18 I think you are right,
- 19 Mr. Chairman, in that procedurally we are
- 20 still technically before the Planning Board
- in terms of their approvals, including the
- 22 referral back to you for the view
- 23 preservation overlay.
- 24 As you recall, I was the attorney
- for the Metro PCS application, in the fall.

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                 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: I do.
                 MR. LAUB: And as part of that
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       application, you know, we had come before
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       the Board even -- in the same
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       circumstances. We appeared before the
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       Planning Board once, and then we came
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       before you in the interest of fostering
       panel awareness, you know, talk early and
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       talk a lot, if you will, instead of just
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       coming in at one time, and certainly, since
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       it's a publicly noticed meeting, it
       seemed -- I didn't realize we were going to
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       be your only customer tonight, but --
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                 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Yes, well,
       times are a little slow, but that's fine
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       with me and fine with the Board.
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                 Just so you understand, we won't
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       be voting tonight because we will wait for
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       a recommendation from the Planning Board.
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       But we all have questions. We've read the
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       papers. So, I'm happy to proceed on that
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MR. LAUB: Absolutely.

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                 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Why don't you
       go ahead?
                 MR. LAUB: Sure, sure. I think
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       the site is one you're all familiar with,
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       that's here at Village Hall. This is
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       actually an existing site, unlike the
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       Metro PCS site, which is new here at
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       Village Hall. The AT&T site was approved
       back in 2002 for a total of six panel
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       antennas on the rooftop as well as
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       associated unmanned equipment in the
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       corner -- Could you put up the roof plan on
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       the tripod so everyone can see it?
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       installation, as it was built, was really
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       only a series of three panel antennas
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       around the roof, and only two cabinets --
       there were four spaces contemplated on the
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       equipment platform.
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additional antennas, which were originally

approved, swapping out one piece -- one

cabinet that is up there, and adding

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- another one, which would be a third. So
- 3 there would be a total of three cabinets
- 4 since there's two there now. And a total
- 5 of six panel antennas.
- 6 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Let me just ask
- you here, Mr. Laub, do you know why, you
- 8 know, the time lag between I guess
- 9 2002/2003 and today in terms of not putting
- in the three originally approved additional
- 11 antennas?
- MR. LAUB: I haven't got the
- 13 answer to that.
- 14 Essentially, it seems -- it looks
- 15 like it was just a matter of having -- I
- 16 mean, once they contracted the site, were
- 17 up and running and on the air, they didn't
- 18 feel that they had the need for the
- 19 additional equipment at the time.
- 20 What this -- why it's here now
- 21 actually is this equipment is really part
- of an upgrade, a 3G upgrade, which is
- 23 basically enhanced wireless services,
- 24 broadband, you know, larger capacity, for
- 25 services that AT&T provides. So it's part

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- of what they call their UMTS license, the
- 3 form of technology that they have. So,
- 4 that's all you see on the drawing, the UMTS
- 5 cabinet and they're also going to be using
- 6 the extra antennas to provide that service.
- 7 One thing I should note from
- 8 our -- a couple of things I'd like to note
- 9 from our discussions with the Planning
- 10 Board.
- 11 Now I had -- we looked at the
- 12 antennas that are up there now, and what
- 13 AT&T is proposing to do is at the present
- 14 what we know we can actually accommodate is
- 15 the existing antennas that are up there are
- 16 about 16 inches wide. Actually, they are
- 17 16 inches wide. I was here when the
- 18 engineer measured them. They're 16 inches
- 19 wide. The proposed antennas before you in
- the application are 10.8 inches wide. The
- 21 existing antennas can actually be replaced
- 22 with antennas that are the same width as
- the new ones that we're proposing. So
- everything would be 10.8 inches wide. So
- 25 you're taking off about five inches, you

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- 2 know, off the existing antennas; so, they
- 3 would have a narrower silhouette on the
- 4 rooftop.
- 5 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Is that a
- 6 commitment on the part of the applicant to
- 7 replace the three existing ones?
- 8 MR. LAUB: Yes, we indicated at
- 9 the Planning Board last week that we can do
- 10 that.
- 11 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Okay.
- 12 MR. LAUB: Now prior to even
- 13 filing the application I had requested AT&T
- 14 to investigate and look to see if the
- cabinets which they're requesting to put up
- on the rooftop are the smallest available
- 17 that they can get. It's been indicated to
- 18 me that they are, indeed. They don't have
- 19 any smaller cabinets for this vertical form
- factor that's needed for this technology.
- 21 But as per our discussions with
- the Planning Board, I've asked AT&T to go
- 23 back again and see if they can find
- 24 anything on the market. If you recall,
- 25 Metro PCS was able to find something that

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- was smaller.
- 3 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Right.
- 4 MR. LAUB: Compact cabinets that
- 5 were able to, you know, still work for
- 6 their site.
- 7 The difference being Metro PCS
- 8 works on a different technology. They're
- 9 much more voice orientated, less data
- 10 oriented, and the capacity for the site in
- 11 terms of the traffic and the people that
- they believe are going to be using it, they
- were able to reduce the size of the
- 14 cabinets.
- They aren't able to do that at
- 16 all sites, as a matter of fact. I know
- 17 that because I was working with Metro PCS
- on another application in another
- 19 municipality where they couldn't do that
- 20 because of the anticipated traffic, where
- 21 it was located and what they were doing.
- 22 So, it does depend on the technology that's
- 23 being employed by the carrier and what
- their capacities are and what they're
- anticipating in terms of traffic.

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- 2 But I have asked, just so the
- 3 Board knows, AT&T to go back and see if
- 4 they can find anything on the market that's
- 5 available for -- in a smaller form factor
- 6 or horizontal form factor or something that
- 7 would bring it down a little bit.
- 8 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Is that still
- 9 an open question?
- 10 MR. LAUB: That's still an open
- 11 question right now. But the preliminary
- answers I've received so far, is that no,
- 13 we don't have anything. But I just wanted
- 14 to let the Board know that we are
- 15 continuing in that investigation.
- 16 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Okay.
- 17 MR. LAUB: I think that's -- you
- 18 know, it's basically, the site would be
- 19 using the existing lease area, using the
- 20 existing equipment platform on the roof,
- looking at, you know, the top of the
- 22 cabinets, the highest cabinet would be
- 23 approximately nine feet ten inches from the
- top of the roof.
- As I mentioned, the top -- well,

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- 2 the top of the parapet is approximately
- 3 34 feet from above grade. I believe the
- 4 top of the equipment cabinet would then be
- 5 approximately 38 feet 1 inch above grade.
- 6 So it's going to be like --
- 7 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Four to
- 8 five feet --
- 9 MR. LAUB: Four to five feet --
- 10 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: -- above the
- 11 parapet.
- 12 MR. LAUB: -- above the
- 13 parapet --
- 14 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: -- in terms of
- 15 the view.
- MR. LAUB: -- in terms of the
- 17 view.
- 18 Getting to the view, in terms of
- what you'll actually be able to see,
- 20 because of the high parapet on the rooftop,
- 21 anything -- if you don't -- if you aren't
- able to see it now, you wouldn't be able to
- 23 see it. You're not able to see the
- 24 platform that's up there, for example.
- 25 But other than that, it's really

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- 2 not much of a -- we provided you photo
- 3 simulations of what it would look like, and
- 4 we also included in those photo simulations
- 5 what the forthcoming Metro PCS application
- 6 will look like. You know, we
- 7 anticipated --
- 8 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: I appreciate
- 9 that. That's helpful to actually see a
- 10 fully loaded roof.
- 11 MR. LAUB: But obviously the one
- 12 difference being that the existing antennas
- which are in the photos, and they are
- 14 existing so it's not like we can, you know,
- scan them out, but those would be slightly
- 16 more narrow.
- 17 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Tell me first,
- 18 can you be more specific, just about the
- 19 type of service upgrades, specifically,
- 20 that the equipment -- the new equipment is
- 21 designed to accommodate?
- MR. LAUB: Sure.
- 23 First of all, it's about speed in
- 24 terms of data. It's your typical 3G
- 25 upgrade, which is third generation of

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- wireless technology, which has basically
- 3 been international, you know, agreements
- 4 about what kind of standards they're using.
- 5 This is the third one that came out. It's
- 6 been out for probably about ten years now,
- 7 commercially available. It first started
- 8 in Japan, then in Europe, and then in
- 9 America.
- 10 It's the kind of technology that
- 11 allows you to have greater data downloads
- to your handsets; to be able to do, you
- 13 know, videoconferencing on your handsets or
- on a wireless laptop, if you're familiar
- 15 with the wireless cards that go into your
- laptops or even your desktop computers;
- that would basically give you the same
- 18 speeds as broadband technology for uploads
- 19 and downloads and obviously still being
- 20 able to accommodate voice data or voice
- 21 traffic as well.
- So, it's really, you know, the
- 23 expanded nature of the whole wireless
- 24 technologies that are -- you know, that
- 25 people are using.

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- 2 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: And this 3G, is
- 3 that the current state of the art?
- 4 MR. LAUB: That's the current
- 5 state of the art. I mean, there is a 4G
- 6 that's been in development. As far as I
- 7 know, that's not been employed by anyone in
- 8 the United States.
- 9 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Do you know if,
- 10 when the original planning was done for the
- 11 AT&T cabinetry for this location, whether
- 12 it was built to accommodate the 4G or the
- 13 next generation as well?
- 14 MR. LAUB: I think that the idea
- of having the equipment platform the size
- 16 that it was and again there were -- you
- 17 know, I looked back at the old drawings and
- 18 you could see that there were two cabinets
- 19 that were approved, but there was also an
- 20 outline on those drawings of two additional
- 21 locations for cabinets. So I think the
- idea was whatever's coming, let's plan and
- 23 see if we can have it, so. I think it's
- one of those things where I think you're
- 25 never quite sure where technology may go,

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- but I think they were fairly certain that
- 3 they would probably need additional
- 4 cabinets at some point in the future.
- 5 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: If you don't
- 6 mind, you know, my concern is just in
- 7 thinking as best we can down the road that
- 8 in terms of the location of the cabinets,
- 9 we're not talking about needing to expand
- 10 the size of the structure that supports the
- 11 cabinets, that we're not talking about
- moving the location on the roof or in any
- way altering the location, because I think
- 14 what we -- what we -- I think what was
- good, if you will, about this location is
- 16 that it's in the back northwest corner of
- the building. So, in terms of view
- 18 preservation, it's hardly visible, the
- 19 cabinetry, and it's the cabinetry that has
- 20 the bulk, particularly to the extent that
- 21 it rises above the parapet four to
- five feet, and each piece of equipment is,
- 23 I forgot, roughly three to four feet in
- 24 width. Again, it's pretty bulky; it's not
- very attractive, and you've hidden it as

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- 2 best you can, and so I'm sure if smaller
- 3 cabinets are available, that's great.
- 4 It was a bigger problem for
- 5 Metro PCS because the cabinets were located
- 6 towards the front of the building. So, at
- 7 least -- my view is I have less concern
- 8 because of the location of the platform and
- 9 the cabinets, although anything the company
- 10 can do to minimize the height is probably
- 11 the important issue in terms of view
- 12 preservation, for me.
- But I did have some questions I
- 14 wanted to ask you. I read the structural
- engineer's letter. This is your Exhibit E.
- 16 This is the letter from Lulay Illescas
- 17 Engineering (phonetic).
- 18 On the first page of the
- 19 engineer's letter -- this is from
- 20 Mr. Lulay -- he gives the mechanical
- 21 specifications. Are those the three pieces
- of equipment that are going to go up on the
- 23 roof?
- 24 MR. LAUB: Well, I think one is
- 25 existing, and I believe that's the Nokia

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- 2 that's already there.
- 3 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: How about the
- 4 so called Argus piece of equipment, the
- 5 battery cabinet and the UMTS cabinet?
- 6 MR. LAUB: I believe that's what
- 7 we are talking about, yes. So basically
- 8 he's taking into account what the site, as
- 9 proposed, would be.
- 10 MR. DOVELL, JR.: Could you point
- 11 to the drawing and show us -- orient us as
- 12 to the locations of these things?
- 13 MR. DEDRICK: This is the AT&T
- 14 setup right now, and I think these two
- darker ones are the two cabinets, the
- 16 cabinet and the battery.
- MR. LAUB: Do we have a profile
- 18 here?
- 19 (OFF THE RECORD DISCUSSION)
- 20 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Ray, is that
- 21 the drawing you'd like to focus on?
- 22 MR. DOVELL, JR.: I think what
- 23 would be useful is to look at the plan and
- look at the elevations from the west and
- 25 from the south.

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- 2 MR. DEDRICK: This one is the
- 3 south.
- 4 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Now, that
- 5 drawing has both the existing three AT&T
- 6 antennas, the three proposed antennas, and
- 7 also the proposed Metro PCS antennas. Do I
- 8 have that right?
- 9 MR. DEDRICK: Yes.
- 10 MR. DOVELL, JR.: The cabinets
- 11 are to the other side, correct; the
- 12 cabinets are to the west?
- MR. DEDRICK: Yes.
- MR. DOVELL, JR.: Can you
- describe for us what's existing and what is
- proposed there, in terms of the cabinetry
- 17 above the roofline?
- MR. DEDRICK: In this one, I
- 19 believe that this middle cabinet is the one
- that's existing, and then there's one on
- 21 either side of it. One is a battery
- 22 cabinet and one is an equipment cabinet.
- 23 So they'd be on either side of this.
- 24 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: How far back
- are those set from the front of the

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- 2 Municipal Building?
- In other words, the south
- 4 elevation, we're looking at the front of
- 5 the Municipal Building. We've got the
- 6 Metro PCS cabinets, which are closer to the
- 7 front of the building, and then we've got
- 8 the applicant's location, which is further
- 9 to the west and further to the north, if
- 10 you will, back deeper into the roof of the
- 11 building; right?
- 12 MR. DEDRICK: Yes.
- 13 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: So, are you
- showing the Metro PCS cabinets there as
- 15 well?
- MR. DEDRICK: That's right here.
- 17 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: And how high
- above the parapet, do you have an exact
- 19 measurement of the height above the parapet
- where the new cabinets are going in?
- 21 MR. LAUB: The top of the
- 22 equipment is approximately four feet above
- the parapet.
- 24 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: What I'm
- driving at is how does that compare, if you

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- 2 know, to the height of the Metro PCS
- 3 cabinets that we approved in terms of their
- 4 height above the roofline --
- 5 MR. DEDRICK: I believe the
- 6 Metro PCS --
- 7 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: In terms of
- 8 their height above the parapet particularly
- 9 from the south view.
- 10 MR. LAUB: The top of the highest
- 11 Metro PCS cabinet, if I can use above grade
- level, is 36 feet 6 inches. So -- and the
- parapet, for your reference, is 34 feet.
- So, the Metro PCS is about two-and-a-half
- 15 feet above the parapet.
- 16 And now the existing cabinets are
- 17 approximately 37 feet above grade level.
- 18 So, that's approximately three feet. So,
- 19 this would be an additional foot.
- 20 MR. DOVELL, JR.: In your
- 21 sightline drawings, is there a corridor in
- 22 which these are visible?
- MR. LAUB: My understanding is
- that it's really the corridor as you're in
- front of the building and you go directly

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- 2 in front of the library, and then if you
- 3 walk around the back of the parking lot,
- 4 that's where you'll be able to see that.
- 5 You have to walk right in front of the
- 6 library here because if you start walking
- 7 further inland from the library, further
- 8 east, it starts to get blocked from the --
- 9 apparently from the portico that's in front
- 10 of the --
- 11 MR. DOVELL, JR.: That view is
- not illustrated in your photo montage?
- MR. LAUB: No.
- 14 MR. DOVELL, JR.: I think it
- would be useful to illustrate that as well.
- 16 It is part of the public way, and it does
- 17 affect the view of the -- the view further
- 18 up the river.
- 19 It looks as if it's going to be
- 20 minimally visible, but I think we'd like to
- 21 see that demonstrated.
- 22 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Yes, because I
- guess they're about a foot-and-a-half
- 24 higher than the Metro PCS cabinets, but
- because they're further to the north, away

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- 2 from the front of the building, the impact
- 3 is probably somewhat less, but if the
- 4 applicant can find replacement cabinets
- 5 that are smaller yet, which is what
- 6 Metro PCS did, that would obviously be a
- 7 favorable reduction in the view impact. So
- 8 we would encourage you to explore every
- 9 opportunity to try to do that.
- 10 I'm sure the Planning Board has
- 11 already asked you that.
- MR. LAUB: From our prior
- dialogues, I did press on that. I
- 14 anticipated that.
- MS. STECICH: Do these photo
- 16 simulations, they don't have the Metro PCS
- 17 cabinets on them either, do they? I just
- 18 see antennas.
- 19 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: They're
- antennas, yes.
- MS. STECICH: So you can't see
- 22 them?
- MR. LAUB: You might not be able
- 24 to see them from the perspective of --
- 25 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: No, you could.

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- I was looking at P6 and F6, which is what I
- 3 call the fully loaded photograph. P6 is as
- 4 current, and F6 is with all the antennas
- 5 both from Metro PCS and AT&T. But there
- 6 are still no cabinets.
- 7 MS. STECICH: Well, they're not
- 8 up there yet, I don't think.
- 9 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: No. I am
- 10 saying you could superimpose them.
- 11 MS. STECICH: Oh, I thought you
- were saying you couldn't see them.
- 13 Yes, I think we need photo
- 14 simulations with the equipment cabinets.
- MR. LAUB: I'll have them take a
- 16 look at that. I'm not sure because I think
- we've had this discussion, but I'll
- 18 certainly look into it and see what they
- 19 can do because I know they have a couple of
- 20 different photos that they've used for
- 21 these, and I'm wondering if the camera
- angle here maybe they felt that you
- 23 couldn't see it, but I think there's
- 24 another angle where if you moved up kind of
- 25 more towards the library, I think that's

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- where you may be able to see it, the corner
- 3 of that would be the equipment, which I
- 4 know was included in the Metro PCS photos.
- 5 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: That's
- 6 Mr. Dovell's point, that from the view of
- 7 P6 and F6, which is I guess, southeast,
- 8 but, you know, you may not really see the
- 9 cabinets, the AT&T cabinets. I think you
- 10 would see the Metro PCS cabinets.
- 11 MR. LEAF: There's a public park
- just outside the --
- MR. LAUB: Right.
- 14 MR. LEAF: -- of the library,
- which is much higher in grade than this
- intersection, and it is directly south of
- the facade of the Municipal Building, and
- that would be a great place to be able to
- 19 check the view from since there is seating
- 20 there for the public; there are tables and
- 21 seating, and the point of the park is, you
- 22 know, Hudson River views, and so this will
- 23 clearly impose upon them.
- 24 If it's visible from any place,
- it's visible from there, and it is

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- 2 important to know that.
- 3 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Right. So, we
- 4 would at least like to see it.
- 5 MR. FORBES-WATKINS: Can I add
- 6 another esthetics issue?
- 7 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Go ahead.
- 8 MR. FORBES-WATKINS: Which is
- 9 inevitably a problem with wiring. The
- 10 wiring up there now looks like spaghetti,
- 11 badly designed spaghetti bowls. It needs
- 12 to be tied down and made neat. That would
- 13 help our view preservation quite
- 14 substantially.
- MR. LAUB: Actually, I did -- I'm
- 16 sorry.
- 17 MR. SHARMA: As part of this
- 18 process and application, I was definitely
- going to bring that to everyone's
- 20 attention; to ensure that all this cabling
- is somehow either camouflaged or put in a
- 22 cabinet, in some way to make it less
- 23 offensive.
- MR. LAUB: I thought we mentioned
- 25 that. Mr. Sharma had brought that to my

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- 2 attention. He actually brought up that
- 3 exact point; that the cabling up there
- 4 should be more -- I'm fairly certain it
- 5 could be put in a cabinet; so we'll see
- 6 what we can do about that, and certainly,
- 7 that will help reduce the profile of the,
- 8 you know, appearance.
- 9 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: I had a few
- 10 questions going back to the engineer's
- 11 letter, Mr. Lulay, and this is probably
- 12 more of a Planning Board issue than our
- issue, but it at least struck me.
- 14 In his letter he was kind of
- 15 conservative in what he was saying. He
- said if the existing beams for the cabinet
- frame, if they were installed the right way
- 18 back in 2002, then they can safely support
- 19 the new equipment.
- Well, that's not much of an
- 21 answer. Yeah, if they were installed
- 22 properly, it's going to work, but if they
- 23 weren't, it's a problem. So I think
- 24 somebody should get an answer to that
- 25 question.

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- 2 MS. STECICH: The Planning Board
- 3 asked a structural engineer to take a look
- 4 at it.
- 5 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Okay. Good.
- 6 MS. STECICH: Number one, to see
- 7 whether the roof could handle it. This is
- 8 the first time I focused on the weight.
- 9 It's more than two tons of additional
- 10 cabinets.
- 11 So, anyway, there is a structural
- 12 engineer who's going to come and take a
- 13 look at it.
- 14 MR. SHARMA: Their engineer won't
- 15 certify the structure of the way it was
- 16 built and can it actually handle the weight
- of the new equipment, and then our engineer
- 18 will come and check and confirm that what
- 19 they're saying is okay.
- 20 MS. STECICH: There's a lot of
- other measures. I mean, don't forget
- there's a lease, and we have to make sure
- 23 that, you know, it's consistent with the
- lease and everything.
- 25 MR. DOVELL, JR.: Is the platform

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- 2 bearing on the parapets walls on dunnage
- 3 steel?
- 4 MR. LAUB: Yes, the dunnage steel
- 5 connects into the load-bearing portions of
- 6 the parapet walls on the portions, if you
- 7 will, kind of in between where windows
- 8 might be. So it basically goes from there
- 9 straight down the foundation.
- 10 MR. DOVELL, JR.: And how high is
- 11 that above the roof level?
- MR. SHARMA: About 18 inches.
- MR. LAUB: I mean, typically it's
- 14 around 18 inches to allow anybody to get
- under the platform to work. So if there
- 16 needs to be any roof maintenance or
- 17 anything, you can get -- if you're doing
- 18 work for leaks or any kind of servicing for
- 19 the roof that you would need that space.
- 20 So, it doesn't actually touch the roof
- 21 itself. So it only spans over it. I think
- the only thing that would come down is a
- 23 utility ladder that comes down on to it.
- MR. DOVELL, JR.: It's 18 inches
- or 16 inches from the roof to the top of

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- 2 the --
- 3 MR. LAUB: To the bottom of
- 4 the --
- 5 MR. DOVELL, JR.: There's
- 6 18 inches clear underneath it?
- 7 MR. LAUB: Yes.
- 8 MS. STECICH: Brian, I just want
- 9 to say something further to what Deven said
- on the question you raised, which is, you
- 11 know, if it was installed on the way it's
- shown on the 2002 drawings, it would be
- able to hold it, and then they'll certify
- it. Now so just be aware, and I'm sure you
- would be, that he isn't saying in this
- 16 letter that it can't hold it.
- 17 MR. SHARMA: No, this part I
- 18 know --
- MS. STECICH: Well, I don't know.
- 20 This is what they submitted in support of
- 21 the structural integrity. So, I think we
- really have to rely on the Village's
- 23 engineer to do an independent assessment of
- 24 whether they could do it rather than --
- 25 MR. SHARMA: I understand. I'm

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- 2 just saying in respect of what they say in
- 3 this letter, in the view process, they're
- 4 going to have their engineers say not if,
- 5 that it, indeed, is.
- 6 MR. LAUB: The nature of the
- 7 letter, I agree, is prospective. You know,
- 8 it's saying knowing the site the way we do,
- 9 we believe this works fine.
- 10 I think once we get to the
- 11 construction drawing stage versus the
- 12 zoning drawing stage -- once you get to the
- 13 construction drawing stage, you'll have
- 14 more particulars about how things will
- work. Obviously, the construction drawings
- 16 won't be too involved, you know, much more
- 17 beyond this.
- When we get to that point,
- 19 they'll have structural engineering
- 20 calculations and things like that, but my
- 21 intention was to actually discuss with
- 22 Mr. Sharma what information he further
- 23 needed to relate to the Village engineering
- 24 consultant.
- 25 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: One more

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- 2 question on this engineer's letter. He
- 3 talks about new TMA's and di-plexors and I
- 4 have no idea what those are or how big they
- 5 are. But he said they should be installed
- 6 either behind the antenna or below the
- 7 parapet. And I presume if they were
- 8 installed below the parapet, they would not
- 9 generate any view preservation problems,
- 10 but can you comment on that?
- 11 MR. LAUB: TMA is an acronym
- 12 for --
- MR. DEDRICK: They're an
- 14 amplifier.
- MR. LAUB: Right. They're an
- 16 amplifier.
- 17 What is the acronym for it? It's
- 18 mounted -- it's something mounted
- 19 amplifier, and it's a way that the signal,
- 20 through the antennas, is actually
- 21 amplified.
- 22 So it actually allows for a
- 23 greater signal and greater coverage with
- smaller equipment. So, they're basically
- 25 breaking it down to a smaller piece.

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- But, yeah, they would be
- 3 behind -- that's kind of part of the
- 4 equipment that can be incorporated behind
- 5 the actual, you know, fiberglass panel, the
- 6 white panel. So it's actually --
- Well, we say that they're an
- 8 antenna. The -- inside the antenna panel
- 9 itself is actually a couple of different
- 10 pieces of equipment --
- 11 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Yeah, my only
- 12 point is that whatever that equipment is,
- it should be mounted below the parapet
- 14 walls since the engineer is saying that
- that can be done because then it eliminates
- any view preservation issues, which is our
- 17 concern.
- 18 MR. LAUB: Right. Just so --
- it's -- I think they're typically --
- 20 they're incorporated as part of that white
- 21 panel, in that space; so, I think they're
- 22 small rods or they're -- or they're a low
- 23 process, but they could be underneath
- 24 before they begin to come up.
- 25 And then I think typically, too,

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- what I would say is for anything, you
- 3 know -- because the actual antennas have to
- 4 be, you know, wired to that and so there is
- 5 a portion of the wire that comes up and I
- 6 think that the -- what I would say would
- 7 work here is the same thing that worked for
- 8 Metro PCS, which is to make sure that those
- 9 things are painted white so that they don't
- 10 contrast with the existing parapet, the
- 11 parapet wall.
- 12 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: I think this is
- 13 sort of a followup to what
- 14 Mr. Forbes-Watkins was saying to Mr. Sharma
- was that in terms of the wires being
- 16 neatened up, if this can be installed in a
- way that it's less visible and fewer wires,
- 18 I think that would be helpful.
- 19 But I think the important thing,
- 20 as Mr. Leaf and Mr. Dovell said, we would
- 21 like to see the view kind of due south
- 22 either from the park or that vicinity, the
- 23 south elevation, the south view. Because
- that's really probably the most direct and
- 25 only significant view preservation impact

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- 2 that there's going to be.
- 3 And depending on the elevation,
- 4 what the angle is, at least we'd like to
- 5 see a mockup of what that would look like
- 6 for this -- these pieces of equipment that
- 7 you're proposing.
- 8 And then for the antennas, I
- 9 guess for me, the best view is probably
- 10 what you've submitted on S6. It looks like
- 11 we're going to have a wireless jungle of
- 12 antennas on our Municipal Building. I'm
- 13 not sure there's much to be done about
- 14 that. I guess I had the same comment with
- 15 Metro PCS; either we want enhanced cellular
- 16 service or we don't.
- 17 MR. DOVELL, JR.: But the issue
- here is the orientation of the antennas;
- 19 that's a point I brought up last time. The
- 20 issue for view is the orientation of the
- 21 antennas.
- MR. LAUB: In terms of?
- 23 MR. DOVELL, JR.: In terms of its
- 24 effectiveness in transmitting a signal.
- 25 It's the orientation of it?

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- 2 MR. LAUB: Right.
- 3 MR. DOVELL, JR.: It's not the
- 4 planned dimension in relationship to the
- 5 inside walls of the parapet. So, in
- 6 effect, all these antennas could be
- 7 clustered towards the middle of the roof
- 8 and you wouldn't see anything,
- 9 theoretically.
- I mean, that is the concept
- 11 behind these trees that you see on I-95 --
- MR. LAUB: Right.
- MR. DOVELL, JR.: -- where
- 14 they're all clustered together.
- MR. LAUB: Right, if you put them
- 16 together.
- 17 The problem that you get with
- that is, and we did investigate this as
- 19 part of the -- you know, I just know this
- 20 from investigating this as part of
- 21 Metro PCS, is there's no place on the roof
- that could be determined could be
- 23 structurally feasible to support the
- antennas.
- MR. DOVELL, JR.: How much do

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- 2 they weigh?
- 3 MR. LAUB: Well, they need
- 4 ballasts to keep them there attached to the
- 5 roof. So I think the ballast ends up being
- 6 hundreds of pounds -- if they're not pipe
- 7 mounted to the roof. So basically you
- 8 have --
- 9 MR. DOVELL, JR.: But
- 10 conceptually, a structure could be built --
- 11 a dunnage structure could be built towards
- the middle of the roof and a cluster of
- 13 antennas could come up and you wouldn't see
- 14 any of them.
- MR. LAUB: Well, no, you're going
- 16 to have to see them because it's
- 17 essentially a line of sight --
- 18 MR. DOVELL, JR.: No, I
- 19 understand that it's line of sight, but the
- 20 fact that they're all clustered at the edge
- of the parapet, if you were to pull them --
- 22 keep them at the same elevation, but pull
- 23 them back from the edge of the roof --
- MR. LAUB: They couldn't be at
- 25 the same elevation if you pulled them back

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- 2 from the edge of the roof.
- 3 MR. DOVELL, JR.: So, they're
- 4 slightly taller.
- 5 MR. LAUB: Right. They would
- 6 have to start going up a couple of feet.
- 7 MR. DOVELL, JR.: What is really
- 8 disruptive and I think what everyone is
- 9 reacting to is it's beginning to look like
- a bunch of broken teeth at the top of the
- 11 roof and it's just simply not very
- 12 appealing.
- 13 And I'm sure that geometry signal
- 14 transmission would let you think about a
- 15 reconfiguration.
- MR. LAUB: Well, there's a couple
- of challenges to it and I'm only bringing
- it up because we did -- we went through
- 19 this exercise with the Metro PCS
- application.
- There's a couple of issues. One
- is you do have to increase height because
- 23 what you need to do is be able to clear the
- 24 corner of the roof. So as you move
- antennas back towards the center of the

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- 2 roof, they'd have to go up in order to
- 3 clear, you know, the corner so you don't
- 4 get a shadow, in effect.
- 5 Then you have the structural
- 6 problem, which is when our engineers went
- 7 up -- we had site visits up on the roof,
- 8 and, you know, we had old building
- 9 drawings, we actually -- I know Tectonic
- 10 was able to have old architectural drawings
- 11 that we provided the Building Department
- 12 that I don't think that even they had on
- 13 file, but there was still no place that you
- 14 could really see where -- that you could
- 15 comfortably feel that you could start
- 16 mounting antennas in the middle of the roof
- 17 area. So that's the structural issue.
- 18 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: You'd have to
- 19 build a support structure to do that.
- MR. LAUB: Right. Well, that's
- 21 exactly it. Where can you put the support
- 22 structure?
- The only reliable places that our
- engineers could find was the parapet wall.
- MR. DOVELL, JR.: But there's

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- 2 probably column heads throughout the
- 3 building that -- that -- the building --
- 4 it's a load-bearing structure, and there
- 5 are columns -- it's a framed structure;
- 6 isn't it? Deven, it's a framed -- this
- 7 building is a framed --
- 8 MR. SHARMA: Actually, it's a
- 9 load-bearing wall, and not really a column.
- 10 MR. DOVELL, JR.: Yeah, but the
- 11 interior has got to have either
- 12 load-bearing walls or there are
- 13 column heads.
- 14 MR. SHARMA: It has load-bearing
- walls.
- MR. DOVELL, JR.: So there are
- 17 load-bearing walls on the inside.
- I'm sure there's a way to bring
- 19 load down through the building.
- 20 It's convenient for you to locate
- 21 the antennas there. It's convenient to
- locate them on the inside of the parapet
- 23 wall. I understand that.
- 24 But I think we'd like to see you
- 25 explore the notion of perhaps bringing them

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- 2 in more off the edge.
- 3 MR. LAUB: I mean -- the third --
- 4 we did explore this as part of Metro PCS.
- 5 That's all I'm trying to relay. Because
- 6 there's a third issue which relates to RF
- 7 emissions. And as you know, there's got to
- 8 be a certain amount of safety distance
- 9 allowed for the antennas. And that was
- 10 something that we also went through with
- 11 Metro PCS and the Village as well as a
- 12 consultant, Mr. Konig (phonetic).
- 13 The idea being that there should
- 14 be a certain amount of distance, you know,
- that's cordoned off so that anybody who
- 16 goes up on the roof is able to stay away
- 17 from the antennas.
- 18 So when you start putting the
- 19 antennas in the middle of the roof, you
- 20 start increasing that circumference of
- 21 the -- taking up more of the roof, making
- 22 it less accessible --
- 23 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: I don't
- 24 understand that. Try me again.
- MR. LAUB: There are certain --

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- 2 there are RF emissions with all of these --
- 3 with all these antennas, and there's
- 4 basically what you call far field emissions
- 5 and near field emissions, and far field
- 6 would be when you're getting away from the
- 7 building or you're in the building or
- 8 you're down below, what are the emissions
- 9 you're getting from that, you know, and are
- 10 they within the standards?
- 11 There is also near field
- 12 emissions when they're close to the
- 13 antennas. Essentially --
- 14 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: You mean
- 15 someone like a maintenance worker?
- MR. LAUB: If you're a
- maintenance worker or you're up on the
- 18 roof, and then standard -- and that's a
- 19 standard which has to be -- that's actually
- 20 a separate standard. And that's part of
- 21 the work that we had with the Village
- 22 before, and because all of the municipal
- 23 whip antennas are all located along that
- 24 parapet wall, what you'd basically be doing
- is making most of the roof probably off

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- 2 limits to any regular maintenance work or
- 3 anything else other than our people without
- 4 shutting down all the antennas because then
- 5 you couldn't be going on the roof.
- 6 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: But my --
- 7 MR. LAUB: So if you put the
- 8 antennas all along the parapet, then
- 9 there's going to be a cordoned off area --
- when Metro PCS comes in, there's going to
- 11 be a cordoned off area along the parapet to
- 12 set that back for safety areas.
- So, if you move the antennas into
- 14 the middle, you're talking about moving
- that into the middle, then you're cordoning
- off a large area of the roof which --
- 17 MR. DOVELL, JR.: But you'd also
- 18 be bracing them up probably over the head
- 19 of a maintenance worker.
- 20 MR. LAUB: It would still have to
- 21 meet -- It would still have to be cordoned
- off to a certain extent.
- 23 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Well, I guess
- our only suggestion is that it ought to be
- 25 explored probably with the Planning Board

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- 2 as lead agency. I don't know if it's
- 3 feasible or not.
- 4 Our only point is that we're here
- 5 to talk about view preservation. It looks
- 6 awful. There's no way to make it look good
- 7 the way they're proposed; so if it's
- 8 feasible, you know, without some
- 9 unsurmountable economic problem or, you
- 10 know, code problems.
- I mean, I don't know what the
- 12 regulations require in terms of near field
- or far field. But if you cluster the
- 14 antennas -- let's say it was possible to
- put a support structure towards the center
- of the roof and cluster all of the
- 17 Metro PCS and AT&T antennas that way so
- that they'd be either not visible or very
- 19 limited visibility, even with their raised
- 20 height, I believe that would be a much more
- 21 attractive option for us even with the
- remaining, you know, municipal antennas
- that are going to be along the edge of the
- 24 parapet.
- Because, you know, when you see

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- 2 the mock-up photo that you provided to us,
- 3 it's kind of startling to us when you look
- 4 at all this stuff hanging off the roof.
- 5 So it's worth exploring I think
- 6 seriously to get better answers to see
- 7 whether it's possible and to see just what
- 8 it would take both, you know, in terms of
- 9 expense and whether there is really a
- 10 safety issue for the maintenance workers or
- 11 safety issues in terms of the Village.
- 12 MR. LAUB: I shouldn't say -- it
- 13 wouldn't be a safety issue. It's more of a
- 14 reduction in the -- of availability and
- 15 circulation on the roof. That kind of
- 16 thing.
- I mean, it can all be
- 18 accommodated with any kind of -- something
- 19 like that can be accommodated with
- 20 protocols, but in terms of the regular
- 21 day-to-day, anybody going up on the roof,
- it would be -- a larger swath of the roof
- 23 would be taken up in this if it's got a
- 24 cordoned-off area, and you've got to take
- into account the wireless carriers as well

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- 2 as, you know, the municipal safety whips
- 3 basically just making, you know --
- 4 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: I understand.
- 5 But the only issue there really would be:
- 6 Is there enough room outside of this
- 7 cordoned-off area to allow somebody to deal
- 8 with the municipal antennas when they had
- 9 to, right?
- 10 MR. LAUB: Or to any kind of roof
- 11 maintenance of a regular roof or --
- 12 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Right. And I
- mean, tonight we don't know what that
- 14 restricted area would be. So what we're
- 15 suggesting is that it makes sense to me
- that if it's possible, it should be
- 17 explored.
- 18 MR. DOVELL, JR.: Well, if you
- 19 just take a look at the roofline, right now
- 20 you've got antennas that are facing out
- 21 from the portico of the building, facing
- 22 south.
- What you're saying then is that a
- 24 worker that's on the parapet roof now, it's
- 25 problematic for someone to maintain that,

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- 2 understanding how these antennas emanate?
- 3 MR. LAUB: Well they should
- 4 have -- there needs to be a cordoned-off
- 5 area for individuals to understand where --
- 6 that there are RF emissions there, and
- 7 going over and basically standing over next
- 8 to them or sitting down typically -- you
- 9 know, don't go over and sit and have your
- 10 lunch under it. You know, don't stand up
- 11 there.
- 12 It's not -- it's not -- I mean,
- 13 I've been on these rooftops. I was up on
- 14 this rooftop. You know, it's not a matter
- of short-term exposure. It's a matter of
- 16 standing there and working long-term, but
- in terms of where you're cordoning off on
- this roof, you're starting to reduce
- 19 circulation of what you -- of how long you
- 20 could be up there. You know, if somebody
- 21 had to go up there and, say, do work on the
- 22 skylight, then you start talking about, you
- 23 know, reducing the area where you can, you
- 24 know, actually do some long-term work up on
- 25 the roof.

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- 2 That's what the RF emissions
- does. That's really my only comment to RF
- 4 emissions. But more to -- to the other
- 5 point though, we really did investigate
- 6 structurally because we -- you know, we
- 7 were asked, you know, if we could put
- 8 antennas further back from the parapet
- 9 wall, you know, and we did explore that,
- 10 you know, with Metro PCS, and we were
- 11 trying to find some place to do it either
- 12 with offset ballasts or ballast mounts
- somewhere on the roof, and it really wasn't
- 14 felt that you could find any place that you
- 15 could do that.
- 16 MR. DOVELL, JR.: I would
- 17 disagree with you, that the building --
- it's a fairly robust building. There are
- 19 either load-bearing walls or there are
- 20 column heads that could be located very
- 21 easily.
- The loads that you're talking
- about are not terrific loads. It's no more
- 24 than -- I can't imagine that it would be
- 25 much more than a snow load on the roof of

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- 2 the building.
- 3 So, I think that the
- 4 investigation could be carried a little
- 5 further. And you would find -- it's not a
- 6 small building. It's not just the
- 7 load-bearing exterior walls that are
- 8 holding up the floors. There is internal
- 9 structure. There has to be.
- 10 And whether it is this wall here
- or whatever, there is something in here
- that with column stub-ups and additional
- dunnage, you'd find a place.
- 14 MR. SHARMA: If I remember
- 15 correctly, yes, this issue was discussed,
- 16 but I do not remember this issue having
- 17 been explored to a satisfactory conclusion.
- 18 I think it was discussed.
- 19 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: It was
- 20 certainly discussed, but I don't know what
- 21 the followup was.
- 22 Wouldn't it make sense,
- 23 Mr. Sharma, to let the Village's structural
- 24 engineer know of the suggestion and we'll
- let the Planning Board know and we'll go

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- 2 through the process and see what can be
- 3 done?
- 4 But all we're really talking
- 5 about is getting some hard data on what's
- 6 feasible and what's not.
- 7 MR. SHARMA: The antennas
- 8 themselves would not weigh much.
- 9 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Right, but
- 10 Mr. Laub is talking about ballasts and
- other issues; so there's going to be weight
- there; there's going to be height there;
- and those parameters need to be modified,
- 14 and say okay, if we did this, this is what
- would be required; these are the tradeoffs;
- 16 what are they?
- 17 And then maybe, you know -- with
- this information, maybe the Board decides,
- 19 you know what; it's not worth it. Maybe
- 20 they decide it is worth it. You know --
- 21 MR. SHARMA: It would almost be
- 22 like creating another tower on top of the
- 23 roof.
- 24 MS. STECICH: Like a utility
- 25 tower.

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- 2 MR. SHARMA: So, it could be
- 3 something like a tower created in the
- 4 middle of the roof.
- 5 MR. DOVELL, JR.: And the site
- 6 line effect could be much reduced from what
- 7 it is right now.
- 8 MR. SHARMA: That's something I
- 9 would certainly like to work with you to
- 10 explore and, you know, get our engineers
- involved and see if that's an option and
- 12 let's all take a look at it.
- MR. FORBES-WATKINS: It would
- 14 seem this is really the perfect time to do
- it; before Metro PCS has actually installed
- and while AT&T is considering new
- 17 installations. So both companies have a
- 18 real chance to work right now.
- 19 When we were just looking at
- 20 Metro PCS, well, hey, AT&T is already there
- 21 and they're stuck, but now is a perfect
- time to try and put it all together.
- 23 MR. PYCIOR: Can antennas not be
- 24 mounted horizontally directly on top of the
- 25 parapet, and then one could create a false

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- front, elevate the whole building by ten
- 3 centimeters --
- 4 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Inches.
- 5 MR. PYCIOR: -- and give it some
- 6 sort of facing that's similar to the --
- 7 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: You mean a
- 8 facade.
- 9 MR. PYCIOR: -- a facade.
- 10 -- And then future antennas
- 11 would be placed in the facade panel. Can
- they not be mounted horizontally?
- MR. LAUB: Horizontally, no.
- MS. STECICH: You know what; I
- 15 think this is an issue -- because this is
- 16 an historic building; right?
- 17 MR. SHARMA: -- I don't --
- MS. STECICH: I think it's
- 19 designated. Am I right, it's designated?
- 20 MR. LAUB: Well, I think it's
- 21 got -- it's either designated or it's got
- the potential to be designated.
- MS. STECICH: So, there would --
- there's difficulty changing the building
- itself, the look of the building itself.

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- 2 I sort of recall that issue
- 3 coming up.
- 4 (MULTIPLE SPEAKERS)
- 5 MS. STECICH: Ironic as it is, it
- 6 is the truth. There's laws about being
- 7 able to do that. But I think you're not
- 8 supposed to take the facade features and
- 9 change them.
- 10 MR. DOVELL, JR.: It's on the
- 11 national register; is that it?
- MS. STECICH: Why do I think it
- has some historic designation? I could be
- wrong.
- 15 MR. LAUB: I think it's been
- designated as potentially historic and when
- 17 AT&T made application in 2001, 2002, SHPO,
- 18 State SHPO, you know, came down and said,
- 19 you know, we don't want to see any kind
- 20 of -- because I think originally what was
- 21 proposed was screening on the rooftop or
- 22 around it or at least some sort of
- 23 screening that was available along the top
- of the facade or the parapet so that you
- 25 actually had a false front that, you know,

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- 2 worked, you know, complimented the
- 3 building, the antennas were kind of behind
- 4 it and that was actually shut down by SHPO.
- 5 And that then led to a whole big
- 6 conversation because I think the eagle was
- found, and they wanted the eagle to go back
- 8 up on the roof, and the understanding back
- 9 then I think was they didn't want the eagle
- 10 back on the roof; they were concerned that
- 11 the roof couldn't handle the eagle.
- 12 This is going back in the file.
- 13 You know, I've got the papers.
- 14 But it's -- it is -- in general,
- it is a problem with potentially historical
- 16 buildings and SHPO's understanding is that
- they don't want to see things that change
- the outline and the lines of the building
- 19 and change it so that it looks like a
- 20 structure such that you create a new
- 21 penthouse effect.
- I think, more to the point
- 23 directly, I mean, even if you just put the
- 24 antennas sideways, I don't think that would
- 25 be changing the building structurally; that

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- would be you're just changing the
- 3 northeasterly antenna, but -- I'll double
- 4 check, but I've never seen that.
- 5 And I think it's been asked in a
- 6 number of our applications where it's
- 7 basically a function of the technology the
- 8 way the loops have to come out of it. But
- 9 I'll ask.
- 10 MR. SHARMA: Can I make one
- 11 comment?
- 12 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Yes.
- MR. SHARMA: View preservation,
- 14 according to code, is any blockage of the
- 15 view of the Palisades.
- So here there are two issues, not
- 17 so much whether it blocks the view of the
- 18 Palisades; we're talking the view of the
- 19 antennas themselves.
- 20 MS. STECICH: Deven, it
- 21 definitely affects the view of the Hudson.
- 22 If you're sitting there and you're looking
- 23 at the Hudson and the Palisades over it,
- 24 this is definitely an issue.
- 25 MR. SHARMA: Yes. I wonder if

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- that's not what we have to concentrate on.
- 3 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: I mean, I think
- 4 that the takeaway is our two primary
- 5 recommendations are let's see the view
- 6 particularly from the park with the raised
- 7 elevation that Mr. Leaf requested and
- 8 Mr. Dovell requested. I'd like to see a
- 9 serious look at clustering the antennas
- 10 toward the center.
- 11 MS. STECICH: I have a separate
- 12 issue.
- 13 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Go ahead.
- MS. STECICH: Now the original
- 15 lease permitted six antennas, is that
- 16 right, but you only put up three. Did the
- 17 original lease allow two equipment
- 18 cabinets?
- 19 MR. LAUB: I think it was four
- 20 slots. I think the lease had four slots.
- 21 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: I thought there
- were four slots in the presentation I read,
- 23 but I don't know.
- MS. STECICH: You know what I
- 25 don't have? I did get a copy of the lease,

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- 2 but the lease -- the lease area is included
- 3 in Exhibit 1, and then Exhibit 1 refers to
- 4 Drawings LE1 to LE4, and these would have
- 5 been back in 2002.
- 6 If you could get me a copy of LE1
- 7 through LE4, because I was -- as I said,
- 8 that's not really an issue for you, but
- 9 while I was here, just so that we can make
- 10 sure that this is covered by the lease.
- I don't know why I thought there
- were two equipment cabinets allowed. Maybe
- 13 it did allow for three. Maybe it was
- 14 pretty open-ended.
- But if you could get me LE1
- through LE4, those drawings, that would be
- 17 great.
- MR. LAUB: Yes. I'll see what I
- 19 can do.
- 20 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Anything
- 21 further from the Board? Comments or
- 22 questions of Mr. Laub?
- 23 (NO RESPONSE)
- 24 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Mr. Laub, do
- you wish to add anything at this time?

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- 2 MR. LAUB: No.
- 3 I'd just like to thank the Board
- 4 for its indulgence in that I was your only
- 5 customer for the evening, but I think this
- 6 was a useful discussion. I'm glad we had
- 7 it now, earlier in the process, rather than
- 8 later. And now, you know, we have our
- 9 homework assignment, and we'll come back to
- 10 you.
- 11 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Thank you very
- 12 much.
- 13 MR. LAUB: Thank you for your
- 14 time tonight.
- 15 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Now I guess we
- 16 should take up the agency --
- MS. STECICH: Yeah, since this
- 18 application is going to require SEQRA
- 19 Review, and it's more than one involved
- 20 agency; there's at least two, the Zoning
- 21 Board, the Planning Board, possibly the
- 22 Board of Trustees; I don't know; it depends
- on whether or not there's any adjustments
- 24 needed to the lease; I don't think there
- will be.

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2	The Planning Board, at its last				
3	meeting, declared its intent to be the lead				
4	agency. And so what they have to do is				
5	circulate it to all the involved agencies,				
6	which includes the Zoning Board, and either				
7	they wait 30 days, or you could let them				
8	know within the 30 days you're not really				
9	interested in being lead agency and then				
10	the Planning Board can be lead agency.				
11	So, unless you wish to assume				
12	lead agency on this, probably the best				
13	thing to do would be to pass a motion, and				
14	that will mean the Planning Board will be				
15	lead agency.				
16	CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Yeah, given the				
17	complexity of the structural issues, I				
18	think it makes a lot of sense for the				
19	Planning Board to be lead agency.				
20	So do I have a motion				
21	MR. FORBES-WATKINS: So moved.				
22	CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Second?				
23	MR. PYCIOR: I'll second.				
24	CHAIRMAN MURPHY: All in favor?				
25	(ALL IN FAVOR.)				

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- 2 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: The vote's
- 3 unanimous that the Planning Board will be
- 4 lead agency.
- 5 So, I guess we have just the
- 6 minutes from -- now our last meeting -- we
- 7 did not have a meeting in March. So our
- 8 last meeting was February 26, 2009, a very
- 9 short transcript.
- I have just one typo to correct
- 11 for the record, Page 9, Line 13, the word
- 12 know, k-n-o-w, should be no, n-o.
- 13 MR. LEAF: One other typo I
- 14 happened to notice, it's on Page 11,
- 15 Line 3. It says "Mr. Leaf: Aye." It
- 16 wasn't Mr. Leaf. I wasn't here.
- 17 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: So noted.
- 18 Okay, with those corrections, can
- 19 I have a motion to approve the meeting
- 20 minutes from the February 26, 2009 meeting
- of the Zoning Board of Appeals?
- MR. PYCIOR: I'll move to
- approve.
- MR. FORBES-WATKINS: Second.
- 25 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: All in favor?

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- 2 (ALL IN FAVOR.)
- 3 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: And our next
- 4 meeting -- I understand Mr. Pycior won't be
- 5 able to join us at the next meeting; so
- 6 I'll make sure Mr. Collins, hopefully, is
- 7 available. But our next meeting should be
- 8 May 21st, I believe.
- 9 MS. STECICH: No, it couldn't be
- 10 the 21st. It would have to be --
- 11 CHAIRMAN MURPHY: May 28th.
- 12 For the record, I have a letter
- 13 that was given to me the other day dated
- March 30, 2009 from some concerned
- 15 neighbors in the Warburton Avenue area in
- 16 the vicinity of 433 Warburton. That was
- our first case tonight.
- 18 Since that application is
- 19 withdrawn, I don't think anything needs to
- 20 be discussed on that.
- 21 There is a question raised about
- 22 parking in front of I guess 422 Warburton,
- 23 but again, that's been approved and I leave
- 24 it to our local officials to ensure
- compliance with the parking regulations.

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2	So I don't think this is an
3	issue
4	MR. LEAF: I'm also not that
5	comfortable responding to unsigned letter
6	issues.
7	CHAIRMAN MURPHY: Yeah, it's not
8	signed by any particular person. So we
9	thank you for bringing it to our attention
10	but I don't think there's any need to
11	include it.
12	And with that noted, we'll
13	adjourn the meeting. Thank you.
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16	(Whereupon, at 9:02 P.M. this
17	meeting was adjourned.)
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CERTIFICATION

STATE OF NEW YORK)

) SS:

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I, Traci L. Collins, a Registered

Professional Reporter and Notary Public within

and for the State of New York, do hereby

certify:

That this is a true and accurate record of the meeting of the Village of Hastings-On-Hudson Zoning Board of Appeals held on this 23rd day of April 2009.

I further certify that I am not related to any of the parties who participated in this meeting by blood or marriage and I am in no way interested in the outcome of this matter.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 7th day of May, 2009.

TRACI L. COLLINS, R.P.R.