



Fwd: Urging not to settle

1 message

Mindy Jesek <villageclerk@nelsonvilleny.gov>
Reply-To: villageclerk@nelsonvilleny.gov
To: Village Board of Trustees <villageboard@nelsonvilleny.gov>

Tue, Jan 21, 2020 at 12:20 PM

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Kathleen E. Foley**
Date: Tue, Jan 21, 2020 at 12:10 PM
Subject: Urging not to settle
To: <villageclerk@nelsonvilleny.gov>

Mayor Bowman and Trustees:

I submit this quick note to urge you not to settle with SMSA and Homeland Towers. It is sent with respect and appreciation of your hard work and the extreme stress you're under. I am concerned that you appear to be receiving advice from the Village's insurance attorney that may not, in the big picture, be in Nelsonville's best interest, or that of your neighbors here in Cold Spring.

I have previously documented my concerns about the cemetery location option for a cell tower. The property is eligible for listing on the National Register. Siting a tower above it sets disastrous precedent both for the Cold Spring Historic District and for the Scenic Area of Statewide Significance. There is the potential for this project to open floodgates to similarly intrusive proposals in and around both of our villages, and in our cherished Historic District. Please, stand firm in the face of the corporate bullying that is happening here and insist upon a better solution. Homeland will build this tower and leave. We will live with it for a very long time, and our zoning, planning and historic district review boards will be impaired by the precedent it sets. Please don't hand over your land use bargaining power, or that of your village's boards and Cold Spring's.

Mayor Bowman, I appeal to you especially as a former fellow member of the Cold Spring Historic District Review Board. Please, protect our historic and natural resources.

No matter what location is chosen, I highly recommend not accepting a "monopine" design. No one is fooled by these absurdities. Let the tower be what it is--of its purpose and of its time. Consider the towers you already have experience with--those that attempt to look like trees are far more visually intrusive and distracting than those that are allowed to look like the industrial equipment they are. Towers that look like towers tend to recede more readily than a sorry attempt at a tree. The "monopine" design folly would add insult to the injury of tower placement anywhere in our SASS.

In support and gratitude,
Kathleen

Kathleen E. Foley, PhD

--
Mindy Jesek
Village Clerk / Treasurer