

**Burlington Historic Preservation Review Committee**  
**Certified Local Government Program**  
Department of Planning and Zoning  
149 Church Street  
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Dear Ms. Castro,

Burlington's Historic Preservation Review Committee ("the Committee"), acting under the authority of the Certified Local Government Program, a consulting party to the Section 106 Review, reviewed the application of Cellco Partnership/Verizon Wireless to evaluate proposed wireless telecommunications facilities for any adverse effect on the subject property, 86 Lake Street, Burlington Vermont . That meeting occurred April 14, 2015 at City Hall, Burlington Vt.

After reviewing the plans and consulting with the Criteria of Adverse Effect from 36 CFR Part 800, §800.5 as published in the Federal Register, Vol. 64, No. 95/Rules and Regulations, the Committee found with a 2-1 vote that the proposed antenna installation at 86 Lake Street would have an *adverse effect* on the historic property. Specifically, the Committee found the proposal to install antennas at the four rooftop corners and at the rear (east) roof would have a significant visual impact, altering the characteristics of the historic property that qualify the property for inclusion in the National Register.

Despite the photographic visualizations showing the proposed installation hidden behind the foliage of the existing street trees, the Committee felt that the antenna installation would be visible for a large portion of the year. The Committee also noted that the proposed installation would be visible by a large population of people due to the property's proximity to Burlington's Waterfront Park, and that installation of the rooftop antennas as proposed would diminish the character and integrity of the property's historic features and appearance. The Committee noted that other alterations to the building, such as the replacement or removal of windows, combined with the proposed antenna installation would result in a cumulative effect that diminishes the integrity of the structure, altering characteristics that qualify the property for inclusion on the National Register.

The Committee questioned whether the failure to identify alternative sites, alternative designs, or alternative methods should be used to support a finding of no-adverse effect on this property.

The Committee therefore does not concur with the decision of the Vermont Division for Historic Preservation, dated March 9, 2015 and received by the Department of Planning and Zoning via email the same day.

The Committee had no objection to the proposed vents at ground level.

Respectfully,  


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