

TOWN OF NEW CANAAN

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Ms. Elizabeth Camerino-Schultz
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Dear Ms. Camerino-Schultz:

The New Canaan Town Utilities Commission is a municipal body concerned with the provision of utility services to the residents of New Canaan including water, power, natural gas, and fixed and wireless communications. Of particular interest are wireless services. New Canaan has long experienced poor or even non-existent coverage in some parts of town. Currently, the Utilities Commission is engaged in a multi-year process to address our coverage problems in a comprehensive manner.

As you know, the Aquarion water tank at Waveny Park plays a critical role in the delivery of wireless services in our town. Almost one half of the town receives its cellular signals from the antennas located on top of this water tank. In addition, the primary transmitter for all of the Town's emergency services is situated at this same water tank thus making it a critical hub for private and public wireless services in New Canaan.

Recently, I learned that Aquarion management is considering allowing the leases of the wireless carriers that currently use the water tank to lapse when they expire next year. I understand our First Selectman, Rob Mallozzi, has raised this question with you numerous times this summer. Unfortunately, he was unable to receive a clear indication of Aquarion's intentions regarding these leases and whether or not the Town can continue to locate its emergency services transmitter and antennas at the water tank.

Given the critical role which the water tank plays in supporting our Town's private and public communications infrastructure, I believe that the Utilities Commission should take up this question at our next meeting which is scheduled for September 12th, 2016. I would therefore like to invite you to attend this meeting and address (a) whether or not Aquarion will renew the AT&T Wireless, Sprint, Verizon and T-Mobile leases when they expire next year and (b) whether Aquarion will allow the Town to continue to operate its emergency services transmitter and antennas at this location.

Our meeting begins at 7:30pm at the Town Meeting Room located on the second floor of New Canaan's Town Hall at 77 Main Street. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at uc.tom.tesluk@gmail.com. You may also reach me by phone at 203-434-0400.

Thank you Elizabeth. I look forward to meeting you on September 12th.

With best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tom Tesluk", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Tom Tesluk
Chairman
New Canaan Utilities Commission