Dear Chairman Hartling,

Dan Klasnick representing Verizon Wireless made a presentation to departments at the Development Coordination Meeting (DCM) of March 27, 2018. At the meeting he discussed the three (3) proposed small cell attachments to existing poles in Burlington. Overall the proposal was not well received as the proposal adds a significant amount of visual clutter to the roadways. Below are the concerns and comments that should be considered in discussions with Verizon.

1. Prior to any installation a structural analysis should be completed to ensure the pole can handle the additional equipment.

2. The Town should ask about host fee agreements in exchange for allowing this additional equipment within the right of way.

3. There should be agreements in place that require the removal of these systems when obsolete and to ensure that additional equipment is not allowed without prior approval from the Board of Selectman.

4. The Board of Selectman should discuss the double pole issues in Town. Specifically to remove as many as possible and further departments would strongly discourage any location of this type on a double pole.

5. The Board of Selectman should ask if there are alternative equipment designs that are less visually intrusive.

Overall, as previously mentioned departments did not show a lot of excitement for these installations. Departments worry about the spread of this type of mini cell towers all over town. In speaking with Verizon
this application is only the beginning of a dozen or so planned for the future. We suggest that, if the Board of Selectman decide to move forward, they set standard design requirements. In addition it is suggested that the Board of Selectman require the provider to provide a long range plan including future expansion within the Town.

If you have any questions or comments feel free to contact the Planning Department at any time at 781.270.1645 or planning@burlington.org.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of the following departments: Building, Fire, Engineering, Police, Board of Health, Conservation and Planning

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