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Date: November 5, 2019
To: Holliston Zoning Board of Appeals
From: Ryan Clapp, Conservation Agent
Site: 0 (Off) Marilyn Street (Assessors Map 9-2-60.1)
RE: Special Permit

In review of the Special Permit application from AT&T Mobility New England, by Centerline Communications, LLC (hereinafter "AT&T" or "Applicant"), I would like to offer the following comments:

- In measurement of the plan set enclosed with this application, I note that it appears that the project, at its closest point to Bogastow Brook, is 210'. This relieves the project from the need to file either a Request for Determination of Applicability or Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission. However, I note that the scale is variable throughout the plan set, and is in some cases listed as 150'=1". **I would like to confirm that the scale is accurate to the 11"x17" plans accompanying the application, and that this assessment of relief is accurate (no encroachment within 200' of the banks of Bogastow Brook.**
- The Conservation Commission also holds jurisdiction over the 100-year floodplain (areas that have a 1% chance of flooding each year). On plans C01 and C03, there are notes to the effect that the site is located within those areas with a 1% chance of flooding each year. However, comparisons with MassGIS indicate that the proposed site is not located within the 100-year floodplain, but is within the 500-year floodplain. **I would like to confirm that the site is within the limits of the 100-year floodplain.**
 - Additionally, I note that there will be a need to cross the 100-year floodplain at a minimum. This does not meet the criteria of an exempt minor activity that does not require a filing under 310 CMR 10.02(2)(b)2 and therefore may require a filing with the Conservation Commission.
- The antenna itself does not require a filing with the Conservation Commission, as the pole is existing and therefore will not result in an increased footprint. However, the associated site work, including but not limited to: 500 gallon underground propane tank, 8' high chain link fence, and 8'x8' walk-in equipment cabinet are not exempt, assuming that they are located within the 200' Riverfront Area and/or 100-year floodplain.
- The plan numbered C04 (Natural Heritage & Endangered Species Program (NHESP) Map) indicates that the proposed project is within an area designated as NHESP Priority Habitat. The Applicant will need to file with NHESP for this project to ensure it is in compliance with their regulations.