

## Patricia Maguffin

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**From:** Evan Lehrer  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 5, 2019 10:41 AM  
**To:** Patricia Maguffin  
**Subject:** FW: [Town of Mashpee MA] Cell phone towers (Sent by Janet Shemligan, capeswan@aol.com)

For the record- Blue Sky

-----Original Message-----

From: cmsmailer@civicplus.com [mailto:cmsmailer@civicplus.com]  
Sent: Thursday, September 5, 2019 10:24 AM  
To: Evan Lehrer <ELehrer@mashpeema.gov>  
Subject: [Town of Mashpee MA] Cell phone towers (Sent by Janet Shemligan, capeswan@aol.com)

Hello elehrer,

Janet Shemligan (capeswan@aol.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.mashpeema.gov/user/2793/contact>) at Town of Mashpee MA.

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Message:

It is imperative that cell phone towers are erected in the area. Many people do not have landlines. Reception is sketchy (even though we still pay for service). It has become a matter of life and death. My understanding is that they can be camouflaged (sp?) to blend in with the environment.

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**From:** Evan Lehrer  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 5, 2019 9:40 PM  
**To:** Patricia Maguffin  
**Subject:** Fwd: [Town of Mashpee MA] cell tower (Sent by Mary Ann Brennan Newcomb, mabnewcomb@gmail.com)

For the cell tower record

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**From:** cmsmailer@civicplus.com <cmsmailer@civicplus.com> on behalf of Contact form at Town of Mashpee MA <cmsmailer@civicplus.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 5, 2019 9:20:01 PM  
**To:** Evan Lehrer <ELehrer@mashpeema.gov>  
**Subject:** [Town of Mashpee MA] cell tower (Sent by Mary Ann Brennan Newcomb, mabnewcomb@gmail.com)

Hello elehrer,

Mary Ann Brennan Newcomb (mabnewcomb@gmail.com) has sent you a message via your contact form (<https://www.mashpeema.gov/user/2793/contact>) at Town of Mashpee MA.

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Message:

Dear Sir

I am unable to attend the cell tower hearing but would like to voice my support for it. I have small grandchildren who are with me as well as a husband with a chronic serious disease and comcast as a telephone is spotty at best and if internet goes down so does phone. I need immediate access to phone service for medical care and this is an untenable situation. I understand that people don't want it in their back yard but there must be a place that meet everyones needs. when the fire police emts and town manager are begging for it for safety issues why isnt it in place?

Thank you for your time and efforts

Mary Ann Brennan Newcomb

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Mashpee Board of Selectmen  
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To my town government officials:

We have owned our home in New Seabury since 2004, paying our taxes on time and following the local news from our condo in CT that was our full time residence while we were working. We were aware of the poor cell signal in our home but simply relied on our "land line" to have a clear conversation.

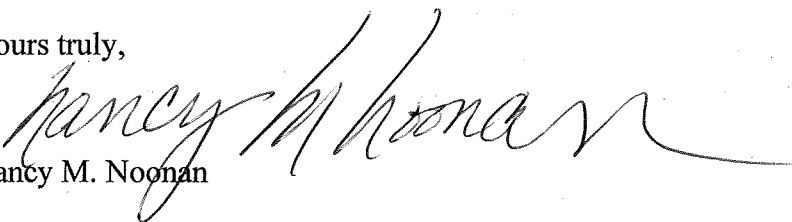
Upon retirement in 2010 we moved into our Mashpee home full time. That is when we began to deal with the constant reality that our cell phones won't work here. It has been frustrating at times but we have found some solutions by getting a booster for a while from Verizon and then when that stopped working with our newer phones, wi fi calling became our saving technology. Cell phones are the norm these days. Everyone we know has our cell phone number, not our land line number.

On Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> when we experienced that record breaking storm, we lost power for about 6 hours. I realize that some people were without power for longer but for us, the issue became the group of 8 friends who were staying with us. All of them are over 70 years old and one has fairly severe Parkinson's Disease. Suddenly I realized that if we had an emergency, we had no means of communication to get help! Our land line was non functional because Comcast (our carrier) was not working and of course without wi fi our cell phones were completely useless. If my friend fell (as he often does) I could not get an ambulance for him. This was a very frightening (albeit thankfully short-lived) situation.

This is a dangerous issue. Are we going to wait until someone dies because we have no cell signal in order to do something about it?! I realize that some townspeople have said "It's a New Seabury Problem, let New Seabury figure it out" – the fact is that all of the residents of New Seabury pay taxes to the town of Mashpee without incurring any expense for the town – why don't we get the smallest consideration for safety by the placement of a cell tower that will provide us a cell signal?

Please share this letter with all members of the Board of Selectmen and of the Planning Board. I look forward to the next town election – I vote here and plan to vote only for candidates who will promise to take care of this issue.

Yours truly,

  
Nancy M. Noonan