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

From: Dana Robert [<mailto:danajrobert2@gmail.com>]

To: Terrie Cook

Subject: Fire Station Cell Tower Documents

Hi Terrie,

This is Dana Robert from Degross Rd. Sorry I just realized that I type in your email wrong the other day and received a bounce back. Could you help me with a couple more documents?

- other bids received from the RFP (I think I only have Blue Sky's response). ATTACHED

- document outlining the site selected to be part of the RFP. I was thinking that was open to the bidders as part of the RFP but it seems it was specific to that one site. Just trying to understand why that site was selected.

NO DOCUMENTS EXIST

- document that outlines the bid selection process and describes the reasoning behind selecting Blue Sky. ATTACHED

- Other bids received in addition to the one awarded to Blue Sky
- Bid Comparison/Evaluation Sheet
- Inquiries about RFP (Not all vendors actually submitted a proposal)
- Real Property Transactions Process
- Selectmen minutes July 10, 2017: Award of contract to Blue Sky

There are no documents about how the site was chosen but the RFP was specific to the Red Brook Road site.

Please let this office know if we can be of further assistance.

Confirm receipt, when convenient.

Thank you.

**Terrie M. Cook | Administrative Assistant to the Town Manager**

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**From:** Dana Robert [<mailto:danajrobert2@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 24, 2019 6:03 PM  
**To:** Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)>  
**Cc:** Terrie Cook <[tmcook@mashpeema.gov](mailto:tmcook@mashpeema.gov)>; Wayne E. Taylor <[wtaylor@mashpeema.gov](mailto:wtaylor@mashpeema.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request Response re: Fire Station Cell Tower Documents

Can you tell me who that town planner was? Were other sites considered? If so, can you please send over documentation about the due diligence performed during assessment? Thanks!

Dana

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 20, 2019, at 12:02 PM, Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)> wrote:

The site was selected at the recommendation of the retired Town Planner. However, at the time, he was under the impression that the Town was going to construct the tower and not a private entity through the request for proposal – RFP. It did not change the height or location of the site but did change the cost up front associated with the Town.

**From:** Terrie Cook  
**Sent:** Friday, September 20, 2019 11:18 AM  
**To:** Dana Robert <[danajrobert2@gmail.com](mailto:danajrobert2@gmail.com)>  
**Cc:** Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)>; Wayne E. Taylor <[wtaylor@mashpeema.gov](mailto:wtaylor@mashpeema.gov)>  
**Subject:** Public Records Request Response re: Fire Station Cell Tower Documents  
**Importance:** High

Mr. Robert:

Attached are all of the documents that are in the Town Manager/Selectmen's Office with regard to the Proposed Cell Tower on Red Brook Road at Fire Station #2.

Dana

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2019, at 8:44 AM, Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Robert,

The former Town Planner is Tom Fudala. I believe you have all of the “documents” related to such assessment but I shall confirm with staff.

**Rodney C. Collins | Town Manager**

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You would have to ask Mr. Fudala. The site was recommended on the basis of southern point of Town and Town-owned versus privately owned property.

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**From:** Dana Robert [<mailto:danajrobert2@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 12:16 PM  
**To:** Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request Response re: Fire Station Cell Tower Documents

The document that I am looking for doesn't exist (see below). Question still stands. Were other sites considered? If so, can I at least get a list?

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**From:** Dana Robert [<mailto:danajrobert2@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 3:51 PM  
**To:** Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request Response re: Fire Station Cell Tower Documents

Hi Rodney,

This is your project. You are the author of the RFP. Did you consider any other sites?

Dana

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2019, at 12:48 PM, Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Robert,

**From:** Dana Robert [mailto:[danajrobert2@gmail.com](mailto:danajrobert2@gmail.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 25, 2019 5:23 PM  
**To:** Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request Response re: Fire Station Cell Tower Documents

Original, I asked if other sites were considered. I then ask if you specifically consider other sites since you are the author of the RFP. I don't mean to continuously probe you on this. I just feel as if I am not getting a clear answer on this.

Dana

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 25, 2019, at 4:30 PM, Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)> wrote:

Mr. Robert,

I stand by my last answer. The site was recommended by the former Town Planner on the basis of what was described.

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Mr. Robert,

I assure you that I am not attempting to be flippant either and I want to be transparent. The concept of the cell tower originated with the former Assistant Town Manager, Tom Mayo. It was considered a priority due to public safety factor. The Board of Selectmen assigned it to me as a professional goal. The location site was recommended by former Town Planner Tom Fudala. In full disclosure, he was under the impression that the Town was going to build it instead of issuing RFPs. The site as I recall was always Station #2 because it had to be in the south end and it was the last parcel of Town property in the area suitable for such purpose. The focus for the Town was to erect a tower to establish a repeater system so that police and fire could communicate on portable radio. There were many "dead spots" in the south end over the years. What changed is that instead of the Town constructing the tower, it opted for the RFPs so we saved money. Instead of spending money, we were in a position to receive revenue. The RFPs were prepared by Town Counsel. The RFP was awarded by the Board of Selectmen. You know the rest.

Is there a site that you feel that Town should have considered that it didn't consider that is public property? I am leaving for the day and will be out of communication via e-mail until tomorrow.

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**From:** Dana Robert [<mailto:danairobert2@gmail.com>]

**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 9:57 AM

**To:** Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)>

**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request Response re: Fire Station Cell Tower Documents

Hi Rodney,

I expect a much higher level of due diligence/research with a project that has such a high impact on your residence and that will set a precedent for what is acceptable moving forward. The town decided to circumvent bylaws in order to erect a 150 cell tower in a residential neighborhood. The town attempted to change the bylaw at the town meeting last October to fit the project. This project started abruptly after the proposed cell tower IN New Seabury was dropped. Blue Sky and the current town planner have talked about alternative sites on many occasions. I would like to see them but it seems as if they don't exist.

Was there a RF engineer consulted prior to writing the RFP to determine if the site was viable? Did you reach out to the federal government to determine if one of these parcels could be used? Did you reach out to the Mashpee Water District to determine if there parcel in New Seabury could be used? Did you reach out to the Peninsula Counsel to see if there was a parcel you could work with? Have town owned parcels inside the wildlife reserve been considered? Have you reached out to the state to determine if any of these parcels are suitable (36 Wells Rd)? This is all due diligence that I would expect prior to the RFP being written.

This project has been far from transparent. I just want proof that this is the best and only site that can be used. It would be a much easier pill to swallow if that were the case. It seems too far outside of the effected area for that to be so. This is just elongating this project and doing even more disservice to the residence in New Seabury. The longer this goes on, the longer they are left vulnerable.

Dana

On Wed, Sep 25, 2019 at 5:38 PM Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)> wrote:

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**From:** Dana Robert [<mailto:danajrobert2@gmail.com>]**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:18 AM**To:** Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)>**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request Response re: Fire Station Cell Tower Documents

This search should not be limited to town owned parcels. The only advantage to town owned is that the town makes money. The purpose of the project is to fill the coverage gap in New Seabury. Not make money.

Dana

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2019, at 10:34 AM, Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)> wrote:

Dana,

I don't know about any details about a cell tower in New Seabury being "dropped." I was told that the Water District has rejected the concept. Again, the focus was on town property for the repeater system. Private parcels were not part of research you reference. In terms of any federal or state land, the emphasis was on town land. The Planner at the time felt this particular site was appropriate. I understand and respect your objections. It seems that no matter where it is placed that someone is going to object and say don't put it next to them. I strongly feel that we need to enhance communication in the area for public safety. I would advocate any parcel that was town owned and provided enhanced service.

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**From:** "Rodney C. Collins" <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)>  
**Date:** September 26, 2019 at 11:30:24 AM EDT  
**To:** Dana Robert <[danajrobert2@gmail.com](mailto:danajrobert2@gmail.com)>  
**Subject:** RE: Public Records Request Response re: Fire Station Cell Tower Documents

Dana,

One final thought. I know you think my mind is made up and can never be changed. I would be willing to sit down with you and others at your convenience. I do respect your opinion and appreciate your comments and read them carefully.

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**From:** Dana Robert [<mailto:danajrobert2@gmail.com>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 26, 2019 11:27 AM  
**To:** Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Public Records Request Response re: Fire Station Cell Tower Documents

We are going to go back and forth on this and never agree. Thanks Rodney. I appreciate the dialogue.

Dana

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 26, 2019, at 11:22 AM, Rodney C. Collins <[rccollins@mashpeema.gov](mailto:rccollins@mashpeema.gov)> wrote:

Dana,

I understand that you feel it is all about us making money but that is not true. It is about having the ability to control a repeater system so that our police and fire can communicate on portable radios in an area which currently poses problems.