

Protect yourself (and your neighbors) from the health effects of wireless exposure

Vote Yes on Article 22

There is currently no setback for 5G "small cells" (antennas hung from utility poles) meaning they could be hung right next to your home, impacting property value.

Article 22 on the Town Warrant addresses this issue.

Vote at Town Meeting, Hawlemont, Tuesday, 5/26 @ 6pm

Email the Board of Health

Request that the Charlemont Board of Health open an investigation into the public health impacts of National Grid's smart meter rollout scheduled for 6/11 with many streets (Rt.2, 8A, Oxbows, etc) having a mesh network of antennas installed on utility poles.

The US District Court of Appeals found **the FCC ignored 11,000 pages of evidence regarding health impacts from wireless exposure.** The FCC still has not responded to the court order to review these studies.

Email:
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Vote for Jonathan Mirin, write-in candidate for the Board of Health on June 2nd

Read more about why this matters @ hilltownhealth.org

Why I'm Running as a Write-In Candidate for the Board of Health

By Jonathan Mirin

Dear Neighbors,

In April when I decided not to take out papers and put my name on the ballot, I had been told by National Grid that smart meters were not going to be rolled out in our town until 2027. However, upon learning last week that they will be installed on June 11 and also seeing how they are installing 4G antennas (the equivalent of small cell towers) under the guise of applying for "pole permits" where the public announcement only discloses their wish to install a taller pole and does not mention the antenna, I decided that I would like to start serving on the Board of Health as soon as possible.

I have a long interest in public health and local town government. I volunteered over a period of five years with the Planning Boards of Shelburne and Charlemont, helping update 20 year old telecom by-laws. My "day job" is Co-Artistic Director of Piti Theatre Company where we've created environmentally-themed and local history-based work for 20+ years, including many years at Hawlemont where I have also volunteered.

I lead professional development workshops helping people with communication, conflict resolution and leadership skills. I think all of this background will be helpful serving on the BOH, where I understand from following their work and participating in meetings that we will have the opportunity to address a wide variety of important public health issues. Most importantly, I look forward to finding ways to support our residents as they navigate what can be challenging circumstances that fall under the purview of the BOH.

My wife became ill in 2010 following an exposure to "legal" levels of wireless radiation in Boston after the birth of our son. After two years of figuring out what was wrong, we finally came to understand that she had developed electromagnetic radiation syndrome (EMR-S). You can watch the award-winning documentary we made about the experience "Canary in a Gold Mine" at ptco.org/canary (free for Charlemont residents until July 1!). From cigarettes to lead, from asbestos to DDT, our nation has a long history of large corporations profiting as long as they can until enough people have been injured to force change. The good news is that we can save energy, improve connection speeds, lower surveillance and hacking risks and still enjoy our devices while minimizing exposure to what peer-reviewed research now shows is a carcinogen and genotoxin. Our incredible fiber to the home network and reasonably placed cell tower on Berkshire East are great starting points - let's not blow it! Please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions and thank you for writing me in on June 2nd.

Best wishes for a healthier future,
Jonathan Mirin