



CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Community Development Department

To: Board of Zoning Appeal
From: Harvard Square Advisory Committee
Date: January 17, 2024
Re: **1350 Massachusetts Avenue**

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Overview

The Harvard Square Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) met on Wednesday, January 17, 2024 to discuss a special permit application by the President and Fellows of Harvard College for AT&T to modify an existing wireless communications installation at 1350 Massachusetts Avenue. The meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of Section 20.50 of the Cambridge Zoning Ordinance in advance of the applicant’s request for a special permit from the Board of Zoning Appeal (BZA). Committee members present were Allison Crosbie, John DiGiovanni, Kari Kuelzer, Alexandra Offiong, Matt Simitis (chair), and Nicola Williams. After discussion, the Committee decided to forward a report to the BZA with a positive recommendation, with 6 members present voting in favor.

Proposal Description

The Petitioner’s modifications include replacing (12) antennas with (12) new antennas in nearly the same location, replacing (6) remote radio heads with (6) remote radio heads in nearly the same location, replacing certain cabling with new cables, adding rectifiers, removing existing diplexers and TMA, and removing and replacing certain equipment in AT&T’s existing rooftop equipment shelter.

Public Comments

Cambridge resident Suzanne Blier briefly spoke in favor of the application. No other public comments were received by the Committee.

Recommendations

Members of the Committee were supportive of the applicant’s proposal and had no additional comments on the design or layout. It was noted that Harvard University had conducted an internal review and were also supportive of the project.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

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