

# **Harvard Square Advisory Committee**

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**Case:** 14 Arrow Street

**Applicant:** T-Mobile Northeast LLC, c/o Anne K. Reynolds, ESQ.

**Proposal and Zoning Issues:** The Board of Zoning Appeal Special Permit application is to modify the existing wireless communications facility at 14 Arrow Street on the existing smokestack pursuant to Section 4.32.G.1, footnote 48.

**Harvard Square Advisory Committee:** August 17, 2015

**Summary:** Anne Reynolds, of Prince Lobel representing T-Mobile, presented the case for the modification of the existing installation and the addition of 3 antenna and 3 booster units, the boxes mounted below the antenna. She also discussed the results of the meeting with the Cambridge Historical Commission and the Certificate of Nonapplicability. The FAA requirements have been met and will be recertified at the time of installation. All abandoned equipment will be removed from the smokestack. The maintenance is done by remote and very few visits to site are anticipated.

Committee members discussed the antenna and the degree of visibility. Overall, the members acknowledged the need for the antennas and focused on the design of the installation. They suggest that all the antennas be the same size, and installed in even intervals around the smokestack. The Committee agreed the antenna should be painted or finished to match the brick color and should not include grout lines.

## **HSAC comments:**

The Committee agrees that the finished antennas should be painted the same color as the brick, the new and the existing antennas should be the same size and installed in an orderly and regular pattern.

The Committee voted that the installation conforms to the Harvard Square Overlay District Guidelines, and reduces the visibility of the antenna by mitigating the negative impacts of the

impacts on the smokestack while providing required technology. One member preferred this location to the church steeple at St. Paul's.

**Committee Members in Attendance:** Alexandra Offiong, Bridget Dinsmore, Lauren Curry, Matt Simitis, and Max Frank.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Liza Paden".

Liza Paden

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