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# CITY OF CAMBRIDGE

Community Development Department

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To: Board of Zoning Appeal  
From: Harvard Square Advisory Committee  
Date: November 20, 2024

**SANDRA CLARKE**  
Chief of Admin/Operations

Re: **1350 Mass Ave (Verizon) – Positive Recommendation**

**MELISSA PETERS**  
Chief of Planning Strategy

## Overview

The Harvard Square Advisory Committee (the “Committee”) met on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 to discuss a special permit application by the President and Fellows of Harvard College for Verizon Wireless 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 hearing for a special permit from the Board of Zoning Appeal (BZA). Committee members present were Allison Crosbie, Kari Kuelzer, Alexandra Offiong, Matthew Simitis, and Nicola Williams. Absent was John DiGiovanni. After discussion, Matthew Simitis moved and Nicola Williams seconded the motion to forward a report to the BZA with a positive recommendation. Five (5) members present voting in favor and none (0) against.

## Proposal Description

The Applicant (Verizon Wireless) is proposing modifications requiring a BZA Special Permit. Verizon Wireless proposes to REMOVE two (2) existing LTE antennas and hardware from the existing Alpha Sector, one (1) existing Alpha Sector 6 x 12 hybrid cable and one (1) existing Alpha Sector 6-OVP, and INSTALL one (1) new MS-6.3-DB90-T antenna to the proposed heavy duty wall bracket, seven (7) new RRHS inside of the existing penthouse, two (2) new Alpha Sector 12-OVP, two (2) new Alpha Sector 6 x 12 hybrid cables, as well as updated support equipment and cables.

## Public Comments

No public comment.

## Recommendation

Members of the Committee were supportive of the applicant’s proposal and had no additional comments on the design or layout.

Respectfully submitted for the Committee,

*Evan Spetrini*

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