

BOARD OF HEALTH HAWLEY MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN  
HAWLEY MA. 01339

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Chairman  
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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION  
ACT REQUEST

FOIA-85-410

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Dear Mr. Palladino:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act, as amended (5 U.S.C., 552).

The Board of Health of the town of Hawley, Massachusetts wishes to obtain copies of all the materials in your possession pertaining to the relationship of your agency to the proposed installation of forty 240 feet and one 300 foot microwave towers in the town of Hawley as disclosed to the township by a U.S. Air Force spokesperson on May 15, 1985. The name of your agency as a user of this facility was brought up at the disclosure by the U.S. Air Force person.

In addition to these materials, the board of health also wishes that you disclose to us all information in your possession regarding health effects on human and animals from microwave emissions. We would like this request to be geared towards the particular emission power of the proposed facility and its possible effects on the health of individuals residing 0 miles, 1 mile etc. up to 20 miles from the facility.

To avoid any possible misunderstanding of what the Board of Health of Hawley is requesting, we are enclosing a copy of the newspaper articles which lead us to believe that your agency has in its possession records responsive to this request.

The FOIA provides that if only portions of a file are exempted from release, the remainder must be released. We therefore request that we be provided with all non-exempt portions which are reasonable segregable. We, of course, reserve the right to appeal to withholding or deletion of any material.

The amended act provides that you may reduce or waive fees if it "is in the public interest because furnishing the information can be considered as primarily benefiting the public". We believe this request plainly fits that category since:

a) The information is of primary interest and will be

disseminated at public meetings for residents of the town of Hawley, as well as for all residents of Franklin County to be affected by the proposed facility.

- b) The town of Hawley is a rural Massachusetts community with 280 inhabitants and it lacks the resources and the expertise to come to a reasonable assessment of what this proposed installation will do to the lives of its residents.
- c) The Board of Health of Hawley has no budget.

We therefore ask that you to waive any fees. If you rule otherwise, please inform us of the charges before filling this request.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please telephone Earl Pope, Chairman of the town of Hawley planning board at (413) 339-4430. As provided in the Freedom of Information Act, we will expect to receive a reply within ten working days.

Sincerely,



Roland Stiles  
Chairman of the Board of Health  
Chairman of the Selectman

cc: The Honorable Edward M. Kennedy, U. S. Senate  
The Honorable John F. Kerry, U. S. Senate  
The Honorable Silvio O. Conte, House of Representatives  
The Honorable Jay Healy, Charlemont  
The Honorable Michael Dukakis, The State House  
The Honorable John W. Oliver, The State House  
The Honorable Earl Pope, Hawley