

Letters to the Editor

From: The People for Safe/Sane Technology

The people for safe and sane technology met on August 28, 2019 at the La Farge Community Center to discuss local actions in opposition to BugTussel Cell Tower 5G rollout. Currently there are 27 cell towers proposed in Vernon County and 15 proposed in Richland County with more cell towers to follow as 5G requires the towers to be 5 miles apart. Concerns at our last meeting include: loss of property value of up to 40%, loss of tourism, dark skies, loss of rural character with many Amish considering leaving the area and well documented negative environmental and health effects due to increased electromagnetic radiation (stray voltage). Many believe that 5G is needed for adequate emergency services although others, in the field,

4G has proven to be sufficient. In Vernon County, the townships of Harmony and Whitestown have denied permits for new cell towers citing reasons stated above. Many local officials feel helpless against the BugTussel "rollout" because of state laws that support telecommunications. Community strategies were discussed at the last meeting to educate people and encourage community activism. If you are interested in becoming involved, our next meeting is Thursday, September 26, 6-8pm, at the VFW in Viroqua, 751 S. Washington Ave. Delicious coffee and tea will be provided and food will be available for purchase. (for more information on 5G please go to Environmental Health trust.org and Barrie Trower's Youtube video)

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