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Proposed Changes for Wireless Telecommunications Facilities

The Planning Commission recognizes that there is a general desire for better cell phone service in Reading, but that proposed infrastructure should take precautions to minimize their undue negative impacts. Updates to the provisions in Section 4.16 for wireless telecommunication facilities are being proposed in order to:

- Address related language that was included in the 2015 Town Plan, which encourages collocating and calls for stealth design of wireless telecommunications towers.
- Clarify existing provisions, including how it relates to the height limitations in the zoning district standards and making the required review procedures more clear.
- Address State statutory requirements that were added to 24 V.S.A. Chapter 117 in recent years, including exemptions and projects with de minimis (i.e. minimal) impacts.

On behalf of the Planning Commission Stephen Strait, Chair