TOWN OF SWAN'S ISLAND
TOWER ORDINANCE
Adopted March 6, 1995

SECTION 1. TITLE

This ordinance shall be known and may be cited as the "Swan's Island Tower Ordinance".

SECTION 2. DEFINITION: TOWER

A tower is any structure in excess of 50 feet above natural ground level used to support electric, electronic or mechanical devices or antennas, or used to transmit, receive or carry electric or electronic impulses, including without limitation cellular telephone transmissions. Tower shall not mean a utility pole that supports electric or telephone transmission lines, and which is owned by a public utility.

SECTION 3. PRODECDURE

No tower shall be constructed, erected or enlarged unless application therefore has been reviewed and approved by the Planning Board in accordance with the standards set forth herein and a permit has been issued by the Planning Board. The procedure for submission, review, disposition, and appeal of all applications for tower construction permits shall be the same as those set forth in Section 16 of the Swan's Island Shoreland Zoning Ordinance.

SECTION 4. DESIGN AND VISIBILITY

Towers shall be designed and sited so as to avoid application of Federal or State lighting requirements. Towers shall no be artificially lighted except to assure human safety as required by the Federal Aviation Administration or applicable State of Federal laws or regulations.

Towers shall be painted gray above the surrounding tree line and painted gray or green below the surrounding tree line unless other standards are required by the Federal Aviation Administration. Ancillary facilities shall maximize use of building materials, colors and texture designed to blend with the natural surroundings.

No tower shall exceed one hundred (100) feet in height, measured vertically from a point on the ground at the center of the tower's base.

SECTION 5. LOCATION

No tower shall be located within the zone to which the Swan's Island Shoreland Zoning Ordinance applies, as described in Section 5 thereof.

No tower shall be located within 2,640 feet (one-half mile) of the perimeter of any aircraft landing strip. This restriction shall supplement any applicable Federal or State standards concerning the same subject matter, and shall apply equally to all aircraft landing strips regardless of whether they are required to be registered with any Federal or State Agency.

No tower shall be located within 1,320 feet (one-quarter mile) of a dwelling unless it is located on the same lot as such dwelling.

I, Gwen J. May, Town Clerk of Swan's Island, attest that this is a true copy of the Swan's Island Tower Ordinance duly adopted at a Regular Town Meeting on March 6, 1995.

Signed

Gwen J. May
Town Clerk