

March 14, 2012

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East End Eruv Association

Dear Mr. Sokoloff:

As you know, my client, Verizon New York Inc. (“Verizon”), has entered into an agreement with the East End Eruv Association (the “EEEE”) to permit the attachment of lechis to certain of Verizon’s utility poles in order to create an eruv within the Village of Westhampton Beach.

Verizon previously understood that the Village of Westhampton Beach believed that its approval was required before Verizon could issue licenses to the EEEA and before the lechi staves could actually be installed on Verizon’s utility poles. For that reason Verizon delayed the issuance of licenses pending a court determination of the parties’ rights. Verizon also joined with LIPA in seeking a court ruling as to whether the attachment of the lechis may proceed.

In the federal court proceedings, however, Westhampton Beach has argued that it has no official position as to the attachment of the lechis. During the hearing on EEEA’s request for a preliminary injunction you confirmed that Westhampton Beach has no laws that deal with the attachment of lechis and that Westhampton Beach has no application procedure that is relevant to the attachment of lechis. (Tr. 278:23-279:23, 548:12-16, 556:18-560:6). You argued that “a license is a nonassignable privilege” and that “[t]he village law that I cited says that the roadway is controlled by the board of trustees of the village.” *Id.* However, you refused to state whether Westhampton Beach intends to take any action based on this issue or on any other theory, and you took the position in Court that there are no issues that needed to be litigated. (Tr. 556:18-560:6).

We sought clarification of the Village’s position in a letter that I sent to you in June 2011 (a copy of which is enclosed), and I made similar requests on January 25, 2012 in a telephone conversation with Leo Dorfman of your offices. However, we have never received a straightforward answer as to what the Village’s position is and whether or not

it objects to Verizon's issuance of the licenses. Mr. Sugarman (counsel to EEEA) sent a letter to you dated February 29, 2012 (with copies to all counsel in the federal court cases), asking the Village once again "whether it contends that Westhampton Beach's approval is required or that its ordinances restrict the attachment of the lechis, and whether it will take any action against Verizon and LIPA for issuing licenses for the attachment of lechis . . ." However, we understand that you did not respond to Mr. Sugarman's letter.

If the Village has an objection to the issuance of the licenses, it has always been Verizon's preference to give the parties the opportunity to obtain a court determination as to the merits of that objection before actually proceeding with the attachment of the lechis. Given your stated position that Westhampton Beach has no law that deals with the attachment of lechis, and the Village's refusal to tell us whether it has any other objection to the attachment of the lechis, Verizon has no choice, under its contract, but to issue the licenses and to allow the EEEA to proceed with the attachment of lechis to Verizon's utility poles.

We ask you again please to let us know if the Village objects to the issuance of the licenses and, if it so objects, to let us know the grounds on which the Village does so. Please respond by no later than March 26, 2012. If you do not inform us of any objection, then Verizon will issue the licenses as its contract with EEEA contemplates.

Very truly yours,



Michael E. Wiles

cc: All counsel of record

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Licenses to Attach Lechis to Verizon Utility Poles in Westhampton Beach

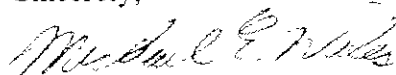
Dear Mr. Sokoloff:

As you know, Verizon New York (“Verizon”) has entered into an agreement to permit the East End Eruv Association (“EEEE”) to install lechi staves on utility poles owned and operated by Verizon, some of which are located in the Village of Westhampton Beach (the “Village”). I represent Verizon in connection with lawsuits that are pending in connection with the proposed eruv.

Verizon has understood that the Village of Westhampton Beach believes that its approval is required before Verizon may issue licenses to the EEEA and before the lechi staves may actually be installed on Verizon’s utility poles. However, the papers that you have filed on behalf of the Village in the pending litigation, and comments made by you during oral argument on May 18, 2011, suggest that Westhampton Beach does not take the position that its sign laws or other ordinances apply to the attachment of lechis or that the prior approval of the Village is required before the installation of the lechis may occur.

Please clarify your position. If the Village believes that its approval is required before the lechis may be installed or that its laws or rules restrict the attachment of lechis to Verizon’s utility poles, please let me know which laws or ordinances require such approval or impose such restrictions. If our prior understanding was incorrect, and if the Village does not contend that its approval is needed or that its ordinances restrict the attachment of lechis, then we will be happy to issue the licenses with respect to the poles located within the Village and to dismiss, without prejudice, our pending action against the Village.

Sincerely,



Michael E. Wiles