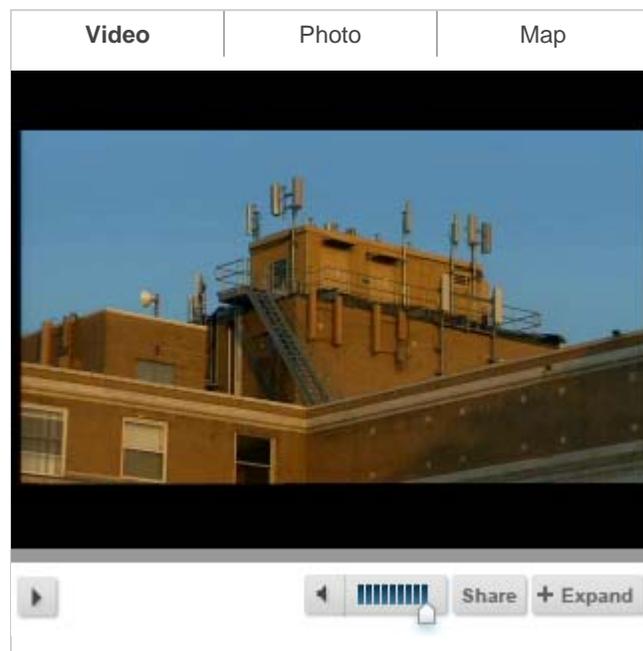




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Residents want cell towers to come down

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West Haven, Conn. (WTNH) - Some folks in West Haven say the cell phone towers here are an eyesore and a health hazard.

The Planning and Zoning Committee voted tonight to investigate the controversial towers, which allegedly violate the town's zoning laws.

It has been over two years, but residents finally got a special meeting with the Planning and Zoning Committee.

Gail Carroll said, "It's been extremely frustrating, because some of the people in the city departments just won't listen

The debate is about 28 cell phone antennas which were put up on top of the Giannotti Apartment building on Main Street in West Haven. The 1926 building used to be the Giannotti Middle School, and the old West Haven High School before that.

"It's a residential building, it's also a building that's on the national historic registry and right there, there's two very compelling reasons, definite violations," said Carroll.

The neighbors believe the landlord should've applied for a special permit. Neighbors had no idea what was being built and there are concerns about health, among other things.

There's also concerns about the process, or lack thereof. There was no notice given, no city oversight, no public hearing, no chance to fight it at all. Now they're hoping the Planning and Zoning Committee will issue a removal order

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Residents who actually live under the antennas aren't as involved, though one renter thinks they should've at least followed proper procedure.

Etienne Jacquemai said, "Personally I wasn't effected by it, didn't even really know it was happening so I can't really sa that for myself, but I mean, I think they should've went through the procedures."

"That's all we're asking for, a fair application of the rules an everybody has to follow the same rules," said Carroll.

This may not be over yet. There is some discrepancy about whether the Planning and Zoning Committee has the authority over this in the first place. That has not yet been settled.

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