Milford Residents Start EMF Impact Grassroots Campaign

by Christine Galione, Staff Reporter

The Massachusetts Legislature’s Joint Committee on Advanced Information Technology, the Internet and Cybersecurity held a virtual public hearing on several bills. One of them is Bill H. 115, An Act Relative to Best Management Practices for Wireless in Schools and Public Institutions of Higher Education. The gripping worry that many residents advocated for their bill was that they believed that by Christine Daddario.

In it, the Milford resident explained how her former employer had replaced its technology with stronger wireless in the local area and that the negative consequences she believes resulted from that installation. When she returned to her computer at the information desk, she described experiencing symptoms including all over burning sensations, extreme migraines, and nausea. She kept trying sick days or asking for work tasks that didn’t require a computer.

“In February 2021, after a particularly awful day of symptoms, I had a miscarriage,” Daddario wrote. After relating that devastating experience, she described worsening symptoms due to a heightened sensitivity to EMF (Electro and Magnetic Fields) exposure. And she later added, “I have now lost my job and my medical insurance, as well as all the other benefits of being employed. As will strength is increased everywhere, I am no longer able to go inside essentially anywhere that has Wi-Fi.”

After learning about Daddario’s experiences, Milford resident Tony Chinapali, became concerned about her and others with similar sensitivity to EMF. Chinapali has joined her to start a grassroots campaign to explore how EMF might be affecting others in Milford and the surrounding communities.

Chinapali, who became acquainted with Daddario when she volunteered for the Milford High School Connections Program, said that their exploration of EMF exposure is just beginning. “They’ve primarily educated themselves about the issue through the work done by EMF expert Cecilia Deuston, the Director of Massachusetts for Safe Technology (massatech.org), founder of Understanding EMFs, (sites.google.com/site/understandingema/) and Education Services Director for Wireless Education, (Wirededucation.org). As they reach out to the Milford Board of Health, other local officials, and the community, they have aligned themselves with Massachusetts for Safe Technology.

“A vibrant young lady, all of a sudden, can’t do anything. It was so foreign to me. But I could tell that she was really between a rock and a hard place,” Chinapali shared. The former Milford High School educator added, “We’re not against 5G, but there are ways of minimizing it, so that Christine and other people don’t have to go through what they’re going through.”

Dr. Lisa Nagy, an environmental medicine practitioner, also testified at a recent hearing for the same committee as Daddario that many women over 40 have mild environmental illness referring to sickness from things such as Wi-Fi, chemicals and mold. Deuston has helped countless numbers of children and adults to reduce their exposure. She said that avoiding EMF exposure at night is especially important.

“Some decide to try turning everything off at night, and when needed, moving their beds away from utility smart meters that pulse radiorefrequency radiation twenty-four seven,” she said. Chinapali and Daddario hope that area residents who’ve had symptoms after EMF exposure will contact Chinapali at safetwe101@gmail.com.

Editor’s note: The Town Crier reached out to a number of medical professionals in the Milford area requesting them to comment on this story and the topic of EMF exposure. However, each declined stating they did not have enough knowledge on the subject.

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OPINION

Letter from the Editor by Michelle Sandifer

The holiday shopping season is right around the corner and I can’t think of a better year to shop small, that is, shop at small businesses.

Over the last year, the number of small businesses open in Massachusetts decreased by approximately 37 percent, due to the impact of the pandemic. And today, many of those small businesses that are open are continuing to struggle. I’ve sadly heard the term “hanging by a thread” from a few owners myself.

Imagine what our communities would be like without our small businesses. Imagine a community without its diners or coffee shops, nail or hair salons, barber shops, craft stores, bookstores, breweries, and so many others that are located along our Main Streets. How bleak and quiet would our hometowns be without them. Small businesses need our support like never before. If everyone purchased just a few items from a small business instead of the big chains, the impact would be enormous. And if we stop ordering from local eateries more, the effect would be the same.

Look through the Town Crier. Look at the ads; many of which are from small businesses. Northern Pike, a one-of-a-kind gift for someone that you’ll find only in a small gift shop or boutique. Eat at a local restaurant or diner while out with the family or friends. Purchase gift cards from these businesses. Shopping small adds up to big things for the owners. Small Business Saturday is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. It was established to celebrate and honor the small business owners, who put their hearts and souls into their livelihoods. This year, it falls on November 27. Put this date on the calendar and make it a point to go out and spend a few bucks, condy’s, and so many others that are located along our Main Streets. How bleak and quiet would our hometowns be without them. Small businesses need our support like never before. If everyone purchased just a few items from a small business instead of the big chains, the impact would be enormous. And if we stop ordering from local eateries more, the effect would be the same.

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