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**Sent:** Tuesday, April 12, 2016 12:25 PM  
**To:** Georgiana Greenough; Adam Turner; Paul Foley; vercruysse@mvcommission.org  
**Subject:** Re: NO LAST-MINUTE CELL TOWER ON CHAPPY!

Dear Members of the Planning Board and The MVC Commission,

I am a seasonal resident and property owner on Chappaquiddick. I want to register my strong disagreement and opposition to the proposed cell tower on Chappaquiddick. Specifically, the current proposal for a 102 ft cell tower on Sampson Avenue. As you know this alternative was specifically not chosen by 75% of Chappy residents last fall.

This last minute proposal, process and evaluation has been inadequate and incomplete -- the entire process has been nothing short of an ad hoc discussion --- and it HAS NOT evolved from the previous process that provided for a full assessment of the technology, the safety for surrounding residents, the health impacts to residents in this area, as well as considered future functional and engineering impacts from this tower. This alternative was summarily veto's and dismissed by Chappaquiddick residents last fall. One only has to review the thin aesthetic evaluation to conclude how half-baked and opportunistic this proposal has been. It has not been discussed or reviewed with this Island's largely seasonal community.

This proposal also has completely disregarded and overridden the proper and reasonable process that guided the last two years for assessing, building and gaining a majority understanding among Chappaquiddick residents for the best solution for a wireless implementation. This was for a DAS system.

Apparently because of a last minute offer by a sizeable provider, AT&T (who ignored participation in this process for past few years), and brings forward a promise of immediate cash, a promise of a "temporary" tower, and little to no analysis of future impacts, and no guarantee for improved service everyone wants to jump into action. Why? Because the TTOR thinks it is a good idea and AT&T wants it up and running by Memorial Day? I fail to understand how the committee can succumb to this pressure ignore all previous work, and skip over letting this proposal come to the community at large.

I have worked in the telecommunications industry for 25 years and there is absolutely no reason for Edgartown to go the expense, time, inconvenience and unsightliness for old technology and infrastructure. This tower reflects the past 30 years of thinking and capability and disregards huge advancements in technology over the last 5 years. The DAS system that was chosen and discussed represents an advanced and modern approach to providing service and meeting all other requirements identified by the community.

Further, I find it somewhat incredulous as well to hear Mr. Fynbo advocating for this current tower --- when he previously fought it tooth and nail and was a huge advocate for the DAS system. Funny how things reverse when AT&T offers to pay you to put the tower on your homesite? Technology is advancing at such a rate that Chappy would be outstandingly served by the new infrastructure coming to the Island in recently fiber cabling, and now with DAS. At the time Mr. Fynbo loudly advocated all of this and represented how Chappy will be well supported with "its already outstanding wifi service" supplied by his company MV Wifi/Chappy Wisp. Once again funny how positions change.

Please do not support this last minute poorly considered program. Join with the majority of Chappy residents that are not looking for ancient 1980's solutions and methods -- this "temporary" tower is as ancient a technology dinosaurs that exists --- its a jackhammer for a 10-penny nail solution. It doesn't fit the requested need, it will outdate quickly, and will likely be displaced within 3 years. Economically speaking it is a poor fit to the task at hand. And ignores the answer the community asked for last fall in a DAS solution. Let's not rush it because some previously disinterested company has waved some money that has some in the community jumping. Reason and inclusion must prevail.

These towers have been proven to be unsafe and unhealthy in dense residential areas. The prospect is likely it will attract other other providers to this tower (TMobile, Verizon, Sprint etc) and guaranteeing future height increases to this tower. Please help reason prevail buy demanding a real process for consideration. The path that Chappy has been on must not be co-opted or overrun by one that has had no evaluation. The proper analysis has not been done and to allow it to overrun the previous work conducted is not right and is disrespectful to the over 75% of Chappy residents who voted for the DAS system after listening to all the horrors of the previous towers. It should not be allowed to happen or stand.

Thank you for your consideration and attention to this. I hope you will advocate for a reasonable, inclusive, informed and public approach to this latest change and prevent this type of last minute rushed proposals, with its "gun to the head" tactics. It is poorly thought through, being pushed by a few people and flies in direct conflict with what the community decided for just months ago.

Sincerely,

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