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**Subject:** Re: NO CELL TOWER ON CHAPPY!

Dear Members of the Planning Board, Edgartown Selectmen, The MVC Commission, and Representatives,

This is my second letter in response to the sudden alert I recently received that in spite of all the process and procedure and community discussion conducted and concluded on Chappaquiddick Island that determined the Town would pursue a DAS cell service system that this is being ignored by the Town in order to permit the construction of a 104' tower in a densely populated neighborhood.

As you know this alternative was specifically not chosen by 75% of Chappy residents last fall. This tower alternative was summarily veto's and dismissed by Chappaquiddick residents last fall.

This current, last minute hurried proposal, is operating in an ad-hoc "inside" style. There is no process nor a deep evaluation -- it has been inadequate and incomplete -- and it HAS NOT evolved from the previous process which 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 proposal has completely disregarded and overridden the outcome and 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 clearly spelled out that the community wished to install a DAS system.

Apparently because of a last minute offer by a sizeable provider, AT&T (who previously ignored any participation in this process for past few years), and who has brought forward a promise of immediate cash, will install a "temporary" tower, and little to no analysis of future impacts, and no guarantee for improved service everyone wants to jump into action. Additionally this will be installed on a 1/2 acre lot that already has a 80' antenna installed that lacks any permit or previous review by any body in the Town of Edgartown or on the MVC Commission.

Why is this occurring in this fashion? From the meetings it is AT&T wants it up and running by Memorial Day? What about the community of taxpayers who have participated in proceeding, votes, surveys that decided for something altogether different? Who is representing them? 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 was shocked to find out that the present site was never reviewed for any antenna! I have stated before that I find it somewhat incredulous as well to hear Mr. Fynbo advocating for this current tower --- given that he previously fought against it tooth and nail and was a huge advocate for the DAS system. I believe his point was that technology is advancing at such a rate that Chappy would be outstandingly served by the new infrastructure coming to the Island demonstrated in recently fiber cabling, and with DAS and at the time with what Mr. Fynbo loudly advocated "its already outstanding wifi service" supplied by his company MV Wifi/Chappy Wisp. But to find out this business has never been permitted or reviewed by the Commission especially given its past as a potential critical and sensitive area of the Island --- I can only ask what is the Planning Board, Selectmen and Commission doing here?

Please do not support this last minute opportunistic program. People will live with this situation for years. There is no such thing as "temporary". It will go up and the provider will refuse to take it down. 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, inclusion and discussion must prevail. I would expect nothing left from the Boards and Commission.

Sincerely,

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