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Mr. Jim Vercruysse, Chairman  
Martha's Vineyard Commission  
33 New York Avenue  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

Dear Chairman Vercruysse:

We're writing to express our sincere concern regarding the application submitted by New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC ("AT&T") for a special permit "to locate a wireless communication facility, **including without limitation** a 104-foot ballast mounted concealed antenna monopole with 3 guy wires and anchors, 3 panel antennas, a ground mounted dish antenna of 6-feet diameter, coaxial cables, and 2 radio communications equipment cabinets to be located within an existing building", on the property at 14 Sampson Avenue in Chappaquiddick.

Sampson Avenue is one block over from our property in a tightly knit area of pre-existing non-conforming undersized plots of land that are far below the minimum 3-acre lot size required under the current Edgartown Zoning Bylaws. The idea of installing a second structure on this property to include without limitation, a 104-ft ballast mounted structure with 3-guy wire supports is concerning to us for the simple reason that a cell tower without limitation can often times collect additional communications appurtenances over time turning a concealed monopole into a conspicuous collage dynamite sticks.

We understand from attending the first Planning Board hearing on this matter that there is a real need from emergency personnel to increase cell phone coverage on Chappy, which is completely understandable. We simply feel that increasing cell coverage and installing non-conforming structures on non-conforming lots are mutually exclusive. The approval of a 104-ft structure that is 325% of the maximum allowable structure height of 32-ft is in itself reason to give careful consideration to its blanket approval. Our fear is that this could be the first of many.

If the Commission finds that siting a 104-ft tower that exceeds the allowable height by 72-feet with support anchors as close as 5-feet to the front property line, and is in harmony with the surrounding neighborhood where no other alternatives exist, we urge the Martha's Vineyard Commission to consider conditioning any approval of this application with the following suggestions:

1. The approved "Temporary Tower" shall not change in size shape or form in any way without the approval of your Commission through a formal amendment that requires the applicant to refile for a new Public Hearing;

2. The applicant shall continue to research other sites where the construction of such exceedingly non-conforming structures are more harmonious with the respective location where no other alternatives exist;
3. No lights or any type of illumination shall be allowed as part of this approval;
4. Applicant shall endeavor to provide screening to the immediate abutters to mitigate aesthetic impact to the greatest extent practicable; and
5. We ask that you consider soliciting the Land Use Planning Committee to seek their opinion on the siting of the proposed non-conforming structures and whether or not this application meets the full intent of the Town of Edgartown Zoning Bylaws Section 23.3 & 23.4.



What we hope to avoid

Thank you very much for your consideration of our comments regarding this application; we appreciate your effort to ensure that the proposed application satisfies your rules & regulations.

Yours sincerely,

John & Sandra Cavanaro