

Paul Foley

From: Robert Strayton [robstrayton@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, April 10, 2016 2:13 PM
To: Paul Foley
Subject: Chappy Tower - Site Visit Considerations

Paul,

Below are some considerations to take into account as you and the commissioners visit the proposed Chappy Cell Tower site on Sampson Ave. Please distribute this document to all those visiting and please discuss them as you walk through our neighborhood. You, and the commissioners, have my explicit permission to walk through my yard and to imagine how the tower impacts me and my neighbors. And please, ask yourselves, if you were me, would you favor a tower in that location, especially one with such limited capabilities and limited benefits to the majority of residents and visitors?

Also, I would like to be included on the docket to speak at the April 14th MVC meeting.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration of the proposal.

Sincerely yours,
Rob Strayton
307 Chappaquiddick Rd
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Considerations for Site Visit at 14 Sampson Ave, Chappaquiddick

Note how you climb Sampson Hill from the ferry landing up to the Chappy Community Center and how you then begin to descend down towards the Chappy "store" continuing that descent towards the "Enos Lots" and Sampson Ave.

Notice the junkyard at the Chappy Store, the large open lot behind it and the relatively few homes in that area.

Notice the height of the power & utility cables crossing the entrance to Sampson Ave from Chappy Road.

Note the narrowness of the dirt road.

Notice the proximity and number of homes surrounding the proposed tower (over 125 homes within 2000' of the proposed tower).

Identify the location of the septic tank and leaching field on the 1/2 acre lot and plot their location against the proposed site of the tower and guy-wire anchors?

Note the proximity of the guy-wire anchor to Sampson Ave and consider the ability of emergency service vehicles to pass unencumbered?

Now consider snowbanks built up against those same anchors and the opposite side of the road, and again consider the ability of emergency vehicles to pass unencumbered?

Note utility poles on the opposite side of the narrow road.

Consider that Boston MedFlight has plotted the field at 294 Chappaquiddick Rd (beside the fire station, across from Sampson Ave.) as the emergency landing site for MedEvac flights from Chappaquiddick and how the proposed tower might interfere with their flightpath? Discuss real public safety issues!

Note that the proposed tower is an order of magnitude (+27%) taller than the existing 75' tower and how the current tower is rather obscured by trees.

Please stand in the middle of my lot at 307 Chappaquiddick Road and see how the proposed tower subjects me and my family to unwanted high-power radio waves, obscures my view and consider whether you would want a tower sited there, whether you would be willing to purchase my home with a tower sited there? Now do the same for all of my neighbors, and ask yourselves the same questions?

Consider the limitations of the proposed tower to only serve AT&T customers and ask yourself whether that serves the common good? Improves public safety? Improves connectivity for everyone on Chappy, residents and visitors alike?

Consider whether this tiny 1/2 acre residentially zoned lot is, in any way, an appropriate location for a cell tower on Chappy?

Consider only 17 percent of Chappy residents favor a tower of any kind, anywhere on Chappy?

Consider the long-term implications of a commercial development in this location and the precedent setting nature of such a decision?

Consider that a Distributed Antenna System could be built on Chappaquiddick for approximately \$1M. Consider a one-time payment to the Town of Edgartown of \$837,000 plus the cost of transporting and erecting a tower on Sampson Ave and determine that the cost basis for a DAS is nearly identical to the cost of building this tower, in this location.

Consider the DAS is a long-term solution that benefits all the residents and visitors to Chappy, improves public safety, improves connectivity and preserves the unique, rural and non-commercial nature of the island for generations to come.

Now consider your charter to preserve the unique character of Martha's Vineyard and whether permitting this tower, in this location adheres to that charter?

Thank you all for your thoughtful consideration and outright rejection of this proposal.