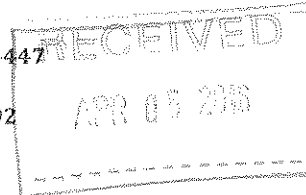


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Town of Edgartown
The Planning Board
70 Main Street
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Dear Planning Board Members,

By way of introduction, we are new homeowners on Chappy having purchased our house last October. We absolutely love Chappy and have been visiting the island for the past 15 years. Chappy is a special place and we realize you have a difficult task trying to balance keeping the charm of Chappy with matching the pace of technology and increasing safety for all.

I am writing this letter in regards to the proposed AT&T cell phone tower to be placed in a residential front yard on 14 Sampson Ave. We realize that we are coming into this discussion late in the game but we would like to let you know what we are thinking and to ask for some clarification regarding the cell tower.

We have no objection to having better cell phone service on Chappy. We are, however, very concerned about having a precedent set where cell towers can be placed in residential homes front yards.

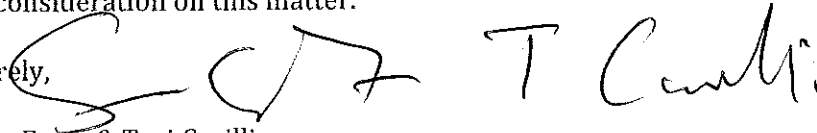
From what we understand, there is proposal "to locate a wireless communications facility, including, but not limited to: a 104 foot ballast mounted concealed monopole with 3-guy wires and anchors, 3 panel antennas, a ground mounted dish antenna of 6-feet in diameter, coaxial cables, and 2 radio communications equipment cabinets to be located within an existing building, on the property at 14 Sampson Avenue, assessors' parcel 34-197". That is a lot of equipment and to think that the proposal is to actually place all of this in front of the house on Sampson Ave has us very concerned. It also appears to violate much of what is detailed in the Article 23 of the Zoning Bylaws. In addition, we have heard that he will monetarily benefit from this arrangement with AT&T.

While we understand the wish of everyone to have better cell service, we find this temporary solution not a solution at all. We are concerned that (1) it will not be temporary, (2) that it will decrease home values in the Enos area, (3) that it opens the door for another cell phone company to come in and negotiate with another home owner to place a different cell tower in their yard, (4) one needs to have cell service with AT&T, and (5) it doesn't monetarily benefit the entire island.

We would like to ask why, if we all would like increased cell coverage, that the tower isn't being located on shared public land with the monetary values being distributed for the betterment of the town or the island? For example, why wouldn't this tower be located at or near the Chappy Community Center (CCC) or the Chappy Fire Station with the CCC or the town getting the monies? Placing this tower in a residential area is simply wrong.

We would like to go on record as opposed to the placement of a cell tower at 14 Sampson Avenue. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "S Forte & T Carilli". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Serene Forte & Teri Carilli