

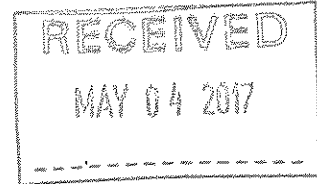
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MV Commission
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Re: DRI 662 -Chappaquiddick Cell Tower

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Dear Members of the Martha's Vineyard Commission,

As a direct abutter to the Fynbo property where the temporary Cell Tower is installed, I want to express my deep frustration and concern for this project. The current tower has not solved the cell phone coverage for much of the island, is highly visible for most of the year from many sites including East Beach, Chappaquiddick Road and not surprisingly Sampson Ave. Furthermore, there is no direction the cell tower could fall without crossing a property boundary and possibly hitting a house.

We have received little to no communication since the approval on what the next steps are and what ATT is considering to replace the current 'temporary' tower. From what I have read and gleaned from public information on prior ATT installations, a replacement tower is likely to be substantially taller, of a lattice type construction with other installations hanging off of it and would therefore be far more visible from most if not all sites on the island. Of personal concern is the dire impact that it would have directly on our small, densely populated neighborhood of Sampson Ave from both a safety perspective and a land value aspect on the surrounding properties. In addition, should such a tower fall, it is very likely it could reach one of the surrounding houses, to say nothing of the Fynbo property itself, and could cause substantial personal and property damage and injury.

This type of installation has no place in a small residential area such as Sampson Ave and I think it should be under the banner of the MVC to control this and future installations throughout Martha's Vineyard so that there is consistent rules, adequate disclosure and review to avoid placing a huge tower in a small densely populated space.

I do understand the need and desire to have better cell phone coverage but I do think the requirements and installations consideration should be clearly laid out and applied including to the future permanent tower on Chappy. How anyone can look at the current installation, envision something 40-60 feet taller and conclude that this site is a logical placement is beyond my comprehension.

There are plenty of tracts of land around Chappy and the rest of the Vineyard, with sufficient space and wooded buffer zones to accommodate a tower. There is also less obtrusive technologies as other options and we are nearing the point where every cell phone can act as a micro tower which could obviate the need for most cell towers.

I am very sorry that I am unable to attend tonight's meeting so that I can express my feelings and opinions in person and also hear the discussion. Please consider these points and contribute MVC's help and oversight to have a systematic and reasonable approach to placement of future towers throughout the Vineyard including Chappy.

Sincerely,



Molly Pickett

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