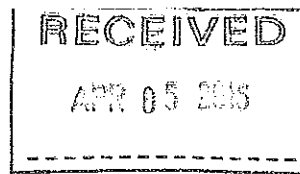




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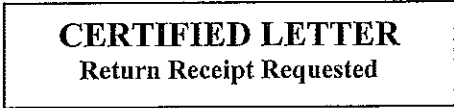


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Martha's Vineyard Commission
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Attention : Paul Foley, DRI Coordinator



***RE: Mandatory Referral of New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T)
Proposed Tower on Fynbo property, 14 Sampson Av (Chappaquiddick)
Assessors' Parcel 34-197.***

Dear Commissioners:

At the Planning Board meeting held on Tuesday, March 15, 2016, the above referenced application was referred to the Martha's Vineyard Commission under DRI Checklist item 9.1 Telecommunications.

The applicant, New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC (AT&T) is represented by Brian Grossman (Anderson & Kreiger) and Kevin Mason (AT&T). The applicant wishes to construct a temporary cell tower and ultimately a permanent tower on the Fynbo property where there is a pre-existing 104'+/- lattice tower (including antennas) that currently provides WISP (Wireless Internet Service Provider) to Chappaquiddick residents.

At the Planning Board meeting, the applicants presented a detailed plan, answered the board's questions and fielded questions from the audience regarding the proposed service and plans. They also emphasized the need to expedite the permitting process to meet their deadline to provide service before the beginning of the 2016 summer season.

The Planning Board received 11 letters supporting the proposed project and 3 letters with concerns. Two of the "concerned" authors were at the meeting and had an open discussion with the board, the applicants and members of the Chappy Wireless Committee. (All letters are attached in one file.) Art Smadbeck, Edgartown Selectmen, attended the meeting and endorsed the proposal on behalf of all the Selectmen.

The Board understands the MVC has already received the application and reviewed it with the applicants at a pre-application meeting. Subsequently the MVC has scheduled a preliminary review at the LUPC on Monday, March 21, 2016, and scheduled a public hearing with the full Commission on April 7, 2016.

The Planning Board has reviewed the application, conducted a site visit, and determined the necessity for this wireless tower service is vital to the safety of the Chappaquiddick residents and visitors. The Board looks forward to the MVC returning this application/project to Edgartown for a final decision before Thursday, April 14th.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Michael McCourt, Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael J. McCourt". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "M".

Attachment: Letters Received: 11 "pro" letters; 3 "concerned" letters

cc: Brian Grossman (Anderson & Kreiger), Kevin Mason (AT&T), Adam Darack (Chappy Wireless Committee)