

## Adam Turner

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**From:** Mary Spencer <maryvineyard@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 5, 2017 10:50 AM  
**To:** Adam Turner  
**Subject:** Re ATT Cell Tower

I would like to confirm my support for the ATT cell tower on Chappaquiddick. I urge the MVC to approve their proposal.

I have been a full time resident of Chappy for almost 20 years. I was able to get "ok" reception to my ATT account even before the temporary tower by means of a person mini tower in my house. Because I live in one of the very few areas that is not improved much by the temporary tower, my reception is pretty much like it always was, so I have nothing personal to gain in this issue.

The real improvement has been in areas of Chappy that previously had no service at all: particularly the Cape Poge wildlife refuge, And the beach from Wasque to Norton Point. For the past 6 years, I've worked as a summer tour guide/ranger for the Trustees on Chappy, so I've spent many many days in the gatehouses, driving the beaches and kayaking the bay. I've had occasion to check my ATT signal many times at those locations, and have found that the temporary tower provides reasonable signal in all locations. Presumably, the proposed tower will do even better.

Prior to the temporary tower I participated in a frightening rescue on East beach that convinced me forever of the necessity for cell coverage. Trustees Rangers, EMTs, Fire personnel and police MUST be able to communicate from ALL parts of Chappy to ensure the safety of our visitors and residents!

(Note: Please let me be clear that these are my personal opinions. I do not presume to speak for the Trustees)

While I understand the reluctance some feel about "change" on our lovely rural island, the fact is this: every year sees more and more visitors to our island. We may be concerned by the increasing number of vehicles, summer homes, bikers and beachgoers; but they are coming, nevertheless. As a community, we have a clear responsibility to ensure those visitors ( and, of course, our fishermen & residents) are safe.

In my opinion, providing proper communication in cases of emergency in our community far outweighs our individual concerns or preferences.

I urge you to continue to support ATT's tower, and approve this proposal.

Thank you.  
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Chappaquiddick

Sent from my iPad