
Chappy Cell Tower. - Subterfuge

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Attached are internal emails from AT&T that detail the subterfuge AT&T has engaged in its efforts to erect a cell tower on Chappaquiddick for the benefit of AT&T board member, Glenn Hutchins.

What these emails show is a concerted effort to steer the Town of Edgartown away from DAS, which would not provide the coverage AT&T seeks for its billionaire board member.

There are numerous statements from Patricia Jacobs, president, AT&T New England describing "The Hutchins Project" and her desire to, "look out for Mr. Hutchins."

Further these emails detail illegal meetings between AT&T and the Chappy Cell committee, meetings determined by the Massachusetts's Attorney General's Office of Open Government to have been in violation of state Open Meeting Laws. These secretive meetings detail agreements between the town and AT&T to "tightly choreograph" these meetings, what questions "would and would not" be asked, with the specific goal of steering the town away from a Distributed Antenna System and to a "macro solution," otherwise known as a cell tower.

These emails detail a requirement for this meeting to be publicly noticed, but given the discussion, the day before the meeting, no proper public notice could have been provided, and in fact, not notice was ever provided, all findings by the Massachusetts Attorney General. The meeting was illegal, and it was intended to subvert the democratic process, and was intended to steer the town to a "more advantageous solution" for AT&T.

The results of this "tightly choreographed" meeting, were then reported to the Board of Selectmen, and have been cited in testimony before this Board, and will, in all likelihood, again be cited during these renewed hearings.

In subsequent emails to be submitted, I will show that there were discussions at the highest levels of AT&T about its willingness to go onto a Distributed Antenna System, and how that could have been accomplished. These emails are simply intended to:

- Support claims that any Chappy cell tower is first, and foremost for the benefit of AT&T board member Glenn Hutchins
- Efforts on the part of AT&T to deceive the town about its true motivations for a Chappy Cell tower
- Efforts on the part of AT&T to sway the conversation about the publicly preferred Distributed Antenna System and to a lower cost, far more impactful "macro solution" or cell tower for surreptitious, dishonest, and disingenuous, self-serving reasons.

These emails acknowledge the viability of A DAS, highlight instances of DAS on Martha's Vineyard (like Nantucket, another location with miles and miles of beaches), and show AT&T's knowledge of and understanding of a preference for a distributed Antenna System on Martha's Vineyard.

These emails also note the difficulty associated with the siting of a cell tower on Martha's Vineyard, and specifically Chappaquiddick.

These emails also detail AT&T's knowledge of, and the availability of Comcast fiber optic cables now ringing Chappaquiddick, greatly simplifying the deployment of, and the associated build-out costs of DAS on Chappaquiddick. They also show AT&T's knowledge of a non-profit corporation prepared to make significant contributions to the construction of a Distributed Antenna System on Chappy.

In toto, these emails show a company that has knowingly, willfully and intentionally lied, subverted and manipulated town government at every level. these emails provide proof that AT&T not only knew the preference and precedent of Martha's Vineyard for less impactful cellular deployment, like DAS, but also prove its acknowledgment that any macro deployment would have to comply with "stealth" requirements.

Given the mounting evidence that AT&T has been utterly and totally dishonest about nearly every aspect of this application, from its motivation to provide service to Mr. Hutchins, to its lies about "capacity and bandwidth" for externally mounted radiation centers, to its undermining of democratic processes, to its understanding of ubiquitous high-speed internet permitting "WiFi" calling as a highly useful adjunct to cellular service (A feature, added to the home of Glenn Hutchins, but which does not add anything to AT&T's revenue stream, btw) to its knowledge of fiber on Chappy, and the reduction of build-out and installation costs of DAS, to its admission of the challenges to siting a tower on Chappaquiddick.

I would urge the Board to view this application with the massive skepticism I have repeatedly, and loudly urged in previous hearings before this Board, the Martha's Vineyard Commission, and which I will once again, most vehemently, and publicly, challenge nearly every claim made by AT&T to the validity of any application to site a cell tower on Sampson Ave.

For all of these reasons, and for numerous other reasons, you must reject the application for a cell tower at Sampson Ave on a tiny, non-conforming residential lot in the midst of the most densely populated year round neighborhood on Chappaquiddick.

Better, safer, more compliant, less impactful locations exist on Chappaquiddick to site a cell tower. Locations which deprive no one, including Mr. Hutchins' of service, and which do not reduce the public safety benefits of a tower on Chappy, but which, in fact, improve public safety for everyone.

Thank you for your close attention to these most serious matters of public governance, public safety and the preservation of the general welfare of the residents of this town which you are sworn to uphold.

Most sincerely yours,
Robert Strayton &
The Enos lots Road Association

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