

Chappy Cell Committee

8/13/15 4:30 Filley, Darack, Becker, Gurnitz, Kennedy, Cobb - Edgartown Town Hall

The meeting was held for a teleconference with representatives of AT&T. Kevin Mason, area manager for site acquisition introduced the various members of his team participating in the conference call. The conference included a computer screen presentation which started with the Towers in Edgartown and then coverage maps based on various heights. Coverage was based on in-building reception. The question of the best site on Chappy was answered that after analysis, the proposed site (35-11) was the best. They stated that 3g and 4g coverage maps would be similar and that both technologies may be deployed. In response to the question about AT&T using DAS, Kevin responded that they felt Chappy was not well suited for it. He stated they prefer it in more dense areas. They felt that it was not as good for in-home usage, but better suited for the road. A question about temporary coverage followed. They talked about COWs, but said a fiber backbone is necessary, and that heights were 40-50 feet tall. They felt that the Grain solution was implementable, and even though they do not have funds allocated for it, there was an executive commitment that it could happen if it is viable. They said DAS is not something they would be looking at. When asked if Grain did a DAS system would they tie in, they said they would need to re-review. They said in the short term not very likely. A discussion of the Katama silo project followed. It was noted that any tower solution would most likely need a fiber connection. A discussion of one vs. two towers as a solution followed. Bob asked about timeframe to get Tower up and running. They felt 2 years. A discussion of funding followed where they again discussed the executive commitment if project is viable, but normally they are budgeting a year to a year and a half out. After the call the committee reviewed the report for the selectmen.

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