

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark & West Tisbury
Notice of Public Hearing & Informational Meeting
Monday, April 6, 2009 7:00 p.m.
Chilmark Community Center

There will be a joint public hearing of the Up-Island Distributed Antenna System (DAS) Committee, the Aquinnah Planning Board, the Chilmark Wireless Communications Equipment and Facilities Plan Review Committee and the Chilmark Site Review Committee on Monday, April 6, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Chilmark Community Center. The West Tisbury Board of Selectmen will host a public information meeting. The groups will receive applications and hear a presentation from American Tower Corporation to install a DAS network that provides broad cell phone coverage in the Up-Island towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury.

For more information about the permit process, please contact Chuck Hodgkinson at Town Hall at 508-645-2114 or, chodgkinson@ci.chilmark.ma.us.

Abutters and abutters to abutters in Aquinnah and Chilmark, within 300 feet of an applicant's property line were sent notification of the above public hearing. Interested parties are invited to send comment and/or attend the hearing.

Please address any comments to:

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Up-Island Distributed Antenna System

Look inside for more details!

Dear Neighbor,

American Tower was recently awarded the request for proposal (RFP) from the towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury to install the Up-Island Distributed Antenna System (DAS). We are very excited and looking forward to the start of this successful relationship.

American Tower enables wireless communications in all the places where people live, work and play. We design complete solutions including in-building, outdoor and hybrid methods that help wireless service providers deliver superior coverage to their customers. As part of the RFP, the Up-Island towns required a minimum coverage area of one half mile radius from the main roads, as shown on the map below.



System Overview

American Tower deploys neutral host DAS solutions that are capable of supporting all FCC licensed providers—without the use of cell phone towers. The Up-Island system is a state-of-the-art fiber network that enables wireless providers to deliver cellular coverage, public safety systems, wireless broadband and more. This Up-Island system will consist of 25 low-visual impact antenna node locations in the towns of Aquinnah (5), Chilmark (9) and West Tisbury (11). Any licensed service provider will be able to utilize the system by signing an agreement with American Tower.

Preserving the Island's Beauty

American Tower is committed to meeting Up-Island's wireless coverage needs while balancing community aesthetics. With this DAS solution, we will utilize approximately 1,200 existing public utility poles and place approximately 25 new poles where required, minimizing the overall visual impact to Up-Island and preserving its beauty.



The above images show how the equipment will appear—and the minimal impact it will have on Up-Island's aesthetics.

An Experienced Partner

American Tower is the industry's leading operator of neutral host DAS. Over the past eight years, we have designed and built 172 systems with 2,500+ active nodes. Our experience in marketing sites to wireless service providers and working with town planning boards places us in a unique position to understand your community's coverage requirements and provide the right solutions to meet Up-Island's needs.

Financial Strength

Founded in 1995, American Tower is a publicly traded company listed on the New York Stock Exchange (AMT). We are a member of the S&P 500 with a proven track record of strategic growth. With operations in the U.S., Mexico, Brazil and India, we continue to grow by offering the best wireless sites and services to our customers and being a trusted long-term community partner.

Want More Information?

American Tower is closely working with town officials to develop the best network possible. If you have questions or would like to learn more about the Up-Island DAS, please contact David Pierce, American Tower's Director of DAS Solutions. You may also visit our website at www.americantower.com.

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