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1. Hi, I am voicing my opinion regarding the Port-A-Potty: Initially I was neither for nor against having it. After seeing where and how it is situated it is not obtrusive, does not have an odor and feel it is an asset to keep our beach. Therefore, I vote yes to keep it.
2. I vote to please keep the Port-A-Potty as I feel it is a convenience for everyone.
3. I love it!!! I don't have to worry about making it back to my house (0.3 miles away) when nature calls after a couple of beverages. It sits out of the way yet is convenient to beach goers. The arborvitaes take a little edge off the stark presentation and were a good addition. On the several occasions I've had the opportunity to use it, it was clean, and I noticed the interior smells pleasant - favorably compared to flowers I would say. This is a copy of what I'll put out on the chapmanbeach.org site.

4,5,6. Myself, my wife, and my daughter who are all voters are in favor of the Porta Potty. We spend long periods of time at the beach and with 3 grandchildren it is very convenient to not have to walk all the way up to the house.

7,8. My wife and I, both residents of Westbrook, think the porta potty is a large improvement for the beach. No longer have to go home to use the toilet. As long as the smell isn't bad, we should keep it. You barely see it walking to the beach.

9,10. We are in favor of keeping the port a potty. We think it's a nice option to have available for home owners and renters alike regardless of how far you live from the beach. The board has done a great job with its placement and maintenance. The fears people initially expressed about it- smell, non residents using it- don't seem to be an issue at all. One suggestion we could make would be posting a sign saying children under 10 should be escorted by a parent. Thank you as always for all the work you do as a board to make our beach such a nice place to visit.

11. Porta Potty Survey: I think it is helpful and convenient for residents that can benefit from the porta potty. Haven't noticed any issues with smell and was pleasantly surprised that it doesn't look bad at all. The trees are a nice touch and it has been kept clean. I have no issues with keeping it. Thank you.

12. The Porta potty at O'Dell Way has been a huge convenience / success for all of our members and guests. (Especially those who have to walk past Cherry Street to get to their cottages) The porta potty gets constant use-daily. I've spoken to my tenants and their guest who told me how clean and convenient the Porta potty is. John Finkeldey does an excellent job keeping it clean and odor free weekly, many people walk by and don't even know it's there. I want to thank the board for having the foresight and wisdom to continually make decisions that enhance everyone's beach experience.

13. Hello. I urge the association to keep the portapotty. The majority of people who use Chapman Beach do not have a beachfront home and therefore need to leave the beach to use the bathroom. The over 40 crowd and the under 10 crowd particularly find themselves scrambling for a toilet in a hurry. As one of the privileged few to live beachfront, every summer several neighbors (strangers and friends) sheepishly knock on our porch door and ask to use our bathroom. We are happy to share, of course, but it not comfortable for those who are asking the favor. Our beaches should be enjoyed by everyone. Providing the portapotty increases families' enjoyment of the beaches and is an act of equity. The current location of the portapotty is convenient, logical, and discreet. Thank you for providing this for our community.

14. I want to thank the board for being open-minded and thinking about new ways to help the members of the beach community. The Porta potty, although controversial, was in the best interest of the residents. It was nicely landscaped, well kept, and extremely clean. I felt it was a great service to the community and I personally would welcome it annually.

Against:

1. Need to loose the port-a-potty.... We're not a public beach. No matter how often you clean, it's still a biohazard just waiting to happen. You can hide it but it's still a plastic container of excrement right next to our beach. If it must stay move it to hogan or 2nd ave, so it's not on the main thoroughfare and still close for the non-beach front members. Please vote no on the plastic toilet!!!! We've never had one and everyone we speak with do not want it! Needs to go!!
2. do not support portipotty.....attracts non residents. do not like the aesthetic
- 3,4. Hello. New neighbor here. Have enjoyed meeting so many of you thus far!.... As the far as the Portal Potty question is concerned, put us down as a no. Doesn't seem worth it.? Have a fun summer everyone!
5. I'm writing to express my concern regarding the placement of the porta potty in our Chapman Beach community. While I understand the potential intent behind its presence, I believe it is unnecessary and negatively impacts our neighborhood for several reasons. First, the heat and humidity typical of beach areas significantly intensify odors from the unit, making it unpleasant for nearby residents. Additionally, Chapman Beach is a private community, and residents have access to their own homes should facilities be needed, eliminating the need for a public restroom on-site. Moreover, the porta potty is visually unappealing, detracting from the aesthetic of our otherwise beautiful and well-maintained beach environment. Maintaining the charm and cleanliness of our neighborhood is important not only to homeowners but also to guests who visit and respect the space.
6. Not in favor porta potty due to aesthetics. It's unsightly and unnecessary.
7. As a long term resident of Chapman Beach, I strongly oppose the porta potti. It has the potential to invite non Chapman beach residents . Thank you
8. Re: Porta Potty. We think the potty should be removed. We do not see a need for it, and think it is unneighborly to place one near people's homes. One only needs to ask oneself if you would like a porta potty placed near your home. It sounds like the focus is on how all the rules were followed to approve its installation, but to us the focus should be that it is unkind, inconsiderate and unneighborly to put a toilet near our Chapman Beach neighbors' treasured homes. Somehow for the last 100 years, families here have managed without an outhouse at the beach — clearly it is possible to get by without it.

9. It is an eyesore, mainly for me, because of it's proximity to my property. This decision should have been placed on the agenda so all the tax paying members could discuss it- not in the winter time when only a handful of year round residents could vote on it.

Neutral

I and my family use the Main Beach) I believe it is too soon to get useful data as to preferences, concerns . Maybe wait till mid August ,when the heat and usage have had an affect and when there will be more experiences ,use and exposure to the Porta Potty .. I have probably used it 3-4 times (#1only) and each time it was clean with minimal smell. I would not let that reported act of vandalism influence any decisions that need to be made.My research has found that PP vandalism is not uncommon unfortunately.(Google search) Not sure to the extent that it is being used , but through minimal observation , does not seem like a lot. I could be wrong on this . Also- might be useful to “ weigh” the responses to your survey. Folks that use the Main Beach and are exposed to it directly vs. others who may or may not like it but really don't use the Main Beach .That's it, hopefully this will be helpful.