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Dear Chilmark Town Selectman,

I want to bring a problem we are having at the Chilmark School to your attention. It appears that access to the bathroom in the CCC is no longer available. This has caused many strangers to enter the school and ask to use our facilities.

We have only 1 bathroom for adult use, and our custodian is not here during the day, so if we allow these "strangers" in the building we have to walk with them, monitor them, and clean up after them. This is also a safety issue of letting strangers into the school.

I am uncomfortable sending them away as we are working hard to be part of the community campus, but we can not be the one public bathroom here at Bettlebung Corner. Are there any plans to have any other bathroom access in this space?

We have Chilmark Preschool students and parents, as well as Chilmark School students and parents who use this community property after school hours, and when they are unable to utilize a restroom they are forced to go home. I have been working hard to be inclusive of all of our community families, so I find it hard now to deal with the CCC pulling out of the community arrangement.

Please let me know if there is anything we can do to assist is getting a public bathroom at Bettlebung Corner.

Thank you in advance for your help in this matter.

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