

Washer and Dryer Recommendation

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Background

- The six front cottages are not large enough to accommodate a washer and dryer.
- Owners are utilizing their cottages for longer durations.
- Closest Laundromat is ten miles away.
- There is space in the storage shed to accommodate a washer and dryer.

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The Question

- Could/should the CHCCA leverage the storage shed space and install a washer and dryer?
- In October 2008, The CHCCA asked Lynn Bowman, Nancy Ide and Judy Pachter to assess the feasibility of leveraging the storage shed to install a washer and dryer.

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The Facts

- **Costs-**
 - Front Load energy efficient coin operated: \$855
 - Electric energy efficient dryer: \$700
 - Installation: \$100
 - Sound Proofing- \$100
 - Separate water line- TBD
 - Total Up front Costs: \$1,755
 - Monthly electric and water costs
 - Electric Dryer- .30 cents per load
 - Washer .7-.34 cents per load

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Should The CHCCA install a washer and dryer in the storage shed?

Pros

- Convenience for owners that do not have a washer and dryer.
- Potential increase in resale value/"salability" of cottage
- Additional Revenue Stream

Cons

- Potential Noise and disruption
- Cost to install/purchase washer and dryer.
- Potential water pressure concerns
- Will we be able to limit use to owners only?
- Increase in water and electric consumption
- Potential septic overload

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Here is how it would work:

- The washer and dryer would be available to owners only.
- The cost of purchasing/installing the machines would be divided among the owners that will use the machines.
- To minimize any disruption to other owners with special consideration for the Spencers and Shirley Wright- sound proofing would be installed and the use of the machines would be limited to 9AM -7PM daily. We would turn off any buzzing mechanism that sound at the completion of the washer dryer cycles.
- A white board would be posted to notify others who was using the machines
- The machines would be coin operated to cover any additional cost associated with electric and water consumption. All monies collected would go to the Association.

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Recommendation

- Fix existing water pressure issues
- Install coin operated energy efficient washer and dryer for owner use only during specific agreed upon times during the day.