

## Oak Bluffs Planning Board

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**From:** ALLAN SGROI <sgroi@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 29, 2022 4:09 PM  
**To:** Oak Bluffs Planning Board  
**Subject:** Tabernacle proposal

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

Thank you for the opportunity to attend the planning board zoom meeting last night (4/28) since we are particularly interested in the proposed Tabernacle addition. Please see the letter that we sent to you this week.

Regarding the presentation by Ashley, we noted several inconsistencies. She stated that a Tabernacle addition (although never including as many as 10 restrooms) has been under discussion for 20 years. That is possibly true, but until a couple of years ago, there was so much opinion against it that it never went any further. A couple of years ago, discussion began again, but certainly without much leaseholder support, as we understand.

At a glance, she made it sound like 92% of leaseholders are for the proposal. What she actually said was that of the people who approve the proposal, 92% of them approve of the entire proposal with no changes. That is quite different from overall 92% support! We do not have any figures to indicate the approval percentage in the campground, but we feel that it is safe to say that most campgrounders are totally against the addition, although in favor of the new Tabernacle roof.

It was shocking to hear her say that the restrooms will be built even without wastewater approval. If this construction is approved, but the wastewater department never approves, it would result in 10 unattractive, useless restrooms. That seems totally irresponsible.

It has been quite disappointing as a leaseholder that much of the work and planning by the "Tabernacle committee" has been done off season with very little communication to leaseholders. To our knowledge, actual plans for the proposed addition have not even been shared with leaseholders. The Tabernacle drawing on the planning board website, showing the proposed addition, is the first drawing we have seen.

Again, we strongly urge that the town deny the permit for the Tabernacle addition.

Thank you.  
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