

Oak Bluffs Planning Board

From: Jennifer Michelson <jennifer@breathspirit.com>
Sent: Friday, April 29, 2022 4:25 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board
Subject: MVCMA Tabernacle roof and accessory building

To Whom This May Concern,

Only today it has come to my attention that on Thursday, April 28th, that a presentation will be made to the OAK Bluffs Planning Commission to obtain a permit to add a 1300 square foot, ten restroom, addition to the back of the Tabernacle. I understand that the building of this structure will require a special permit as the addition will be partially in the 100 year flood plain. Ten bathrooms seems excessive not to mention wasteful in terms of water usage, upkeep, expense etc. This expense should not be shouldered by private cottage owners.

(Chilmark has composting toilets- why can't the MVCMA?)

The plan for this and the details have not been shared with cottage owners such as myself. Without more time to learn the specifics, I feel that it is fiscally, environmentally and historically irresponsible to move ahead with this project especially without informing and consulting with the primary income providers- the cottage owners.

The Tabernacle does need a new roof and we have donated to that specific project and were under the impression that those funds were designated for that alone.

Please do not approve this project without taking proper time to consider the impacts of this project. A handful of cottage owners who are only elected (by current Board members, therefore it is a self perpetuating Board) do not speak for the majority of us.

Thank you,

Jennifer and Richard Michelson
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P.S. I did not send this because I thought the issue had been cancelled. Now I understand that they are trying to move forward? This is all very confusing and we as cottage owners need to be kept informed.