



# Martha's Vineyard Commission

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Town of Oak Bluffs  
Attn: Robert Culbert  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
56 School Street  
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557

May 20, 2021

Re: 9 Beecher Park Historic Demolition

This letter is to inform you that since this property is not located in a historic district and is more than 100 years old it **must be referred to the MVC** before the ZBA can legally act on the proposed demolition and reconstruction.

Section 8.1 of the DRI Checklist, Version 14, is very clear.

## 8.1 Demolition of Historic Structures:

Any **Demolition** (or any exterior alteration of an historic or architecturally significant feature, as determined by the local Historic Commission or, in the absence of such a Commission, by a comparable entity in the Town) or relocation of a structure that either:

- a. has been identified as having historic significance by a local historic commission or architectural commission, by a general plan of the Town, by the **Massachusetts Historical Commission**, or is listed with the National or Massachusetts Registers of Historic Places.

–Mandatory Referral and MVC Review

- b. is more than 100 years old.

–Mandatory Referral Requiring MVC Concurrence

This section 8.1 does not apply to structures located within:

- established historic districts and which are already protected by local historical or architectural MVC review that has the legal authority to condition and permanently deny an application; or
- the Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association's Wesleyan Grove National Historic Landmark District.

As mentioned above, properties over 100 years old must be referred. The only exemption are those properties located in a recognized historic district.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

Sincerely,

Adam Turner  
Executive Director  
Martha's Vineyard Commission

cc: Tom Perry, Alexa Arieta, Pamela Melrose, Christina Mankowski, Lucy Morrison, Wendy Brough