

Oak Bluffs Planning Board

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Just a quick note regarding the planned construction of the new building/bathroom facilities abutting the Tabernacle in the Campground.

I have resided at 48 Lake Ave seasonally for 50 years. I love and support all things regarding the MVCMA. I also am a regular strong contributor to the institution.

I have no real objection to the planned addition except that I understand that Oak Bluffs has a wastewater problem that 10 more toilets may well exacerbate. More to the point, I'm a strong believer in first things first. Based on regular pleas from the Campground for funds, it's clear that the roof of the Tabernacle is in dire need of repair. Given its status as the centerpiece of our community, and the architectural marvel that it is, would it not make sense to expend the time, energy, and funds necessary to the repair of the roof rather than attempting two projects at once.

The campground has prospered nicely for 150 years without new storage, changing room, and multiple bathroom facilities. To wait a year or two for its installation is the most rational of choices.

This is, of course, just my opinion but it is one that is echoed by many of my friends and neighbors in the Campgrounds.

Many thanks for your consideration.
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