

Oak Bluffs Planning Board

From: Brian Kirkpatrick <vineyardfolkart@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, May 18, 2022 1:17 PM
To: Oak Bluffs Planning Board
Subject: Oppose permit for addition to Tabernacle

I am writing to oppose the Tabernacle expansion and removal of the asbestos roof. I have been a resident in the campground for 33 years and have always recognized the importance of the historic value the tabernacle brings to the community, as well as the whole island. The construction rules and regulations have been strictly mandated and enforced upon all our cottages by MVCMA. This proposal violates their own construction rules and the addition will not fit in with the historic character of the MVCMA.

Our beloved historic Tabernacle is being set up for an entertainment venue. Does this mean we are changing our mission? Are we now in the business of housing big paying events? How does this promote our religious mission? I find the proposal by the board of directors to be very self serving as they control the outcome and as lease holders we do not have a vote. As a resident I am very disappointed that the proposal was not properly presented. I oppose this proposal until the concerns of the lease holders as well as the safety and environmental issues are resolved.

Thank you, Stephanie Flor, 8 Fisk Ave.