

Pam,

I hope you are well and safe during these very crazy times.

I represented Edilson Meireles (and he is cc'd here), for the purchase of 32 Oak Knoll Road. I cannot represent him in a legal capacity for the ZBA hearing due to conflicts, as I have several neighboring property owners who are also clients.

I am therefore writing a simple letter of support on Edilson's behalf.

The prior owner of this property maintained the same type of business that Edilson is proposing for nearly 20 years. Edilson has clearly heard the concerns of the neighbors during this process and his updated narrative certainly addresses those issues and concerns and shows that he will be a better neighbor than the previous owner. He is a dedicated and hard working member of our community, who sought out this property because it had a history of the same type of business that he needs to continue his work on the island. The neighbors have valid concerns, but those concerns should not lead to a denial of what has been an existing business for two decades. Instead, the ZBA should take this opportunity to address those issues, and work with the applicant to place reasonable conditions on his permit that will ensure that the operation of the business meets the standards set forth in the by-law, and also maintains a pleasant residential atmosphere for his neighbors. I am quite confident that Edilson will work successfully with his neighbors to achieve both goals.

I strongly support the application by Edilson, while recognizing the very valid concerns of the neighborhood. The West Tisbury ZBA is well versed in bringing both objectives to a satisfactory outcome.

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