



To: Town of West Tisbury
From: Beth Folcarelli, PhD, Chief Executive Officer
Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc.
Proposed Clinical Residency Program
Re: 49 Old Courthouse Road, West Tisbury, MA 02575 (owned by John and Wiet Bacheller) - NARRATIVE
Date: Updated 10/7/2021

Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc. (MVCS) has been working on an exciting potential new venture with Wiet and John Bacheller that will bring much-needed mental health clinical resources to Islanders of all ages, including young child and adolescent populations. The Bachellers have purchased 49 Old Courthouse Rd. West Tisbury, MA 02575 and hope to lease the property to Martha's Vineyard Community Services as an Employee Dormitory under section 4.4-5 of the bylaws.

The employees will reside at the property year-round, which satisfies the Occupancy Restriction under 4.4-4, stipulating that the employee must be employed full-time during the summer season.

Given drastic employee shortages in Martha's Vineyard Community Services, Inc. Island Counseling Center, the organization seeks to house five masters-level Clinical Residents at 49 Old Courthouse Road, West Tisbury for a period up to two years, as each of these clinicians completes their preparation for clinical licensure. While the timeframe may vary from resident-to-resident, we expect the average time frame to be 12-24 months.

MVCS' planning efforts reveal great promise for our clinic, organization, and community. While the organization will not be providing client services out of 49 Old Courthouse Road, we will institute a Resident Manager who will have a non-residential/occupancy space on the property, from which to conduct house and safety checks, offer support to the staff who will reside there, and be a point of contact for neighbors in the event there are any concerns or challenges.

Our goal is to have five Clinical Residents in place no later than December 1, 2021 or as close to this date we can come. We expect to have eight parking spaces at the property and also anticipate traffic flows to align with a daytime, Monday – Friday work schedule. The Residents will be reporting to work at MVCS' Island Counseling Center each day by 8:30 AM and leave by 4:30 PM, in general. On behalf of MVCS, I would be happy to present to Zoning and/or any other municipal, legal or regulatory entity to describe the project and property use.

Thank you,

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