



**Town of West Tisbury**  
BUILDING & ZONING INSPECTOR  
*West Tisbury, Massachusetts 02575*

November 15, 2023

Emanuele Gulino  
193 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd.  
Vineyard Haven, Ma 02568

Re: 193 Vineyard Meadow Farms Rd.- Plantings

Dear Manny,

I have viewed the (5) plantings installed as a condition of your Special Permit #2022-53, approved on November 8, 2023.

While the Special Permit did not indicate a height for the evergreens, they were intended to provide screening from your neighbor to the south. It appears the evergreens that were planted, do not meet the definition of screening in the West Tisbury Zoning Bylaws:

**Screen/Screening:** The location of structures in such a manner that they are not visible (as defined herein) from a public road or any other public place during the summer months, and no more than partially visible in winter. Objects or structures may be screened by topography, vegetation, or other structures not required to be screened.

**Visible/Visibility:** Able to be seen by a person of average height and with normal vision on a clear day. (See Screen/Screening.)

My interpretation of the above definitions is that the screening required (5- evergreens), should limit the visibility of the Accessory Apartment by a person of average height, from the neighboring property. The average height of a person in the United States is 5'6 1/2". A planting 6' tall would appear to meet the requirement.

Please let me know when the compliant plantings have been installed.

If you feel aggrieved by this determination you may file an appeal with the West Tisbury Zoning Board of Appeals within 30 days of this notice.

Joseph K Tierney, Jr.  
Inspector of Buildings  
Town of West Tisbury

Cc: ZBA  
Planning Board

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