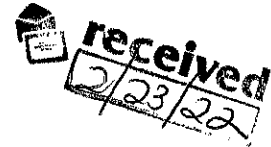


Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission

February 15, 2022

West Tisbury Planning Board
Post Office Box 278
West Tisbury, Massachusetts 02575



Dear board members,

I understand that a question has been raised in connection with the Island Autism Group's (IAG) ownership of land that is subject to a land bank agricultural preservation restriction (APR). The property is located at 515 Lamberts Cove Road in West Tisbury.

Apparently the question concerns the driveway that connects the public road to the farm's building envelope and whether it can be relocated. I am writing to confirm that, pursuant to the terms of the APR, it cannot be moved.

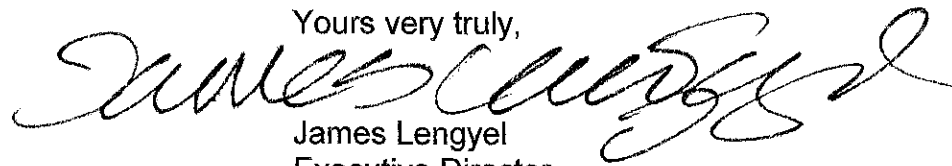
The purpose of the APR, as stipulated in its preface, is to protect the "agricultural and conservation" qualities of the land. This means that whenever a proposal arises the first consideration is whether it advances agricultural and conservation purposes, which relocation does not.

But the APR is even more specific as regards access to the public road. In protecting the field it carves out an exception only for the "maintenance of the 'existing driveway' shown on the [p]lan." This means that the driveway is required to remain in the location cited on the plan.

The land bank understands that IAG may seek to offer adjustments in order to accommodate its neighbors. While driveway relocation is not possible, it would indeed advance conservation purposes if IAG wished to plant vegetative screening south of the driveway. I should also mention that the land bank has already agreed to relocate its trail so that it will be more distant from the southerly border than originally planned. Doing so jibes with the terms of the APR and the land bank was happy to cooperate.

Thank you.

Yours very truly,



James Lengyel
Executive Director

**KIRK SAFFORD & KRISTINE SCHEFFER
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Date: 2/11/22

Joe Tierney
Building Inspector
Town of West Tisbury
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West Tisbury, MA 02575

Dear Mr. Tierney,

We have objected on numerous occasions to the illegal curb cut onto Old County Road created by our abutting neighbors on Oak Lane. Our objections were made to the Planning Board, who, we were informed, passed them on to you. We thought the issue was taken care of.

However, after the recent snowstorm our Oak Lane neighbors actually had a parking lot of their vehicles at the illegal curb cut on Old County Road. Why are they doing this, and why have you not put a stop to the use of this illegal curb cut?

The lots in question actually have physical addresses on Oak Lane – Lot 27 is 2 Oak Lane and Lot 28 is 18 Oak Lane. Why don't our neighbors use Oak Lane for access to their respective properties?

We ask that they cease using the illegal curb cut on Old County Road and use the physical addresses on Oak Lane granted to them for property access.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Kirk Safford

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