

CAUTION: This email originated from outside your organization. Exercise caution when opening attachments or clicking links, especially from unknown senders.

Hi Rich & Lucy,

After further review, I realized I misspoke the other day and possibly in a previous written question. The new building we are proposing will not have a sprinkler system because it is not required by the Massachusetts Building Code. The Code only requires a sprinkler system in an educational use building when the building exceeds 12,000 square feet, on a level with no exit without going up stairs, or in a building that exceeds two full stories. The most recent Montessori School building received a sprinkler system because it was two full stories plus the walkout basement. Here, we are way under 12,000 square feet, both levels have exits, and this building is classified as one story with a walkout basement, so none of the thresholds for a sprinkler system are triggered.

The school does not want to invest a significant amount of money installing an extra system the Building Code has determined unnecessary for the safe operation of an educational facility in a building with our specifications. The school will install all required life safety and accessibility elements as the pertinent codes and regulations require, but to go over and above would mean diverting limited funds from other educational programs and staff needs.

Sorry for any confusion about this!

One other thing, I noticed on the Friday agenda our LUPC meeting is listed for January 29<sup>th</sup>. When we met last week we said LUPC would be scheduled for the January 8<sup>th</sup> meeting with an MVC hearing on February 1<sup>st</sup>. Since there is only one item on the LUPC agenda for January 8<sup>th</sup> I'm hoping we can still be on for that meeting and stick with the February 1<sup>st</sup> for our first MVC hearing. As we mentioned, timing is critical for us due to the lease on another facility ending.

Thanks,  
Ross

Ross P. Seavey, Esq.  
Martha's Vineyard Land Law, Inc.

Ph: 508-560-8955  
PO Box 459  
Chilmark, MA 02535  
[www.mvlandlaw.com](http://www.mvlandlaw.com)

This message and the documents attached to it, if any, are intended only for the use of the addressee and may contain information that is PRIVILEGED and CONFIDENTIAL and/or may contain ATTORNEY WORK PRODUCT. If you are not the intended recipient, you are hereby notified that any dissemination of this communication is strictly prohibited. If you have received this communication in error, please delete all electronic copies of this message and attachments thereto, if any, and destroy any hard copies you may have created and notify me immediately.