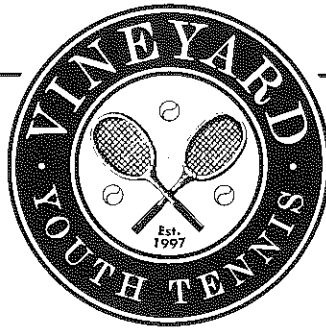


August 30, 2018

Martha's Vineyard Commission
ATTN: Paul Foley, AICP
RE: DRI 539 M



Vineyard Youth Tennis is requesting an amendment to the provisions of the Conditions contained in the Decision of the Martha's Vineyard Commission on May 17, 2001. Specifically, we wish to amend Paragraphs A.1.g. and 2.a. We have highlighted the above referenced Conditions on the attached copy of the Decision and provided the requested substitute language.

These proposed amendments would allow adults in our community to play tennis at the Vineyard Youth Tennis facility; currently, use is restricted to children under the age of 18 years old. This change is necessitated by the loss of financial support by the individual who has solely funded the youth tennis program for the past 20 years. Our goal is to continue to provide subsidized youth instruction, with the operational costs of the facility funded through adult play and community donations. Our proposed operational model has been reviewed in detail by the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen and we were extremely grateful to receive their unanimous endorsement at their meeting of July 10, 2018.

We wish to emphasize the following points:

- 1. No physical alteration or expansion to the existing facility is proposed.**
- 2. No changes are proposed to the existing easements agreements currently in place with the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission.**
- 3. Vineyard Youth Tennis is steadfast in its commitment to serving island children.** To that end, the following issues were discussed with the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen and are offered as possible new conditions, should the Martha's Vineyard Commission so require:

Hours of Operation Dedicated to Youth Tennis

Currently, during the portion of the year when school is in session, tennis instruction is offered to children from 2:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. We will continue to reserve those times exclusively for the instruction of children.

In the summer weeks, we will reserve two of the facility's four tennis courts exclusively for the instruction of children, during the entire proposed daily operating schedule of 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.

Subsidy of Youth Instruction

Vineyard Youth Tennis currently offers eight six-week sessions of youth instruction per year. We will offer one six-week session at no cost to any child who wishes to enroll. Thereafter, we propose to charge a nominal fee per lesson to offset the cost of payment to the tennis instructor. For any family who cannot afford this nominal fee, we have established a scholarship fund to cover the cost. Annual operating costs of the facility (repairs, maintenance, taxes, insurance, etc.) will be met with income generated by adult tennis participation and private contributions.

Attached is the Vineyard Youth Tennis Proposed Operating Plan, as endorsed by the Board of Selectmen. We look forward to meeting with the MVS Staff on September 5 and respectfully request your assistance in keeping this Island resource available to our children and our community.

Chris Scott, Chairman
Vineyard Youth Tennis Board of Directors