



Martha's Vineyard Commission

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Dear Steven,

I am writing to inform you that on Thursday, May 20, 2021, the Martha's Vineyard Commission discussed the proposal to install a backup generator at the existing wireless compound in West Tisbury (Map 22, Lot 7), which triggered the Development of Regional Impact (DRI) Checklist item 1.2D. The Commission voted to deny the proposal, finding that the Applicant had not presented enough information regarding possible alternatives to diesel power at the site.

The proposal is to add a 30KW Generac diesel generator, along with an associated 4'x10' concrete pad and utility equipment at the base of the existing tower. There are no changes proposed to the tower or the footprint of the site. The generator would include a 150-gallon built-in fuel tank and have a capacity of about 48 hours. It would come on for about 30 minutes every two weeks for testing, which will require the fuel tank to be topped off every 4-6 months. The following equipment would also be installed:

- Automatic transfer switch
- Electrical conduits and conductors
- Alarm conduit and cabling
- Grounding equipment

The Commission had requested additional information regarding the possibility of installing battery storage/backup instead of the diesel generator, but information was not provided prior to the meeting on May 20. Questions at the meeting focused on whether battery power was a viable alternative, and how much additional battery power would be required to serve the same purpose as the generator. The Commission voted that the project did not require a public hearing, but further voted to deny the project given the lack of information about alternative power sources.

Please note that the Applicant may return to the MVC with a new application at any time. However, further permits at the town level may not be granted prior to approval by the MVC.

If you have any questions, or if there is anything we can help with, please let me know.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Alex Elvin". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Alex" and last name "Elvin" clearly distinguishable.

Alex Elvin
DRI Coordinator

cc: Joe Tierney, West Tisbury Building Inspector