

Meeting with abutting neighbors to Marine Hospital re: Noise related to generator and 3 condensers

Date: August 22, 2108

Attendees: Neighbors -Daly, Clark and Jardin

Staff – Wallis, Fuller

Professionals – Conrad Ello, architect, Joe Sullivan, Daedulus, owners rep.

The meeting was called by the Martha's Vineyard Musuem ("MVM") in order to inform the neighbors abutting the generator and three HVAC condensers (the "equipment") on the northerly property line of the Marine Hospital property. The purpose was to address the approval condition of the Martha's Vineyard Commission (the MVC") for the MVM to measure the baseline sound for a one week period and provide an equipment solution that meets the noise and sound standards of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

After presentation of the technical findings (see attached technical letters from the sound engineers), a conversation ensued between the attendees. Several concerns were raised regarding both location of the equipment and the sound level. By the end of the discussion, the neighbors appreciated that the museum had addressed the equipment location so as to have the least adverse on safe access, archeological findings on the site and public use and enjoyment of the museum as a community asset. The neighbors had understandably hoped that the museum's analysis had determined that the location be different.

The sound issues focused on each piece of equipment – the generator and the three condensers. Specifically, the generator would only be used in an emergency and would need to be tested monthly. Although the decibel level was understood to be higher than the condensers, the intermittent use and lower than required sound level was appreciated. **The Neighbors hence agreed to a 30 minute testing of the generator monthly on the first Tuesday of each month from 11:00- 11:30 am.**

The three condensers would run as needed and hence usage would be continuous in order to ensure proper temperature control for the museum's collections, artifacts and objects. The decibel level was also lower than the required sound level, indeed lower than the existing average night ambient noise level. Everyone appreciated the commitment that the museum had made to exceeding the sound/noise requirements.

In conclusion, the decibel level for the equipment was acceptable to the neighbors. However, everyone recognized that no one truly knew what the sound would be like until the equipment was turned on and used. Hence, the neighbors withheld final acceptance of the control of the equipment's sound. The museum agreed to reconvene after such installation and use of the equipment had begun , assess the neighbor's feedback and proceed with any adjustments that need doing, if any.

Everyone left the meeting amicably.

Submitted by,

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