

DRI 712 Shearer Cottage Expansion
MVC questions and applicant responses
Dec. 1, 2021

1. What specifically makes the proposed kitchen not a commercial kitchen?

Applicants do not propose to run a restaurant or a catering business. Applicants propose to offer on a complimentary basis light snacks and beverages to overnight paying guests only. The kitchen will be equipped as required by the Oak Bluffs Board of Health but will not be used for anything other than guests at the inn.

2. Will the energy sources be all-electric?

Yes, the HVAC compressors will be high efficiency heat pumps and the hot water heaters will be electric hybrid.

3. Has the MV African American Heritage Trail offered any input on the relocation of the plaque?

- **Applicants are proud of its inclusion on the African American Heritage Trail and have an ongoing relationship with the co-founders and staff.**
- **Applicants have had and will continue to have discussions with the Heritage Trail about replacing the plaque (to update and clarify the historical record) and other related topics.**
- **Applicants do not intend to remove the plaque from the footprint of the property. Applicants will find an ideal location based on experience and aesthetics, as well as cultural and business considerations.**