

Case: #20-2018

Date Filed: 30 May 2018

### RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

I, Lisa C. Morrison, assistant to the Zoning Board of Appeals of the town of Edgartown, hereby certify that the following is a detailed record of proceedings pertaining to the application of the Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust for a variance to section 15.6 (a) of the zoning bylaw. The applicant is requesting permission to install a sign larger than 4-square feet in a residential district. The property is located at 58 North Water Street, Assr. Pcl. 20D-227 in the R-5 Residential District.

1. On the 30<sup>th</sup> of May 2018 the application, a true copy of which was marked "A," was presented to the Town Clerk.
2. In addition, an advertisement, a true copy of which is marked "B," was published in the Vineyard Gazette on June 1<sup>st</sup> and June 8<sup>th</sup> 2018.
3. Notice of the hearing, a copy of which is marked "C," was mailed, postage prepaid, to the petitioners; the abutters - owners of land adjacent to the subject property within 300 feet of the property lines - all as they appear on the most recent, applicable, certified tax list; and to all the proper town boards and departments.

On Wednesday, 20 June 2018 at 7:35 p.m. the public hearing was held in the Town Hall. The following board members were sitting for this hearing: Martin Tomassian – Chairman, Richard Knight, Carol Grant, Nancy Whipple, and John Magnuson.

The notice was read and Mr. Tomassian opened the hearing. Attorney Sean Murphy was present for the applicant and made the presentation. Mr. Murphy explained that he went to the sign committee, who were fine with the design and color of the sign, but could not approve it because it exceeded the 4-square foot maximum size allowed in a residential district. Mr. Murphy said the replacement sign will be the same size as the previous sign, but with a different layout and in a different location. The sign will be placed two feet in from North Water Street - at a slight angle - and on the other side of the path. The sign will be in front of the large green transformer, although the Trust is hoping to move the transformer to a different location.

Mr. Knight questioned whether the sign needed to be so large. He said that the current streetscape is very attractive right now, and he was not sure that the sign would enhance the current view of the property from the street.

Mr. Murphy said that the sign needed to be large enough so that visitors will know that the center is there.

Mr. Tomassian said that he is on the sign committee, and the committee approved the sign unanimously.

Mr. Knight said that he totally supports the Preservation Trust and the Carnegie Visitor's Center, but just believes that the sign could be smaller.

Funi Burdick, Executive Director of the Preservation Trust, said that they had spent a lot of time designing the sign, which is made of solid wood and beautifully fabricated. She noted that it will have replaceable panels that will highlight and advertise current shows and exhibitions.

Mr. Magnuson said that he agrees with the sign committee decision, and said that is why the town has a sign committee. Ms. Whipple agreed, and noted that the property was just on the fringe of the B-I Business District.

Mr. Tomassian made a motion to grant the variance. He said he did not believe that the sign would have a negative impact on the neighborhood and noted that it was no larger than the previous sign, which had been on the property for decades.

Ms. Whipple seconded the motion and voted to grant the variance for the same reasons.

Mr. Magnuson and Ms. Grant also voted to grant the variance for the same reasons.

Mr. Knight voted against granting the variance, saying that he believed the sign was too large.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa C. Morrison, Assistant