

A Short Synopsis of Gas Stations Reviewed by the MVC off High Point Lane

Clarence A. Barnes III and family are proposing to locate a gas/diesel filling station (DRI 629) at 392 State Road in Tisbury (Map 22-1 Lot 12). The Martha's Vineyard Commission has reviewed a number of proposals for gas stations on two abutting lots to the current proposal over the last decade.

In 1999 the MVC denied a proposal for a gas station and automotive repair shop (DRI 489 - Vineyard Service Center) on the abutting property directly to the west on State Road across High Point Lane (Tisbury Map 22-A Lot 9). On May 25, 2000 the MVC approved a modified plan (DRI 489-1) with the gas/fueling and inspection station elements removed from the automotive repair shop. On June 15, 2000 the MVC approved a modification to the DRI 489-1 Decision (DRI 489-1M) which modified a few conditions on lighting and hours. On October 19, 2000 the MVC approved a modification to the DRI 489-1 Decision (DRI 489-1M2) which modified the second floor and parking layout. On July 2, 2001 the MVC approved a modification to the DRI 489-1 Decision (DRI 489-1M2-T) which modified a condition requiring quarterly inspections by the Tisbury Board of Health to be annual. On August 2, 2001 the MVC denied a modification to the DRI 489-1 Decision (DRI 489-1M3) which sought to construct a retail fuel distribution facility with the previously approved automotive repair shop. On September 26, 2001 the MVC approved a modification to the DRI 489-1 Decision (DRI 489-1M4), which is not spelled out in the Modification, about delineation of parking spaces. On October 3, 2002 the MVC denied a new proposal on the property (DRI 489-2) to construct a gas station with 3 fueling pumps.

On January 16, 2003 the MVC denied a proposal for a gas station (DRI 552 – Tisbury Fuel Services) on the abutting property directly to the south on High Point Lane (Tisbury Map 22-A Lot 13.11). The DRI 552 Decision was appealed and was in court for many years before the MVC Decision was upheld.