

# 1133 Main Street - home of Susannah and Brian Bristol

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To: Alex Elvin <elvin@mvcommission.org>;

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Dear Mr. Elvin,

We have been neighbors of Susannah and Brian Bristol for over thirty years and can not think of another family with greater appreciation for history, tradition, the well being of our neighborhood, the community of West Chop and the island of Martha's Vineyard as a whole. We have watched as they have navigated a slow transition to living year round on Martha's Vineyard and are well acquainted us with their plans for the rebirth of their family home at 1133 Main Street. We wholeheartedly support the vision they have outlined and can not be more excited by the prospect of the continuing commitment of this wonderful extended family to our special island.

As six generation residents of the Vineyard for over 100 years, the Bristol family understands the sensitivity of this fragile island to change of any sort, and we appreciate their goal to rebuild their home in such a way that the new structure will seem as if it had always been here. By recapitulating the key design elements of the existing structure, they will preserve the character of our neighborhood while ensuring that their children and grand children will continue their strong legacy of being a "good neighbor" both in West Chop and throughout the island community.

Eleanor Hubbard shared the letter she recently submitted on behalf of the Bristols. Eleanor's message resonated deeply with me. I believe all of us who care deeply about preserving the character of this island share in the many complicated sentiments that come up with the "loss" of something old. But certainly logic and design intention should always prevail over superficial sentimentality.

Thank you in advance for enabling the Bristols to proceed with their plans.

Most sincerely, Amy (and John) Weinberg