

# Bristol Proposal, West Chop

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

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Dear Mr. Elvin,

The purpose of this letter is to support the pending proposal of Brian and Susannah Bristol to replace their home in West Chop with a replica, modernized by adding appropriate heating, wiring, and plumbing.

I am an affected party in the sense that I am a neighbor, holding title to 1063 Main Street, Vineyard Haven, Ma. As you are aware, West Chop is a historic community, founded in the late 19th century by land developers. As such, a number of lots were sold at that time, and large homes built to accommodate seasonal visitors. The Bristol house is certainly a lovely example of a bygone era.

It is, of course, in the interests of all neighbors that West Chop retain the aesthetics of that era. My understanding is that the Bristols hope to recreate their longstanding family home, being faithful to the original architectural intent, respecting shoreline concerns, and remaining mindful of any environmental issues. It is simply a matter of the need to apply 21st century technology to insulating, heating, and protecting the house as temperatures become more volatile with climate change. As neighbors, we are aware of the challenges of the wind, snow, and rain.

We believe the Bristols will carry out their project in a manner befitting the historic nature of the neighborhood, and befitting their much beloved, but aging, family residence. The Bristols have our full support.

Yours truly,

M. Diane Bodman (Mrs. Samuel W.)

Sent from my iPad