

# 1133 Main Street, Vineyard Haven

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

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Dear Mr. Elvin:

We have been neighbors and friends of Susannah and Brian Bristol for many years and know them to be sincerely concerned for the well-being of our neighborhood, the community of West Chop, the town of Vineyard Haven and the island of Martha's Vineyard as a whole. They have acquainted us with their plans for the rebirth of their family home at 1133 Main Street, and we wholeheartedly support the vision they have outlined.

We purchased a home on Hesselton Head in the mid-1990's. Unlike 1133 Main which has been well kept, 573 Main was a wreck. The interior needed a total renovation. We needed to put in a full basement to replace crawl spaces and we were permitted to knock down the back of the house and rebuild it. This took two years. 573 and 1133 did share a need for updated wiring, insulation, plumbing and heating and air conditioning. Old houses need updating to make them livable year round. Our 1885 house at 573 Main today is comfortable and habitable every day of the year because of the complete renovation that was completed twenty-five years ago.

We know 1133 Main well, having enjoyed cocktails, dinners and family gatherings in the living room, dining room, kitchen and on its porches. Today as wonderful as it is, it is obvious that it requires extensive work. These needs are particularly apparent in fall, winter and spring.

The Bristols love the house and have been excellent owners. It has been owned by Susannah Bristol's family for generations. We are confident that they will do a thoughtful renovation that will honor the history of the house and the result will be a family home of comfort, style and grace for future generations.

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

Sincerely,

Kevin and Karen Kennedy

Sent from my iPad