

Bristol home project letter of support

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Dear Mr. Elvin –

Susannah and Brian Bristol have been our neighbors on West Chop for more years than I can count. They are wonderful people and completely dedicated to the West Chop community broadly and their immediate neighbors in particular. They are also involved in numerous activities around the island, including leadership positions in various public service organizations. They have acquainted us with their plans for the restoration of their multi-generational family home at 1133 Main Street, and we wholeheartedly support the vision they have outlined. We went through a similar process to restore a property that was built over a century ago; our family and friends have gotten thirty years of enjoyment from that “rebirth” and we hope the same for the Bristols. Brian specifically described the work as a gift to his grandchildren who are quickly growing in number and all under the age of five!

As committed conservationists of their home and as leaders of the West Chop Club, Sherriff’s Meadow Foundation and other island organizations, they have an abiding respect for history. As sixth generation residents of the Vineyard for over 100 years they have a profound understanding of the role of history and community values that are so rich on this ecologically fragile and culturally diverse island. Change comes with risk, but it is also the avenue for opportunity. We know there will be some additional dust and workmen on our road if the project goes ahead but we have full confidence in Brian and Susannah to do it right and we are excited about their project. Like with our own home makeover a few houses down from them and thirty years ago, their new structure will seem as if it had always been here. But it will be better, improved and updated for current living. They will capture the key design elements of the existing structure, preserving and enhancing the character of our neighborhood as a whole.

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

Sincerely,



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