

Re: Indian Hill West Tisbury application

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Dear MVC:

>> I am writing to oppose the demolition of the Indian Hill Road application. The historical significance of the house is without question. The historical architecture is obvious by just looking at it with an untrained eye. I have attended a number of meetings at the MVC recently for a number of demos. The original owner was a respected islander.

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>> I have heard say at hearings for demos at the MVC "No one of significance is attached to this property". You must remember that historically island residents were not Presidents or Vice presidents but farmers, fishermen, sailors, preachers, whalers, clerks and laborers, but they are no less significant in the history of this island, and the architecture should count also. The recent MVC decisions to demolish demolish demolish is disheartening. When the MVC was first began it was a step necessary to preserve our island, as well as contain spread and development. Now I see project after project demolished with the MVC blessing, as "evidence" by applicant is taken as gospel on history, integrity of the structure and rehab. I have heard "evidence" from applicants that I know an engineer or a independent builder would quickly disagree with. I also see the MVC allowing in place of these historic structures overly large massive footprints, height and mass. And the replacements structures, no matter what the applicants architects state to the MVC, do not look, feel or are in character with what was there originally or in the neighborhood. This leaves the Towns, who hopefully are getting more and more ability in their bylaws, to try to change and try to contain what the MVC decisions allow.

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>> Please go back to the roots of why the MVC exists and was organized and help to preserve our island and its history. Please listen closely to abutters and oppsition also, many times from island persons who's families go back hundreds of years who still live here and provide year round housing, farm the land, construction and so much more.

Thank you Candy

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