

7 Arlington

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Dear Alex,

Hope you are well and staying safe. Thank you for the service you provide on the Commission

I listened to the recent August 24th MV Commission Hearing on the proposed reconstruction at 7 Arlington and – as a property owner in East Chop since 2014 – wanted to express my support for the proposed changes.

Eunu Chun and Lisa Kim are both in their late 50s. They can not use 7 Arlington year-round as it is not weatherized, and can not be in its current configuration. As an example, when they moved to the Vineyard in March of 2020, they had to live in a friend's house for the better part of three months since their house was unliveable. As the Chun/ Kims age, they would like to be able to centralize some of their living on one floor (in order to avoid stairs etc...) and this fundamental desire drives all of the planning decisions they are making for their new home. This fundamental fact has to have an impact on the decision being taken here: **today, 7 Arlington can not be lived in year-round – and the Chun/Kims want to change that.** I don't see how we can stop someone from wanting to make necessary changes for year-round living, unless those changes are so dramatic that they fundamentally alter the broader community.

The changes the Kim/Chuns have proposed don't fundamentally alter the broader community. I did hear a question of why they wanted to build a 4+k sq ft home. As a start, there are homes that are materially larger (10k sq ft) on East Chop and several of those homes are on much much smaller plots of land. But more fundamentally, is it any of our business to dictate how much square footage the Chun/ Kims can have to live with their family (including potentially their ageing parents.)? If the proposed changes would materially affect the sky line of East Chop, then a commission would be well within its rights to block such a development. But the proposed plans are in keeping with the architecture of the neighborhood.

Please let me know if you would like to discuss this proposal in person or over the phone. I am very much looking forward to seeing the Chun/ Kims break ground on their new home, that will be a significant addition for the neighborhood

All best

Mac