

Paul Foley

From: hodsdoninc@aol.com
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To: Paul Foley
Subject: Santander Bank / roof

Dear Mr Foley,

I am Dana Hodsdon, I sit as co chairman of the William Street Historical District Commission and Chair of the Site Plan Review Board. I have taken upon myself **as part of the public** to bring to your attention the following information.

I can not precisely mark the two separate occasions that I personally went into the Santander Bank, yet it was **Months Prior** to the tile roof being removed, with the intention of expressing my concerns about the failing of the wood trim and other. The first time I met with a big gentleman I would say in his late forties early fifties. He was sitting in the room to the left of the main door. I introduced myself told him of my association with the WSHDC and a quick quip about William Barry Owens and the possibility of CPC moneys. I suggested that he talk to someone at Santander and give them my information. Second time around there was what I presume, was a new manager. He was sitting in the room to the left of the front door. I told him the same information I had told the previous manager.

NOTHING!

The next thing I saw was the roof being removed. Because I have no purview to close down a site that is not within the WSHD. I hurriedly called the Building Inspectors office. I'm Not sure how things moved from there. The possibility of a hurricane, stop orders, concerned citizens. It is being lost in a he said she said debate. So here I am asking the MVC to stop, take a moment and review the situation.

The Management at Santander Vineyard Haven, were issued a permit to redo the roof. Some time between then and the roof being replaced I personally went into the bank to voice my concern to the persons I presumed were the managers, each time. The concerns was primarily about the wood rot and failing stain on the exterior of the building. My concern came from knowing that if you let a tiny piece rot, then there will be more damage further down the road.

This stone building has been well noted in the history of the town center of Vineyard Haven. It is an iconic piece of architecture that though small, can compare to many pieces of architecture having been built around Mass. as gate houses, Barns and homes during the late 1800's to the 1920's. This is OUR little gem. This slice of architecture should be considered a show piece as is the Whaling Church in Edgartown. This may be smaller but it has the grace and lines of something special.

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Last year it was reported by Santander grants in the amount of \$3.1 million dollars were given to towns for revitalization etc.. This shows that they have the means if they apply their goodwill. They also have the means to be a good neighbor to Vineyard Haven, to do what is right and not go about being cheep. They are a multi national bank that can extend their hand to maintain the Stone Bank as it was built.

Don't give them a pass to leave the roof or trim the way it is.

Sincerely,

Dana Hodsdon

** Boston Santander Bank June 21, 2016