

## Paul Foley

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**From:** allcingi@aol.com  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 19, 2017 6:08 PM  
**To:** Paul Foley  
**Subject:** (to MVC) fwd : 2016-10-05 (to group) Santander Stone Bank Roof alteration need DRI Review  
**Attachments:** 2016-10-05 (to group) Santander Stone Bank Roof alteration need DRI Review.zip; DRI Checklist - version 12.pdf

Hello, Paul,

I would like my previous email, and, the DRI checklist and zip file of the demolition pictures I took, to be inserted in MVC's current discussion of the said Stone bank's historic building in Vineyard haven.

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To the Commissioners,

I hope MV Commissioners find the right decision / solution about restoring the historic values correctly even if it can be tricky with next procedures.

Or, this could be the sad case of how a critically important values and evidences of our town's history and our community's pride could be erased so easily and quickly from the oversight. We would no longer be able to bear the town's (hi)story to be proud of in this way. Having that stone building, located in Main street of Vineyard Haven is beyond the building's value.

This asphalt roof replacement has to be corrected at all costs.  
We are asking MVC to support to restore and correct the historic building, to preserve the town's history in tact.

\*\*\*Please, read my previous email attached below and click the links that show the building in the public pictures.

Sincerely,

HS Lee  
Vineyard Haven

-----Original Message-----

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**Cc:** veno <veno@mvcommission.org>; foley <foley@mvcommission.org>  
**Sent:** Wed, Oct 5, 2016 1:44 pm  
**Subject:** 2016-10-05 (to group) Santander Stone Bank Roof alteration need DRI Review



Hello, all,

I need your urgent attention about the Stone bank in Main street, VH.

The Santander Bank roof tiles have been removed without the proper (hisotorical) reviews (see pics) and are to be replaced with the red Asphalt shingles, and, not the same previous Spanish Tiles.

**This alteration should trigger DRI and should be reviewed at MVC.**

The current roof work has to be stopped or redone to the original style.

See the "current" MVC-DRI Checklist ([Version 12](#))

**MVC DRI checklist** : ([download attached PDF](#))

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### **8.2 Demolition or Exterior Alteration of Historic Structures:**

The demolition or exterior alteration of any structure that:

- i) has been identified as having historic significance by a local historic commission or architectural commission, by a general plan of the Town, by the Massachusetts Historical Commission, or is listed with the National or Massachusetts Registers of Historic Places; or
- ii) is **more than a hundred years old** – with MVC concurrence. This excludes structures located within:
  - established historic districts and are already protected by local historical or architectural commission review that has the legal authority to condition and permanently deny an application .or
  - the Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association's Wesleyan Grove National Historic Landmark District.

This signature building and several other buildings in town were erected by the young entrepreneur, **William Barry Owen**, (known for HMV, VICTOR, Owen Park), and, the son of an Artic Whaler Captain Leander Owen, linked with Historic William Street, Main street history and Island genealogy, and, this has been the most photographed single structure in VH, over the century, in post cards and in many other formats.

**Your Urgent Help/attention is needed to "correctly preserve the proud history of Vineyard Haven".**

In this case, the historical significance will be displaced and diminished by the changing ownership, who doesn't identify its importance to Vineyard Haven, and our proud community. The bank chose this poor conclusion of the downgraded, generic asphalt roofing.

**(Stop the Historical obsoletion)**

On the island,

lots of significant buildings had been removed or hacked permanently from its glorious days, outweighed by the practical short sight of the ownership of the time.

Today, we are struggling with the obsolete, or disconnected streetscape due to these hacking/demolition in VH Main Street (Leslie's, MV Savings Bank site, Havenside APT sites) and in OB Circuit Ave (Reliable's side). And Seaview Ave/ OB Police Dept. site.

**(Helping to fund?)**

In the past months,

I have contacted the Santander bank managers to report the rotting brackets off Main Street, and, asked them to apply for CPC fund or any other state fund to have the buildings be either listed or regulated but funded and maintained properly. But, as their bank job positions are unstable, nobody in that branch seems to advocate the importance of the building as we see.

We need to stop this downgraded roof work and help to restore the history building properly.

Regards,

HS

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1. Images, Evidence : The Stone Bank, Main Street, VH

**Stone Bank, Vineyard Haven...** the tiled roof Before (google Image):

[https://www.google.com/search?q=santander+bank+tisbury&espv=2&biw=1513&bih=692&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjhrjwgMTPAhUFPIYKHfWLD8MQ\\_AUICSgE#tbm=isch&q=Stone+bank+vineyard+haven&imgsrc=KIKXnGI2tMNjqM%3A](https://www.google.com/search?q=santander+bank+tisbury&espv=2&biw=1513&bih=692&source=lnms&tbm=isch&sa=X&ved=0ahUKEwjhrjwgMTPAhUFPIYKHfWLD8MQ_AUICSgE#tbm=isch&q=Stone+bank+vineyard+haven&imgsrc=KIKXnGI2tMNjqM%3A)

**MV National Bank, (1910)...****over 100 years old**

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**Article : The Bank**, built in 1905, by Boston Architect, J. William Beal (MV Times, 2015, Chris Baer)

<http://www.mvtimes.com/2015/01/14/bank/>

2. **picture, taken today** (Oct 5, 2016) after the removal of the roof tiles: ([download and unzip the file](#))  
[They are already putting the asphalt shingles on Main street side](#)

3. **MVC DRI checklist** : ([download PDF, Page 9](#))

4. **HISTORICAL OBSOLETION** : Post cards, OB and VH

(OB, Seaview Ave)

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(Main St, VH)

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