

Proposed renovations at Shearer Cottage

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To: Alex Elvin <elvin@mvcommission.org>; Lee Van Allen <lvanallen@comcast.net>;

Dear Mr. Elvin,

This letter is in support of the proposed renovations to the historic Shearer Cottage.

As you know, Shearer Cottage is steeped in history and proudly represents Martha's Vineyard at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, DC.

My relationship with Shearer Cottage is personal; I am a great granddaughter of Charles and Henrietta Shearer. My father remembered Grandpa Shearer, and worked under Aunt Sadie's guidance many summers; he was among many who credited early work experience and character building to his summers spent working at Shearer.

Shearer has long been a part of the Highlands neighborhood of East Chop and that long history makes the family cognizant of the importance of maintaining a sense of community, and remaining respectful of the quiet and solitude that residents cherish.

We are hopeful that the renovations are approved so Shearer can remain in the community for the next 100 years.

Respectfully,

Carol Shearer-Best