

Conservation Commission
Attention Jane Varkonda, Agent
66 High Point Lane, Right trailer
Vineyard Haven, Ma. 02568
September 6, 2019

Re: MVSYS Marina plan

Dear Board Members,

Let me take a moment to introduce myself, and why I think I can speak about this project. My name is Alan Wilson, perhaps you know me as the owner/ operator of Island Tire & Auto Service for nearly 50 years. I've been a mariner for 41 years and hold a Commercial Coast Guard license. I have also been a board member on the Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission in the late eighties and nineties. Most proudly I'm an Eagle Boy Scout. Enough about me.

The purpose of this letter is to let the board know I have reviewed and analyzed the MVSYS Marina plans. I understand the need for this project to proceed for several reasons. First as a mariner Vineyard Haven Harbor needs a safe marina for boats that is not exposed to the northeast. With Beach Road running thru the middle of the MVSYS business, this plan will help alleviate vehicle traffic issues both for the shipyard and the motoring public.

I am familiar with the MVSYS day to day operations and just how environmentally conscious they are. They have installed at great expense a state-of-the-art boat wash down facility that is the rival of the industry. Their hazardous material and waste handling are also state of the art and exceeds industry standards.

Looking at all the aspects of the plan you can see they have addressed every environmental concern and have either eliminated or mitigated any negative environmental effect.

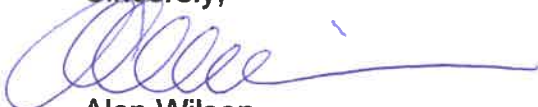
The Island has been lucky to have folks like Donald DeSorcy, Bob Douglas, and Ralph Packer as property owners and custodians of the Vineyard Haven waterfront and for keeping it a working harbor. These folks won't be around in 15 Years.
Then What?

Why not use the MVSYS Marina plan as a shining example of how future development in this critical area is judged. The MVSYS has set the bar high for

themselves as well as for everyone else and should be used as a model for future harbor development.

I urge the board to support this project with only the normal list of conditions during the construction phase. Once approved and built I think we all can be proud of having done the proper thing in protecting the Vineyard Haven Harbor as a proper working waterfront now and in the future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Alan Wilson', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Alan Wilson