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I have had a positive relationship with the Martha's Vineyard Shipyard since moving to the Vineyard 48 years ago. I was excited to review the proposal stated in file #16115. The waterfront in Tisbury is the welcoming port for year-round residents and visitors alike. The shipyard and indeed the Hale family has always stood for the rule of law, following regulations, with a clear sensitivity for the environment. They are perhaps the quintessential family business in the Town of Tisbury.

I find the proposal an answer to a long-needed issue to meet the current and future demand for a facility that would benefit the Vineyard boating community. The working waterfront is an important resource to protect. To my mind, they have carefully and thoughtfully addressed all the environmental issues including the shellfish mitigation steps detailed in the proposal.

Not only do I find the proposal to be of great benefit to the Tisbury boating and fishing community, but to the entire Island as well.

Sincerely,

cc: M.V. Shipyard