

May 3, 2018  
To: MV Commission  
Re: Flat Point Farm DRI 34-53

Dear Commissioners,

For four generations the Fischer family has been both exemplary stewards of the land as well as quiet advocates of affordable housing before Affordable Housing had a name. They rented tent sites back in the sixties and seventies to young people needing summer lodging. I know of at least two people who work in our community who have had affordable year round rental housing on Flat Point farm for more than 30 years. They have also provided housing at various times for workers of Arnie's landscaping business. And then there is the family! Eleanor and Arnie and his wife Christa have kept the farm going all these years since Arnie Senior passed away and provided housing for their children and their grandchildren. Eleanor's daughter and husband and 2 children live on the farm as does one of Arnie and Christa's daughters and her husband and 2 children. They all have multiple jobs of being farm hands as well as holding down jobs in our community.

To me this is an example of affordable housing at its best. No "government help" to provide housing for their family and hopefully some of the next generation, so that they can keep this quintessential farm going. The added bonus is that these young people who grew up here and are fortunate enough to have family land are not having to put their name on the ever increasing list of those looking for housing.

Added to this unacknowledged gift of years of fair priced year round and summer housing, is the plan before you that puts more than 60% of the property into either Agricultural restriction or outright sale to the land bank, opening their land to public access. This is a very well thought out and generous plan for the future of this farm and I urge you to approve the application tonight. I only wish that the laws had been written differently so that multigenerational farms that are not selling out were exempt from any affordable housing requirement.

Sincerely,

Tucker Hubbell