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TO: THE MVC

RE: LETTER TO SHERRY MATTISON REGARDING THE HARBORVIEW HOTEL

Good morning Sherry-

I wanted to thank you for organizing the behind-the-scenes tour of the Harborview with Scott Little a couple weeks ago-needless to say, it was not only informative but impressive in terms of what Mr. Chiu has done to return the Grande Dame of North Water Street to her former glory! It is important for those residents both for and against any changes/expansion to take a personal tour to gain a full understanding of what has been done, why it has been done, and what the future goals are to keep the Harborview competitive which includes offering a range of services expected from their guests. The many changes that have been done thus far have been tasteful improvements to both the public spaces and rooms-no expense has been spared in terms of quality of fixtures, accoutrements, etc. which is immediately obvious when you take the tour. I understand there are concerns about the pool bar but honestly, it is done and is in an area that is abutted mainly by the Harborview rooms. Since there is a noise curfew of 10:00 PM for Edgartown and for those who have chosen to purchase a home near a hotel, some level of noise and activity should be anticipated and this is not out of line with activity at other downtown locations-frankly, there is more pedestrian traffic and noise that comes from the Atlantic and Wharf than you have coming from the Harborview bar. Especially during these trying economic times, guests to our town are looking for some degree of relaxation and enjoyment and it is crucial the Harborview have a variety of offerings to please their guests and our visitors. In terms of an addition of a spa, this has become a necessity for any hotel or resort destination to offer. I understand there is a design for an approximate 1400 square foot addition to the building but with only 7 treatment rooms, I do not see a huge addition of car traffic for this design or a noise impact on the neighborhood. What all residents should be focused on is to support the success of a local merchant which not only adds dollars to the town coffers but a gathering spot for year-round residents as well.

I am hopeful that the neighborhood and Harborview Hotel can move forward and focus in on a positive and productive co-existence!

Sincerely,

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