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The stone bank building has long been a landmark and one of the most distinctive, interesting, and beautiful features in Vineyard Haven's downtown. The replacement of the roof tiles with composite shingles turns the building into a mockery of its former self.

As a former long-time chairman of the Plainfield, New Jersey historic preservation commission and drafter of that city's historic preservation ordinance, I see maintenance of the streetscape as the most crucial element of historic preservation. The current roof replacement significantly degrades the downtown streetscape. Santander's transformation of this very significant building should not be permitted.

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