

Paul Foley

From: John Fuller [john@mitchellfuller.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 01, 2017 2:23 PM
To: Paul Foley
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Subject: Santander Red Roof Tiles

Hi Paul;

I am writing to express my dismay with what Santander has been able to get away with re-roofing their landmark property on Main Street.

It is disappointing that a major financial institution wouldn't have the decency to respect a historical landmark in our community.

To lose such an iconic element- the highly visible roof tiles- has deprived this heroic building of its crowning element.

Presumably when the stone walls need repair Santander will call New England Brickmaster to parge the walls with stucco and fake the stone veneer.

I am attaching the following material from the Commission's mission statement:

Planning: The MVC's planning jurisdiction extends to all seven towns of Dukes County. (The Commission's planning jurisdiction includes the Town of Gosnold.)

The Commission is one of Massachusetts' fourteen regional planning agencies, which help the communities within their jurisdictions plan and implement short- and long-range improvements with respect to transportation, economic development, the environment, land use, and community development.

The relevant issues here have to do with "the environment" and "community development". Destroying the historical integrity of this majestic building damages the

streetscape of Main Street Vineyard Haven - our environment that we perceive daily. With regards community development- this tragedy sets a very bad precedent for what other landlords will

consider 'status-quo' when it comes to repairing/renovating their buildings- further **degrading** our environment thus hindering community development.

I also came upon an article in the Gazette that discusses the tax break that commercial businesses (Santander) received care of the Tisbury Selectmen-

I'd like to put the emphasis on the word "attractive" - apparently Santander has a different definition in mind.

"This past winter, Tisbury selectmen voted unanimously to shift the town's tax burden away from commercial property owners.

The action was intended to give an encouraging economic signal to current Tisbury business owners and make the town more attractive for prospective new businesses.)

Please help us preserve the integrity of this landmark building in our community.

Respectfully,

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