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Please enter the following comments on the record for DRI 682:

The proposed Meetinghouse Place subdivision in Edgartown should be denied by the MV Commission. The proposal, including 34 homes at 5,000sq.ft.each and 7 bedrooms each, will create unacceptable demand on both our water supply and sewage treatment services as already noted by MV Commission staff. Also, since the applicant is proposing to develop many acres of protected habitat they will need to include mitigation of the lost habitat (a “take”) in their filing to the State Natural Heritage Program for approval. They have indicated that they will propose off-site mitigation and will provide funding to the state for research. End result is that land on MV gets developed and land off MV gets preserved. That scenario alone should be grounds for denying the application. What if every development which would result in a taking utilized this approach to gain approval? In a short time there would be no protected habitat on MV.

The proposed development also fails to address impacts on other wildlife (short eared bats), adverse impacts on traffic, needed services, groundwater impacts due to fertilizers, and general run-off.

I believe denial of this project would be consistent with the mission of the MV Commission which is, in part, *to protect and enhance the islands’ environment, economy, character, and social fabric.*

Further, in the creation of the MV Commission, it was acknowledged that *Martha's Vineyard possesses unique natural, historical, ecological, scientific, cultural and other values . . . These values are being threatened and may be irreversibly damaged by uncoordinated or inappropriate uses of the land.*

This project will result in exactly those types of impacts. Again, please deny the project.

David Nash

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