

To: The Marta's Vineyard Commission

From: Jonathan Ahlbum

Re: DRI 682

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing this on behalf of myself and my wife Donna M Ahlbum, to register our opposition to the proposed Meeting House Place subdivision.

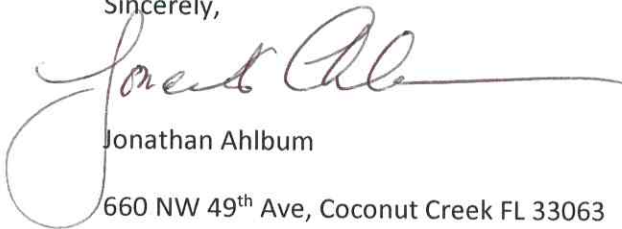
Because it borders our property at 145 Meeting House Way, we are very concerned about how this proposal will impact the neighborhood and possibly the whole area.

As a former member and chairman of the Edgartown Board of Health 30 plus years ago, I am aware of the environmental threats that large subdivisions presented then and still do today. Meeting House Place is no exception, and could quite possibly create many unmentioned problems. One of which could be a run off corridor from the former dump/landfill to Great Pond. Who knows what pollutants and poisons could be attracted by the change in water shed created by acres and acres of newly cleared land. Connecting to town water and sewage helps the development but both systems are already maxed out from what I am told, which could jeopardize the whole town.

I also question the traffic study, which was conducted after Meeting House Way was paved, but while it was an obstacle course with utility poles, transformers and other hazards in the travel lanes. I feel certain that when the road is finally finished, there will be a tremendous increase in both vehicle and bike traffic and 34 large homes will certainly add to it.

Before moving south years ago, I was a year round business owner and a board member and past president of the MV Chamber of Commerce. I also helped found the Edgartown Board of Trade and helped in creating the MV Commission. Even then, as much as everyone welcomed business growth, we still wanted what was best for the community. This development will not help the community, the Island or the environment. I ask that it be denied.

Sincerely,



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