

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Meeting House Way Project in Edgartown. I am unable to attend the zoom hearing on July 2.

There clearly are environmental reasons to oppose the project. My opposition is based on my strong conviction that increasing the amount of large, expensive, resource-hungry houses for very wealthy persons does not improve the quality of island life and does not in fact create many island jobs. (Check the workers coming off the boat in the morning who cannot afford to live here.)

How many of these new owners can be expected to embrace and support island history and culture and commit themselves to our well being?

I can only dream about how far the millions of dollars involved in the land purchase and building and maintaining of these homes would go toward creating significant affordable housing for year-round workers (buying up second homes, work-force housing, etc, etc.)

You - the MV Commissioners - represent us and are charged (in part) with "conserving the unique cultural values of Martha's Vineyard". Please stay true to your Charter.

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