

Martha's Vineyard Commission

We bought our home in the Katama area in 1986. We are deeply concerned about the Meetinghouse Place Development. Its impact on the island's fragile and unique environment, especially the Edgartown Great Pond, is simply an irreversible disaster. So too is its irreversible impact on endangered species as their habitat disappears.

We write to add our voices to so many others who have already written to you regarding their strong opposition to the development. We will not bore you with repeating details cited by others more elegantly than us, but instead ask you to reread the facts so well stated in three letters to the MV Commission, in particular:

The Great Pond Association dated August 22, 2019;
Biodiversity Works dated August 22, 2019; and the
Vineyard Conservation Society dated June 2, 2020.

As you execute the mission of the MV Commission, as you carefully reread the articles, please focus on the terms:

“algae growth, increased temperatures and low oxygen levels that kill fish and other aquatic life that support our entire food chain”

“the Edgartown Great Pond continues to meet or surpass the Total Nitrogen content target (limit)”

“the land use history of our (precious) island, with its dwindling open space (and) threatened natural resources”.

The modifications proposed by the developers do NOT solve these fundamental flaws.

We strongly urge you to deny the project. Please note that any decision to advocate proceeding with the project will have irreversible damage.

Thank you for your time and your service.

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