

MV Commissioners

Thanks for this opportunity to raise two additional points.

It was stated at the last public meeting that there are currently 5 buildable lots that at some point will get developed whether the current proposal is approved or not. It was speculated that these potential future developments would be worse than the current development proposal under consideration, implying that these potential future developments would have mega-mansions with enormous lawns.

As we understand the current zoning, it is true that that the 54 acres is subdivided into five parcels of approximately equal size. As we understand it, it is true that each parcel could have up to 3 homes without having to go through the MV Commission for approval. But the unproven assertion that these potential future developments would be worse than the current proposal is just that, unprovable, self-serving speculation. The fact is that the average lot size for a maximum of 15 homes would be 3.6 acres; more than enough for each home to have more than adequate size and lawn area, while still leaving half their property as natural habitat.

We appreciate the fact that the developer has concern and empathy for those island residents and knowledgeable environmental scientists that are concerned about the irrevocable loss of Edgartown Great Pond. But concern and empathy can not and will not save the pond if this proposed development is permitted to proceed. Simply stated, concern and empathy are just not enough.

Thanks for your time and your dedication to the mission of the MV Commission.

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