

To the Martha's Vineyard Commission,

June 11, 2020

My family's first visit to Martha's Vineyard was in 1962 when we rented a small house with a red roof on Sengekontacket Pond. The following two years we rented a house directly across from the West Tisbury fair and continued to fall in love with the island. In 1965 my parents purchased two single acre lots in Katama when the area was still mostly sand with very few houses. We still own and live on one of those lots that has brought joy to several generations. The long and short of all this is the island has grown, but with very forward-thinking residences during this growth. My parents were part of the initial Katama Association and acquisition of the now Sheriff's Meadow property. The Town of Edgartown purchased the Katama Farm after a very dangerous development there did not occur. I would recommend that the MV Commissioners and other town commissions look hard at the concerning effects the Meetinghouse Place Development will have on the island as a whole including all the concerns highlighted in several letters presented to the MV Commission:

- The Great Pond Association dated August 22, 2019
- Biodiversity Works dated August 22, 2019
- Vineyard Conservation Society dated June 2, 2020

As you execute the mission of the MV Commission and carefully reread the articles, please focus on the terms Don and Bonnie Foley highlighted in their letter to the MV Commission dated June 11, 2020:

“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 nor the impact on other wildlife that co-exists on our island.

We strongly urge you to deny this project and take a deeper dive into the impact this and other similar proposed developments will have on our increasing fragile environment and their irreversible damages.

Thank you for your time and your service.

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