

To the MV Commission;

As the Meeting House Way project continues to evolve it is difficult to not continue to comment. The comments from the submittal by Virginia Jones make a good point. Even if we weren't in the middle of this pandemic, when an application drags on as this one has, it is difficult for the public to stay involved. Not everyone is comfortable speaking in public or even submitting a written opinion. It is up to the Commission to fully review the entire record here and act in the best interest of the public. Few people will be directly impacted if this goes forward but the public response to this should be enough to let the Commission know that the proposed development deeply concerns the general public. The health of Edgartown Great Pond, increased traffic, overdevelopment, burden on existing resources and infrastructure are among the concerns.

In following most of this application, it really hasn't changed much. It has been spun to change the impact of nitrogen by offering up some sewer hook-ups. It is offering affordable homes and Affordable housing contributions which I have maintained will not offset the impact on the service sector represented by the development.

Proponents proclaim these additions as reasons for approval. They also speak of the benefits to providing jobs when we already have a steady stream of people coming over here from the other side every day. Many construction sites feature off-island contractors and sub-contractors so the job market for locals seems pretty secure already. Someone actually commented at the last hearing that Edgartown needs this development for our tax base, hardly a realistic concern.

I will repeat that this project should not require a massive outpouring of public dissent to justify a denial. It is too large, the impacts are too great, and if you are having a difficult time dealing with this one, wait until the next one comes, and then the next, etc. I worked on the development of the Island Plan in 2009 and this project is not consistent with the final goals of that effort. I will repeat my previous request, please make this decision with your mission in mind, *Protect and enhance the islands' environment, economy, character, and social fabric.*