

Meeting House Place DRI #682A

Dear Ms. Morrison and The Martha's Vineyard Commission,

As a newly full-time resident of Katama - Edgartown, I am opposed to the Meeting House Place DRI #682A development. I have been coming to Martha's Vineyard for the last 30 years, owning a home on the precious and conserved Waller Farm, directly across Meeting House Way. As a very close resident of the project, with a deep appreciation for the natural beauty of Edgartown Great Pond, I have seen Meeting House Way under construction, taking a long time for approval, hazards during construction, and telephone poles in the driving lane of newly paved sections. I used to travel along the dirt road, knowing with comfort it was a road less travelled. This is no longer the case. Already, there is a surge in traffic circulation. Adding 30 or more vehicles due to the expanded housing development causes even more concern.

I have read all the letters submitted to the MVC in regards to their concerns. Thoughtful considerations need to be made upon reading letters from professionals such as Emily Reddington, Executive Director of the Edgartown Great Pond Foundation, Brendan O'Neill, Executive Director of The Vineyard Conservation Society, and Luanne Johnson, PhD, Director/Wildlife Biologist from BiodiversityWorks. It is organizations such as theirs that are stewards to conserving our island's beloved natural spaces.

I truly believe that this decision will have a negative impact on this precious land, one that the MV Commission has a responsibility to preserve. It is my understanding that their mission is to help protect this and ALL sacred land on the island that is already at its tipping point, as stated in the article from The Vineyard Gazette last year. The sheer density of this development will have lifelong ramifications on an already sensitive and irreplaceable ecosystem, one which The Edgartown Great Pond Foundation has worked tirelessly for the last 20 plus years to preserve.

With all of the island being on lockdown for 3 months, it is truly unfair to not give more residents like myself a chance to voice their opinions. I am a neighbor to many year round residents and they didn't know too much about this project. I was fortunate to have learned about last week's Zoom meeting, and known how important it is to have my voice heard.

I hope you consider to delay any approval, take the time to inform and post in the Vineyard Gazette the importance of knowing exactly what is being proposed so that other long time residents can have a chance to voice their opinions.

Respectfully yours,

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