

To Lucy Morrison

M V Commission

RE: Three pending DRI reviews

Lucy:

I understand that some crucial votes for three very consequential MVC REVIEWS are coming up soon. That would be the MVRHS artificial turf playing fields #352 M-4, Meeting House #682B and M V Shipyard which is #314 M

I am writing to register my total objection to the design, details, and even the concept of any and all of the three, in parts and in total. Although there are some features which may be designed and executed to be for the benefit of the Island, in my opinion the detriments more than outweigh the benefits.

Further in each case, while the project is of enormous consequence to the towns in which they will be located, the detriments will be felt all over the island with truly regional impacts. The island is reaching the tipping point (some, including myself, feel it has already reached that point) when any addition of traffic (for instance) as well as other impacts such as constant construction over time will cause irreparable damage. Thus, please register my objection to all three. What affects and impacts the "host" town in each of these cases is truly island wide. We are being slowly killed just as effectively as by one quick thrust of a sword. Some may feel that I am being too dramatic (overly so) but if anything I think that I am being too low key - it is the thousand paper cut syndrome. We have an enormous amount of island culture, community and environmental considerations, all of which are taking a tremendous pounding (which is getting worse).

However, of even more importance is that the regulatory process is not on pause during the period when islanders have many challenges and barriers to participating fully in a very transparent and inclusive review process. For projects of such magnitude, this is the very least that we should be experiencing, Scheduling vital meetings and hearings during a time of lock

down and social distancing, even (perhaps particularly during such a time) whether using ZOOM or other digital ways of participating leaves the average citizen in the corner, in the dark, uninformed, unheard, and totally marginalized.

Please note my objections to conducting this public process in such a fashion.

Thank you.

Virginia C. Jones