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Gentlemen

I hope you had a wonderful 4th, and here's hoping the rest of our summer season is prosperous for all Vineyard Merchants and their workers. My daughter currently works at Nancy's so I have a keen interest in the economic success of the island, and it cannot be done without those who come from off island in the Summer months.

I am a resident on Hotchkiss Lane and have been following this project since the beginning. I am all in favor of the project.

I read yesterday in the MV Times that the Edgartown Great Pond is being removed from the Impairment list. This is great news and I want to say I am more in favor of this project now than ever before.

I am very passionate about our environment and sustainability of habitat. I am a Hunter and fisherman, as well as an outdoor enthusiast. I have grown to expand my time on the Vineyard to enjoy her natural beauty and work when I can to improve the island. My wife and I, along with our children always carry out from the beach - usually 2 or 3 extra garbage bags of litter - but that's what folks do to keep a place they love pristine.

So how can I be in favor of a project to build 26 homes and 12 affordable units ?

Coming from northern NJ where we were on Well and Septic in a lake community, I have seen what nitrogen, leaching into a body of water can do. The lakes have been shutdown due to Algae blooms and the town tries to blame it on the resident Canadian Geese - sorry, that dog will not hunt ! Further the vegetation and fish do not survive the blooms.

It is the septic systems, and they all know it.

The same issue faces us on the Vineyard, but a developer here has gone thru an exhaustive plan on how they can mitigate Nitrogen, expand sewer lines and throw in the development being 100% Solar!

This project/developer assumes the cost to expand the sewer lines to the property off of Meetinghouse road, as well as tapping in the Hotchkiss Residents (7 have agreed, the other will follow suit if they truly want to benefit the island and pond as they state) as well as other areas not currently on Sewer. This removes a large portion of the area from Septic, and takes a huge amount of nitrogen over and above the Meeting House development out of the system.

Why would anyone not want that to occur ?

There are few buildable properties left on the island. If you let the 5 homes on septic already approved for this development be built and reject the larger project, you are essentially giving up a once in a Islanders Lifetime opportunity to remove septic, thus protecting the Great Pond for generations to come.

The Great Pond is off the impairment list. What better way to keep it there by allowing a development to proceed that will be on sewer, reduce the amount of Septic systems from other areas at the developers expense, and protect a large patch of the land surrounding the development in perpetuity.

If the commission cannot see the intrinsic value to this development, I must wonder what it is the MVC is looking to do here.

Please approve this project, and use it as a template for any future projects and building that goes on across the island.

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Suppose you were an idiot. And suppose you were a member of Congress. But I repeat myself
Mark Twain