

July 13, 2020

To: The Martha's Vineyard Commission

From: Maggie Greely Boris

I am writing to tell you why I object to the proposed expansion of the Hob Knob Inn at 128 Upper Main Street and Skip Tomassian's home at 124 Upper Main Street. My family owns 9 Tilton Way, and we have been in the neighborhood for 44 years. In 1976, I was 8 years old when we moved to Edgartown. My father, Rev. John A. Greely, was rector of St. Andrew's Church and we lived in the rectory which used to be located at 14 Pease's Point Way S. Our backyard went all the way back to Tilton way.

After my father's death in 1984, my mother, Mary Greely, purchased the back lot where our current house is now located. I remember so clearly, all those years ago, how I wanted my Mom to stay on Martha's Vineyard, as she considered moving off Island after my father's death. The idea of purchasing the backyard of my childhood home was perfect. My Mom had 9 Tilton Way built, and we moved in, during the summer of 1986. During a difficult time, I was thrilled to stay in the town that we loved, in the community we loved, with the close proximity to downtown (that we were used to) in a quiet residential neighborhood.

This house in Edgartown is my anchor, part of my identity where I hold precious memories of both my parents, our growing family and treasured lifelong friends. Our long history of being in the neighborhood deserves consideration, as I don't feel this proposed expansion considers the abutters property values, given that the new parking lot and trash will suddenly border our property line and all 3 bedrooms, in our house. As the Hob Knob exists currently, the trash pickup and food deliveries from IFP create significant noise. The parking lot is across from us, and the trash dumpsters are at the back end of the parking lot, which is much further away than the new proposed location. We are already unhappy with the noise, as it is. The garbage trucks do wake us up, when they come early in the morning, multiple times a week. Doubling the size of the inn is far beyond the scope of the neighborhood. The doubled guest traffic and increased deliveries and garbage pickups would be way too much. Our quiet patio and backyard and all our enjoyment away from the hustle and bustle of Upper Main Street and the Inn would be absolutely ruined, if this project is approved.

Although I no longer live in Edgartown, I was living there off and on after college and then most recently from 2005-2013 on Mill Street, just 2 blocks from my mother. I am very aware of the traffic concerns and safety issues this project will intensify, as I walked back and forth from Mill Street to Tilton Way most days. I can assure you, my mother would not have chosen to build her house in a commercial zone, so the MVC should not allow this to happen in a residential neighborhood.

I like to visit our Edgartown home in the winter and in the summer, as do my two brothers and their families. I have a niece and 4 nephews who visit now, as the next generation of our family loves the house. Our house is used often, and our history in Edgartown runs deep. Please consider my concerns

and the concerns of my brothers John and Grant Greely, and other neighbors who are opposed to this project. The Hob Knob expansion project will forever harm the landscape of the quaint village of Edgartown. Please consider saving our Historic District, and look to the guidelines of what the Historic District suggests, before making your decision, as the current project does not follow those guidelines.

Thank you for considering my thoughts.

Maggie Greely Boris