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53 Old Coach Road
West Tisbury, MA 02575
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**Martha's Vineyard Commission
P.O. Box 1447
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557**

REFERENCE: Bangs Narrative

Dear Commission:

My family lives on Old Coach Road in West Tisbury and we (adults, children, grandchildren) use the nearby ancient way footpath for wonderful walks away from traffic. I wish to give full recognition to The Marthas Vineyard Commission, The Land Bank, and The West Tisbury Planning Board and The By-Ways Committee for attempting to protect Ancient Ways, Special Ways, and Public Footpaths for all future generations. These above government institutions have allowed access to places that the public would not have been allowed to enjoy if it was not for their efforts and vision.

The proposed subdivision affecting Old Coach Road caused dismay in our neighborhood when 25+ year-round residents from the Island Farms Road Association met at the entrance to the proposed property at 5.30 pm on Monday May 22, 2023, to express their concerns, and to voice their legitimate opposition to a plan that will profoundly affect their neighborhood and this ancient way.

As you know the original protected ancient way has already been reduced in size from the original plan.

I am urging the Commission to liaise fully with the above entities to discuss how the impact of this development might affect these footpaths, special ways, and ancient ways.

Respectfully submitted,

Joel Weintraub

