

## Paul Foley

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**To:** foley@mvcommission.org  
**Subject:** Edgartown Lofts, Hajjar proposal

RE: "Edgartown Lofts"

Dear Mr. Foley,

I understand there is to be a Commission discussion this evening about the Hajjar proposal for 10 units of "year-round" housing at the Triangle business area in Edgartown, a site already noted for summer grid-lock and year-round parking issues.

During the discussion I hope Commission members will consider the following .( And I may note that I am surprised the Edgartown Planning Board seems to have ignored the basic facts of real life for those of us just trying to run basic, let alone emergency, errands.)

(1) This winter, admittedly a difficult one, there has been a seriously sad response to snow and ice by the owners of the property. Not only has Mount Snow (still there) blocked a fair number of parking spaces, but there has been a serious issue of icy conditions, a gaping entrance hole which has swallowed at least one traffic cone, parking lines covered by ice and snow, unsafe conditions all around. I fail to see how adding "year-round" parking will help. Or where it would be to make things better.

(2) Summer parking: Woe to those who attempt to pick up mail, go to the bank or pick up necessities at Granite if they don't arrive before 9 a.m. when gridlock sets in. If year-rounders are really to be housed here, will they actually leave their cars, trucks and vans and take a bus to their work place? And I can tell you from grim experience that an emergency trip to Vineyard Vet Clinic just up the road, starting by Cannonball Park, took 30 minutes. The alternative, going up the West Tisbury Road, cutting across Barnes Road extension, and then down the Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road would have resulted in a similar amount of time, and hit s similar traffic back-up.

(3) Let's get serious about "year-round" housing and how that would be enforced. In the face of so many McMansions and bloated square footage (check out the houses around Sengekontacket just for fun), affordable, year-round housing is necessary. I am not sure it is necessary in this place. In fact I think it's ridiculous in this place. It may help Mr. Hajjar's bottom line; it will have a big impact on our lives.

May I suggest, since I understand that tonight is not the last time to think about this proposal, that the MV Comissioners have a crack at parking at the Triangle during business hours, have a crack at Edgartown's Triangle themselves during a busy time, imagining that they might be caught in the traffic jam in an emergency. Before they make a decision.

Very truly,

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