

March 13, 2007

Dear Members of the Commission:

As cottage owners in the Martha's Vineyard Camp-Meeting Association for 20 years, we are disturbed by the proposed addition to the Oyster Bar. We agree with our Cottage Park neighbors and Russ Dagnall, President of the MVCMA, who wrote in opposition to the plan on the campground's behalf. The additional noise from the parties in the function room and the new residents of the rooftop apartments will disturb not only the abutting cottages, but also those which are several hundred feet away. Parking is another issue which is not addressed in the plan; where will the folks attending events in the function room park their cars? All of us in the campground have valid concerns that were mentioned over and over again in the letters you have already received in opposition to this plan.

In addition to the quality of life issues for the neighbors, there is another point that should be mentioned. It appears that the town has not learned anything from its recent difficulties with building projects. We realize the main objection to the construction of the enlarged garage in the North Bluff area was because it was built without the proper permits. Another issue was the size of the building, in the opinion of many. It was too large for the area and just towered over the adjacent buildings.

As it stands now, the Oyster Bar is the right size for its location. The proposed renovation will literally dwarf the historic abutting cottages behind it as well as the commercial building to the north of it; the scale of the proposed renovation is just not appropriate for its location. Please do not approve this plan, both because of the effect that this commercial enterprise will have on its residential neighbors, and also because it is just too big and tall for its location. The pictures submitted as part of the plan make that fact abundantly clear.

Sincerely,

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