

Paul Foley

To: Jeff Wooden
Subject: RE: Peter Williams Proposal

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Martha's Vineyard Commission
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Re: Peter Williams/Fulton K&E, LLC, proposal for uses at 90 Dr. Fisher Rd., West Tisbury

Dear Mr. Foley,

We submit the following letter as testimony in the February 19 hearing regarding the proposal to create a commercial parking area at the above address.

We own the property at 74 Dr. Fisher Road (Map 21, Parcel 13, Lot 2B). We plan to begin building our house in September of 2009 and will take up year-round residence in the spring of 2011. Our property is directly across from the Williams land at the corner of Dr. Fisher and Pine Hill Roads.

Our family has lived on the island for over 200 years. We are moving to West Tisbury to join our parents, aunts, uncles, cousins and siblings who live on Martha's Vineyard as year-round residents. We support the Martha's Vineyard Commission in its work to preserve the environment and to protect the island from inappropriate development.

There are two issues here, as we see it: (1) How do we preserve our residential neighborhood, given that it abuts the L I district? (2) How can we expect compliance by Mr. Williams with the Commission's decisions, given his past disregard for local regulations and for the good of the neighborhood.

In 2006, Monte Bizarro opened his storage facility on Pine Hill Road. In the construction of his site, he was sensitive to his residential neighbors. Peter Williams, on the other hand, clear cut his land and opened an unauthorized dumpster lot with absolutely no regard for the town's regulations or how this would impact the families who live in the surrounding area.

Now Mr. Williams has presented a proposal of outlandish proportions that is inappropriate for the fragile neighborhood. How can the vehicular noise generated by 200 trips a day fall under the category of "light industrial?" Even though his property is at the end of Dr. Fisher Road, 200 trips a day will effectively deny access to that part of this ancient way. With no full-time on-site manager, who will enforce operating hours and noise mitigation procedures, and see that restrictions on hazardous materials are followed?

We recognize that Mr. Williams' property is light industrial. He has the right to use it under the terms defined by the Town; however, due to Mr. Williams' reckless violation of those terms (see W.T. Planning Board minutes, July 7, 2008), we feel that the Commission should restrict him to a very limited concept.

Sincerely,

Libby and David Fielder

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