

## Paul Foley

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Hi, Paul:

Can you please post the following cover letter on the calendar for the May 1 hearing, and the Plan Litchfield attachment with a separate link, also with the date received on the links?

Thanks very much!

Katherine Scott

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To the members, Martha's Vineyard Commission:

Litchfield, Conn., has gone through the trauma of an application from Ahold-Stop & Shop to its Planning and Zoning Commission for an expansion of a smaller store to a big-box store format in the middle of this historic town. Litchfield is yet another locus of the Ahold Plan to convert all of Stop & Shop stores to the Carlisle, Pennsylvania, Giant Supermarket Central Aisle model format.

Plan Litchfield is a group that has developed information---in particular about the economic impacts of big-box stores---that can deepen our understanding of the probable consequences of allowing Stop & Shop to have its way in Vineyard Haven.

A former MVC commissioner has stated that all current commissioners should familiarize themselves with this information, especially Plan Litchfield's page called "BIG BOX STORES, Wal-math and Litchfield's Brand" (at the following URL and also attached).

<http://planlitchfield.wordpress.com/big-box-stores-walmath-and-litchfields-brand/>

The term "Wal-math" refers to an article that shows how each job "created" by a big-box store kills one in a smaller retailer:

<http://www.huffingtonpost.com/tag/wal-math>

Anyone who thoughtfully reads Plan Litchfield's dissection of the myriad ways in which big-box stores \*actually\* affect local economies, including tax revenues---no "revitalization" here---and end up tarnishing the "brands" of uniquely charming localities such as Litchfield and Vineyard Haven, will likely see the wisdom of requiring an economic impact study for Vineyard Haven and the whole Island before DRI 89-M3 is approved.

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