

Tisbury Historical Commission  
Tisbury Town Hall  
51 Spring Street  
Vineyard Haven, MA. 02568

Martha's Vineyard Commission  
P.O. Box 1447  
Oak Bluffs, MA. 02557

DRI 89-M3 - Stop and Shop Expansion

March 19, 2014

Dear MVC Commission,

We respectfully request the MVC deny the application as it now exists. The building is disproportionately large for the site and completely out of scale with everything in the surrounding area if not within the entire town.

While many have presented both written and oral testimony confirming the communities concern with the size of the proposed building, Stop and Shop has not initiated a proportionate reduction of size to warrant our support, nor that of our constituents and many others throughout the Island community. We all agree a renovated/new and expanded store would be beneficial to the Town and the Island however we have found that many are still dissatisfied with the proposed size.

The Tisbury Historical Commission voted on February 5, 2014 to make the following recommendations to Stop and Shop:

1. Increase the setback on the municipal lot property line to 15' and provide screening with mature trees and plantings.
2. Increase the set back on Water Street to a line equal to the existing house to the south of the Stop and Shop property, approximately 15'. Again providing adequate space for the planting of mature trees.
3. Continue to work on the Cromwell Lane elevation by removing the gables and adding a clearstory of glass above the Town Mural..

The THC is appreciative of the progress made with the exterior architecture and is willing to continue to work with Stop and Shop to find a design, size and mitigation package that serves both the Applicant, the Town and the Island.

Respectfully,

Harold W. Chapdelaine, chairman  
Tisbury Historical Commission

CC Tisbury Board of Selectmen