

# Fwd: Dire warning

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To: Alex Elvin <[elvin@mvcommission.org](mailto:elvin@mvcommission.org)>;

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**From:** Katherine Grillo <[kategrillo9@gmail.com](mailto:kategrillo9@gmail.com)>

**Subject: Re: Dire warning**

**Date:** June 3, 2022 at 10:37:41 AM EDT

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Did you include the MV commission email? [Elvin@mvcommission.org](mailto:Elvin@mvcommission.org)  
deciding meeting 6/16.

On Fri, Jun 3, 2022 at 8:58 AM Doreen Kinsman <[doraflora1931@gmail.com](mailto:doraflora1931@gmail.com)> wrote:

If I send to BOTH papers, one or the other tends NOT to publish. But will do so.

On Jun 3, 2022, at 6:49 AM, Doreen Kinsman <[doraflora1931@gmail.com](mailto:doraflora1931@gmail.com)> wrote:

You inspired me!!!

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Doreen Kinsman <[doraflora1931@gmail.com](mailto:doraflora1931@gmail.com)>

**Subject: Dire warning**

**Date:** June 3, 2022 at 6:29:55 AM EDT

**To:** [mvt@mvtimes.com](mailto:mvt@mvtimes.com)

Letter to the Editor;

I wish to sound the alarm to citizens of Vineyard Haven particularly, after viewing the massive addition behind the charming stone bank on Main st., currently in construction. It totally dwarfs overwhelms and puts into permanent shade, the modest but delightful Salvatore's popular Italian bistro on Union St.

The new owner of Educomp's attractive long standing historical red brick structure gracing the head of Main St. intends, to follow suite. More than doubling the size of that original building it will morph into a site of 20 plus condos for both relatively affluent renters and transient visitors, and lacking parking for several units.. NO thought is ever given to offer desperately needed housing for workers, with occasional, perhaps exception of hospital staff.

I have been the owner of the Sports Haven building next door to Educomp since 1978, over forty years. Even then the plight of the homeless led me to rent my apts to needy tenants who required subsidization created for that specific purpose. My year-round tenants rarely if ever vacated, even when their subsidies ceased. My profit while modest all these years , gave me the satisfaction of contributing to my community.

If this more than double in size addition to the Educomp building in the heart of our town, directly opposite the Mansion House whom you may recall, illegally drained its own waste water into the town sewage system, overwhelming it, could occur again when rapacious desire for financial gain takes precedence over aiding the community. It is to be noticed also that other Vineyard Haven properties have been recently acquired by the same purchaser. There appears to be no consideration given to the plight of the desperate need for housing of the hardworking but less affluent workers on whom we all depend.

The already alarming recent knowledge of ever increasing pollution of our island's ponds, currently inadequate town sewage disposal, alarming increased use of our very limited island water supply, coupled with challenges for garbage disposal pick-up and disposal, , should give our town administrators and planners [pause.to](#) consider the negative ramifications of unfettered growth.

Added to the above, is the potential crisis of entrance and exit of this new Educomp project of 20 plus new renters/owners rental units precisely where State Rd traffic meets Main St. and only one short block before encountering SSA and Five Corners log jams, and/or notorious floods.. Add to that an already near death experiences for pedestrians, which twice now I personally experienced at that same juncture, encountering exiting cars/trucks barreling quickly out of the Educomp rear parking lot before being struck by either Main St. or State Rd traffic.and as has happened to me, almost striking me caught in the pedestrian crosswalk.

We watch in dismay as our dear little island morphs into a rich man's enclave of newcomers and transient visitors with profit seemingly the prime motivation of the builders of these mammoth intrusive structures. I fear too the lack of appreciation of these mostly newcomer buyers of the island's rich history, and charm of original edifices that initially attract tourists and newcomers..

Nor has been given, it appears, one ounce of consideration, by these obviously affluent individual purchasers, or consortiums, to the ever present plight of our worker bees, forced to endure unhealthy living conditions, cheek by jowl, or move off island. These outstanding issues are. coupled with the negative impact on our town's ever increasingly vulnerable infrastructure, school system, hospital, etc. Unlike the mainland, our tiny town of Vineyard Haven, and island possess finite space. It is imperative that year-round housing for our workers and businesses who depend on them, be our first priority, not more residences for the casual visitor or second homes for those who can afford to do so. I greatly fear such is not the case. Instead our beloved island is transitioning rapidly into a mere adjunct of downtown Boston or its suburbs.!!

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