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To Whom It May Concern at the MV Commission:

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I have been working on building a cottage on my property in West Tisbury for over two years now. The property is located next the MV Public Charter School, and also is where Island Gymnastics Training School is housed. I own the land and the building. Back in 1996 when the building was erected I planned the location of the building on the site with the cottage in mind, and knew that size of the lot would permit this. Originally I thought I would use the space (1,100 sq. feet) for staff housing. However, my situation changed after a divorce awarded my X husband our marital home. I could have fought this but I choose instead o keep my livelihood and the only gymnastics program on the island. Consequently, I have not been able to find land/ housing that I can afford, and have been renting rooms and shuffling around.

Knowing that the land was a DOR I went to Paul Foley about 2 years ago with my building plans. Paul outlined the process, which was reasonable in scope but was overwhelmed by the application of Natural Heritage. Chris Alley (Schofield Barbini and Hoen) did the Septic Layout for the building back in 1996, so I rehired him to work with Natural Heritage and thanks to him got my plan APPROVED (See attached letter).

I have worked long hours at the gym for twenty years, and with the maintenance needs of an aging steel frame building constant, it makes a lot of sense for me live on-site. I plan on keeping the cottage style in character with the town/ and use natural/ neutral colors. I will clear as few trees as possible, plant a few buffer evergreens if allowed. I will access the cottage using the existing drive and enter around the back of the building (where vehicles can park and NOT be seen from the road) to eliminate the need to cut in another drive from the State Rd.

I also have received approval from Board of Health to tie into the existing leaching pit, and electrical access can be attained via the existing box, located near the nearby home owned by Andrew Worlock. If I were to try and build elsewhere, it would not only be cost prohibitive, the environmental impact would be much greater. It just makes sense.

Please feel free to contact me with any specific questions regarding this project.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration,

Sincerely, Elizabeth Goodell