

# Harbor View Hotel

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To: Alex Elvin <elvin@mvcommission.org>; Lucy Morrison <morrison@mvcommission.org>;

Dear Members of the Martha's Vineyard Commission,

My name is Jesse Fink and I am submitting a letter in opposition to the expansion of Harbor View Hotel property and use of the dock. We first visited Martha's Vineyard in 1982 and then rented houses throughout Edgartown before we bought our property, 315 Katama Rd in 2001. We built our home and have enjoyed living in Edgartown and especially Katama for the past 20 years. We are engaged in local non-profits and civic organizations and have a real connection and commitment to Edgartown and to the Island.

Over the past 20 years we have seen changes to Edgartown, and have been very impressed with how the local governing bodies have been able to adapt to growth and changing uses, but keep the charm and the historical feel of the town. Almost always by utilizing the existing commercial footprint and modifying the indoor activities.

It seems like historical zoning regulations have worked.

The Harbor View Hotel is a wonderful asset for the Island. It provides nice accommodations for out of town guests, indoor dining option, and a pleasant porch to sit and enjoy the Harbor. The specific proposal to expand indoor and especially outdoor space is way out of scale. It will bring even more non-residents to an already crowded part of town. The additional traffic, noise, and parking pressure will affect Edgartown residents in every way.

I also am concerned about the jet ski rentals. We have noticed a lot more jet ski activity in Katama Bay which appears to be from non-residents. (I am not sure if jet skis are even legal in the Bay?). These non-residents go bombing in the Bay at reckless speeds and create a safety hazard for the Edgartown families who use the Bay to swim and kayak. The jet skis affect the safety of families tubing and waterskiing in the Bay with small children in tow. And of course the high decibel noise level of constant jet skis is alarming.

I am in favor of updating the Harbor View within the zoning regulations as it is an important and historical asset for the community. I am not in favor of a large expansion, especially of outdoor spaces which affects the character of the village, increased congestion and noise level at the hotel property and the Harbor and Bay.

Sent from my iPad