

To: Lucy Morrison (morrison@mvcommission.org)
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From: Gail and John Wasson
Re: Harborview

We have been homeowners in Edgartown since 1990. We do not rent and therefore have no commercial interest in the town's housing stock. We live in the neighborhood of the Hob Knob which, like the Harborview, is seeking to widen its commercial activities in a residential area that has a historic district designation. These two properties, while having different corporate ownership, share similar strategies for overcoming rules and regulations and changing the character of the town.


Our comments regarding the Harborview are based on a review of the town's master plan and the neighborhood's statement of facts that:

Special permits were given in 1990 and 1992 and are written into the Liquor License

1. Food and beverage service only in a defined area surrounding the pool and during pool hours;
2. No service (food or beverage) on the front porch;
3. No sound amplification of any kind anywhere on the grounds of the Hotel;
4. All windows and doors shall be closed during hours that indoor entertainment is in progress;
5. Minimum sound amplification of entertainment indoors;
6. No outdoor lighting except under a tent.

The clear intention was to preserve the historic character of the town. Assuming that these facts are correct, it seems obvious to us that the proposed and recent extension of activities by ownership of the Harborview is non-conforming and should be judged a gross violation of the special permits.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Wasson". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

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