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Paul Foley
MV Commission

RE: Sydney Hotel, Minor Site Plan Changes

Dear Paul,

As requested I would like to describe the minor adjustments to the proposed site plan. The paving materials along Winter Street and into the courtyard are now bluestone instead of brick as the material change offers a better scale and pattern. In doing so the previously contemplated large hard scape in front of the building along Winter Street has been reduced and additional landscaping and plantings installed to soften the façade and better define the access into the courtyard and the individual retail / hotel access points. This change also responds to the hotel and retail first floor use in lieu of a food establishment as was first contemplated.

The Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust (Vineyard Trust) owns the land behind the hotel and the adjacent parking lot, not the town. The originally contemplated access to the private park has shifted to the left of the hotel and a gate has been provided (see photo) to allow access to this land along as the trust has no objection. These minor changes have had no impact whatsoever on the architectural success of this new important building in the commercial / business district of Edgartown. In fact the additional trees and landscaping greatly enhance the overall experience along Winter Street.

Respectfully Submitted,

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