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TISBURY HISTORICAL COMMISSION
WILLIAM STREET HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
VINEYARD HAVEN, MASSACHUSETTS 02568

Martha's Vineyard Commission
33 New York Avenue
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557
January 26, 2022

Re: CR 10-2021 – 22 Hatch Road, Vineyard Haven, MA. 02568

Request for demolition of a home greater than 100 years old

On December 15, 2021 the Tisbury Historical Commission voted to recommend the proposed demolition of 22 Hatch Road.

The Motion to approve demolition of 22 Hatch Rd., Vineyard Haven, was passed by a majority vote, and based on the fact that there are numerous additions and alterations to the original structure, which are compromised and disconnected from the original integrity of the first floor core structure.

Although it was noted that the use of post Department of Agriculture 1927 nominal dimension lumber is visible in portions of the floor joist systems and in the attic, we believe the more recent additions and renovations remove any exterior historic value.

This decision was not considered lightly as a goal of THC is to help protect and maintain the architectural and historic residential character of the Town of Tisbury.

It was also noted that the property owners are working toward a goal of reclaiming what was once the Thorncroft estate, this was also a consideration in our decision that the owners are sensitive to their neighbors.

The members of the THC request the following:

- 1) Owners retain the free standing garage for future use
- 2) Salvaging of many of the interior finishes such as doors, railings, fireplace mantles or any other features that could be used by such organization's as Habitat for Humanity or Island Housing Trust
- 3) Attached statement from commission member not present or able to vote

Please contact me with any thoughts or questions.

Sincerely,

Christine Redfield, Vice-chairperson
Tisbury Historical Commission

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From: **Polly Simpkins** <cupofkarma64@gmail.com>

Date: Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 2:14 PM

After exploring the property at 22 Hatch Road including various iterations of it's foundational elements, I feel it would be appropriate to demolish the structure to start anew. Even though there is a part of an original foundation in place which may be historically significant, so much has been done both naturally and synthetically to lessen the integrity of the original understructure that it would make sense to deconstruct at this time.

On Mon, Dec 13, 2021 at 12:43 PM HAROLD CHAPDELAINE <stonebridgeone@comcast.net> wrote:

Hello Poly,

Please put your thoughts in an email regarding 22 Hatch Rd and I will read into the minutes.

Best,

Harold