

June 12, 2022

Lucy Morrison, Chair
Edgartown Planning Board
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RE: Application of Martha's Vineyard
Hospital, Inc.
490 Vineyard Haven Rd. [11B-2143]

Dear Ms. Morrison:

Please accept and submit this letter to be presented at the June 21st planning board meeting as our objection to the application noted above. Having read recent documents pertaining to this matter, including the letter from Attorney Robert P. Ianelli dated May 18, 2022 to the Edgartown Planning Board, we feel the objections raised and articulated by Attorney Ianelli in his letter speak volumes for our position in opposition of this project.

As abutters to this project, my wife Tina and I are concerned that we were not notified of the on-going discussions and planning ideas. We have a well onsite and are concerned with well water contamination due to the proposed septic fields. Our major concerns also involve the density of these types of facilities in a residential neighborhood. We have a great many concerns about the permanent impact of this project at this location.

Mr. Ianelli made many succinct points in his arguments, particularly regarding the large scale of the project, inadequate location siting and limitations with capacity of the wastewater pumping station itself. Further, he has flagged additional complications stemming from many shared concerns in the 'abutting' community. I strongly suggest those who haven't yet read Attorney Ianelli's objections to the wastewater project, do so quickly. It is available from Edgartown Planning Board and has become the paramount environmental issue for our family. To quote a line from Mr. Ianelli's letter: "Put simply, this entire project is a bad idea now only made worse with the current proposal for septic. Even with accommodation for an industrial wastewater-holding tank, the size, concentration and enormity of this project will threaten groundwater quality, particularly for adjacent residents who are not connected to municipal water supply."

Furthermore, project advocates are overlooking the fact that there will be no local management support with a direct stake in the performance to the hospital itself -(Navigator) role; it will be an unrelated legal entity.

We sincerely urge the Board to vote "No" on this project.

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