

# RE: 371 Indian Hill Rd

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Alex

For what it's worth.

I had several conversations yesterday with participants asking about the availability of materials...if the house were to be removed. Of course, anything/everything would be made available...including the house as a whole, or more realistically a portion of it. Honestly, the work required to retrieve some sheathing boards, a few structural timbers, or some flooring seems like more work than it would be worth, but we would be happy to help accommodate.

The common undercurrent, yesterday, seemed to be the house can be renovated because others have been in the past. I can't stress it enough, the building code and the energy code now make most prior examples irrelevant. This house can't be renovated without a complete re-build. A re-build serves no purpose other than to create a false impression that a house has been preserved.

A bit of final irony. If this were a virgin site and we proposed to build a painted Greek Revival home, on top of the hill, I suspect it would be widely criticized for not fitting in with the rural character of West Tisbury.

## Phil Regan

Principal

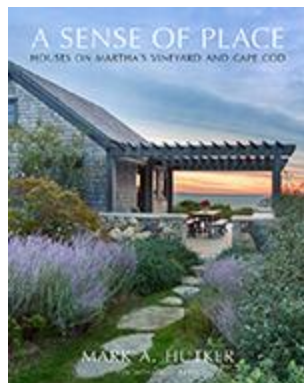
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Hi everyone,

Thanks again for the second site visit. I think commissioners found it helpful.

Phil, you mentioned at the site visit that the granite foundation blocks would be reused to restore the creamery building. Can you explain that further, including how much of the foundation will be reused, and how?

Jeff, can you provide a description of any efforts between 2018 and 2021 to maintain the building while the alternative approaches were pursued? There have been some statements by the public that the house was intentionally neglected, which I think should be addressed.

Also, just a reminder that we will need the final written offers by tomorrow at 5PM.

Please call with any questions.

Thanks,

Alex

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