

# Shearer Cottage Renovations

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To: Alex Elvin <elvin@mvcommission.org>;

Dear Mr. Elvin - I am pleased to provide my unqualified support for the renovations and capacity expansion for Historic Shearer Cottage in the Highlands. My wife and I are cottage owners just a few minutes walk to Shearer off Massachusetts Ave. So we are well aware of their historic presence in Oak Bluffs.

But we are also aware of the desperate need for more guest rentals that are affordable in our community. Rentals today are increasingly out of reach for the average person and families that want to visit the Vineyard. Shearer has always been one of a very few options that are affordable. To see that they want to expand from 6-15 Rooms can only be great news for Oak Bluffs and future island visitors.

I also think it is very important to support the Shearer family that has given so much to the Vineyard for several generations. Since their founding in the early 1900 's they have operated their establishment in a professional way always respecting their abutting neighbors.

The Martha's Vineyard Commission should do all that they can to support the Shearer application for renovations so that they can continue to serve the greater Oak Bluffs community and extend their historic legacy.

Thank you for considering my comments and observations.

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