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Re: Harbor View Hotel (HVH)

Attention: Martha's Vineyard Commission

I am writing as a life long summer resident of Edgartown, living at 41 South Water Street until 2011, and then moving to 7 Fuller Street.

Unfortunately, over the years I have seen too many ownership changes at the HVH. I believe the hotel has proved and is an important landmark for Edgartown. Certainly it needs to be constantly updated to remain competitive not just on the Island but also have the ability to attract visitors in competition with other areas of the Cape.

I understand the HVH has applied for the construction of a large spa that will be open to the public. I view this as an expansion of HVH to become a much more resort type hotel versus what traditionally it has been. This along with boat rentals, new bar by the pool, etc., certainly raises questions as to what type of hotel the current owners wish it to be. To quote the English, all these expansions are like the thin end of the wedge.

This type of expansion has a direct result on the surrounding neighborhood as well as the Town in general bringing with it both larger crowds and the associated noise levels.

Prior to 2011, we lived next to the Harborside Inn and the Navigator Bar (now the Atlantic). Virtually every night we called the Police because the Navigator Bar refused to follow the noise ordinance that they agreed to follow. The noise was clearly in violation of the Town's laws. I see the

issues with the HVH in the same light. Will they follow the regulations they agree to without the constant calls to the Police? I believe in respect of the new bar by the pool that is still a question mark. Whatever the MVC agrees to, noise and associated crowd levels must be addressed and adhered to. This is especially important in respect of the pool, outside bar and fire pit areas. Question, how does MVC address these concerns?

In terms of the Spa, I am against building and opening a third party spa ie one that is open to non guests of the hotel This is a step too far and permanently changes the neighborhood and character of the town and HVH itself.

I encourage the MVC to vote no on the HVH's proposal.

Sincerely,

Carol and Sandy Vietor