

# FW: Public Hearing--Shearer Cottage Expansion

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**Sent:** Thursday, October 14, 2021 1:10 PM  
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Good day,

We write in support of the Shearer Cottage Expansion project scheduled for discussion at this evening's MVC public meeting via Zoom.

Our nuclear family has been coming to Martha's Vineyard for more than thirty years. We have been owners in Oak Bluffs since 2011.

We are a proud Black family that respects to the point of reverence the contributions that the Shearer Family and their descendants have made in helping the island of Martha's Vineyard become a healing place with a nearly neutral spirit which welcomes diversity.

We understand that it is important for Shearer Cottage to continue their legacy as good neighbors and good citizens for abutting and nearby properties. We recognize the role that the Martha's Vineyard Commission will play in that process. The MVC recognizes that the continued viability of Shearer Cottage requires modernization and re-scaling and that Shearer Cottage would be agreeable to comply with reasonable and necessary modifications to that plan. It is also highly likely that any actions on the part of any stakeholders that threaten the continued viability of Shearer Cottage are likely to become a *cause célèbre* which could add a significant element of economic volatility to the future of Martha's Vineyard.

Respectfully submitted,

The Smith Family, Ernestine, Lawrence and L.J.

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