

March 11, 2016

To: Paul Foley  
Martha's Vineyard Commission

From: Jack Taylor/Up Island, LLC

Re: Squibnocket Beach and causeway project

This is to follow up on my letter to you of March 2<sup>nd</sup>. That letter applauded the proposed plan and those who worked so hard over many years to create it, while raising some concerns from the perspective of our historic property (the "Vytlacil Lot") that directly abuts the project. With these concerns in mind, I'd appreciate if the Commissioners would consider the following specific requests in order to reduce the substantial visual, aural, and olfactory impact of the project on my family and others enjoying this special area's extraordinary landscape:

- 1) Provide a larger undisturbed greenspace of native plants between our land and the project. We'd like to have at least 20 feet between our property line and the northerly end of the causeway access road, and to have the roadside of that area planted with hearty native bushes in a way that discourages vehicular encroachment.
- 2) Provide space for waiting vehicles to queue within the current project area. I propose reserving several of the spaces along the upper southwest quadrant of the parking lot for this purpose.
- 3) Plant hearty native bushes along the southwestern edge of Squibnocket Road, rebuild the decrepit gate there near the corner of our property, and post appropriate signage to discourage drivers from using the road and our land for waiting or turning around.
- 4) Enhance an existing planted area on our land with additional native trees or shrubs in order to provide a better visual screen between our house and the project. (See map attached.)
- 5) Keep the current Squibnocket Road paved; pave the new part of the road that will run through the middle of the parking lot; and pave the causeway access road. This will reduce the noise and dust that graveled surfaces would otherwise create on the most traveled sections of the project.

Thank you for considering these requests.

Sincerely,  
Jack Taylor