

March 30, 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 letters to you of March 2nd and 11th, and my testimony before the MVC at its March 24th hearing.

As you know, we're the owners of the historic Hilly Mayhew – Vytlačil home and generally support the project. However, as stewards of a house whose idyllic presence is treasured by the community, and as members of a family who will be greatly affected by our close proximity to this substantial project, we urge the Commission to ask the applicants to take the following steps to reduce the unnatural sights, smells and noise that will result from the project:

- 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.** We propose reserving several of the spaces along the upper southwest quadrant of the parking lot to reduce the need for vehicles to queue near our house.
- 3) Pave the causeway access road and the new part of the road that will run through the middle of the parking lot, and keep the current Squibnocket Road paved.** This will reduce the noise and dust that graveled surfaces would otherwise create on the most traveled sections of the project.
- 4) Discourage drivers from using Squibnocket Road and our land for waiting or turning around** by posting appropriate signage, planting hearty native bushes or low posts along the southwestern edge of the road, and rebuilding the decrepit gate there near the corner of our property.

Thanks again for considering our comments and requests.

Sincerely,
Jack Taylor