

# Fw: Harbor View Hotel Hearing

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## Harbor View Correspondence

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**From:** Tara Levine <tara3dl@gmail.com>  
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**To:** Lucy Morrison  
**Subject:** Harbor View Hotel Hearing

To whom it may concern,

We are residents of 91 North Water Street and also owners of 1 Black Duck Cove on Oyster Pond in Edgartown. Bob and I have enjoyed Martha's Vineyard for our entire lives. As a child I visited Edgartown Harbor every summer on my parents sailboat and Bob and his family rented in Katama for many years. Later on in his life he even rented Bob Carroll's penthouse at the Harbor View Hotel. Needless to say we have loved this island for many decades. In 1997 Bob and I met in Edgartown and will celebrate our 20th wedding anniversary at 91 North Water Street in June!

We felt beyond lucky to have the chance to purchase a home on North Water Street as we believed we were entrusted with a piece of history. North Water is a unique neighborhood with magical views of the Harbor and Lighthouse as well as homes that have been painstakingly renovated and maintained to the high standards of the Martha's Vineyard Commission. When we purchased our own home it was in great need of thorough renovation due to its age. We actually had to lift the entire home off of its foundation in order to give it the attention it deserved, while carefully maintaining the historic character of the exterior. We would expect no less from our neighbors and therefore would hold the Harbor View Hotel to the same high standards.

The Harbor View Hotel has been maintained over the years with the intent to blend in with this historic and beloved neighborhood and not interfere with the natural beauty therein. Unfortunately, the proposed uses by the new owners of the Harbor View Hotel are not consistent with the area and its historic and peaceful character. In our opinion, the large scale spa and 2600 square foot patio for outdoor dining and events will forever change

this neighborhood. The resulting traffic and noise could only be to the detriment to all who live here and even to those visitors who enjoy this one of a kind location. We stand with our neighbors to strongly oppose any changes implemented or proposed by the new owners of the Harbor View Hotel that are not in keeping with the stewardship of this historic neighborhood. We ask the Martha's Vineyard Commission to not only protect the rights of the property owners in the neighborhood but also future generations of islanders and visitors who will be spellbound by the pristine beauty and history of this special spot.

Respectfully,

Tara and Bob Levine

Sent from my iPad