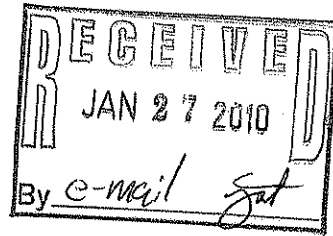


Martha's Vineyard Commission
New York Ave. Oak Bluffs
January 27, 2010

Re: Copeland District DCPC



Commissioners,

In the Cottage City Historic District there are two regulatory bodies a resident might need to appear before. One is mandatory and one is not. One, the Cottage City Historic District Commission is functioning regularly and efficiently and one, the Copeland District DCPC rarely functions at all. The question of whether the two bodies are duplicitous is obvious.

Instead of merging the two or rescinding the DCPC as suggested in the staff report, why not recommend amending the DCPC with regard to it's boundaries. An amendment to the boundary leaving out the Cottage City Historic District would allow the DCPC to still exist in an area that needs that protection. It would also allow the Town to correct the inadequacies in the present structure of the Copeland DCPC.

I will be off island and cannot attend the public hearing on 02.04.10 so this letter is respectfully submitted in support in my absence.

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