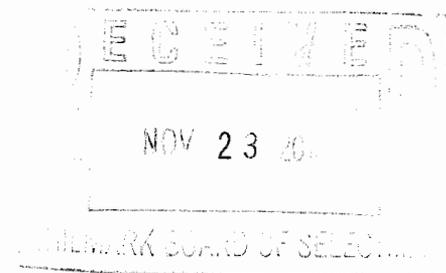


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Mr. Warren Doty, Selectman
The Town of Chilmark
Chilmark MA 02535

Dear Warren:

We were all relieved to hear that Martha's Vineyard was largely spared the devastation of New Jersey, New York and Connecticut and other areas, as were we in Washington. However the damage to Martha's Vineyard and especially Chilmark, while not damage to homes and that is a huge relief, damaged as we know, the shoreline and dunes tremendously, wearing away the protection from the ocean many of us had for generations.

As you may know we have a house behind what formerly were dunes and of course this is thus a very personal plea.

The danger of damage to the dunes was recognized before this monster storm and plans were made for studies of what to do about the shoreline. As far as I know the study has not taken place as yet. However, it seems sensible to do what has been done in other shore communities, perhaps only a stop gap, but a real attempt to protect the island. That is to bull doze sand to buildup the dunes before the heavy storms of winter make any future work even harder.

I know nature often does rebuild the dunes. I also know that man cannot do much against nature. But it seems to me to be a good idea to make some attempt to make the shoreline whole again. A storm like the recent one is unlikely to happen again, but it could and the protection of dunes seems to me to be a reasonable attempt to preserve the island. Especially Chilmark, which was viewed as fragile even before the storm.

Forgive me please for writing to you from Washington, D.C. and from my vantage point as a summer resident. I would however not feel that I had made some attempt to help if I did not send this letter to you.

With my very best personal regards and good wishes to you and your family for the holidays.

Sincerely yours,

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