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October 20, 2020

**ORDER TO MAKE STRUCTURES AT 55 WEST WILLIAM STREET SAFE AND TO
REMOVE STRUCTURES IN ACCORDANCE WITH 780 CMR R116 & M.G.L. Ch.
143, Sec 6**

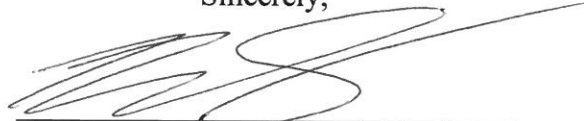
Mr. Grande,

The structures at 55 West William Street were inspected by Tisbury Fire Chief Leland and I on October 9, 2020. This inspection of the existing home revealed major structural failure with several areas of collapsed floors. There is also evidence that catastrophic structural failure is likely including buckling and sagging floor, and major sags in the roof structure. The garage structure has already suffered catastrophic structural failure with the roof collapsing into the structure. **Based on these observations, I cannot allow anyone to enter the building for any reason going forward.**

In accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 143, Sec. 6 and 780 CMR R116, I hereby order the Town of Tisbury to take the following actions to make the structures safe until such time the town can appropriate the required funds to remove these unsafe structures:

- All electrical, cable, and phone lines and associated meters shall be removed from the structure.
- The propane tank located outside the structure shall be disconnected and removed from the site.
- The existing water service shall be shut off and disconnected.
- The building shall be clearly marked as an unsafe structure with no admittance allowed.
- A fence with a minimum height of 6 feet shall be erected around the perimeter of both structures on the lot with a minimum distance away from the house structure of 40 feet and minimum distance away from the garage structure of 15 feet. This fence shall be erected as soon as materials can be obtained and with haste. The fence shall be secured against entry with only one locked access with keys provided to the Tisbury Police Department, Fire Department, and Building Department. The fence shall be conspicuously marked to alert trespassers of the structure's dangerous condition.
- The structures shall be removed as soon as funds are appropriated at Town Meeting. Prior to such time, concrete steps shall be taken to ensure the structure can be expeditiously removed once funds are approved for this project.

Sincerely,



Ross P. Seavey

Building Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings

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Lynn Merry – Administrative Assistant

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