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## Island Plan Hearing December 3

The Martha's Vineyard Commission will hold a public hearing on the Island Plan on Thursday, December 3 at 7:30 pm at the MVC offices.

The Island Plan Steering Committee has provided many opportunities for public input. Now, the MVC is giving town boards and member of the public a final possibility to comment before the Commission considers adopting it as the regional plan for Martha's Vineyard (scheduled for December 10).

A copy of the latest version is available online as well as from the MVC offices. It highlights changes to the Plan as a result of public comments received on the draft, which was released last summer.

The Plan will then be printed for release early next year.

For information, please go to the website or call 508-693-3453.

### ISLAND PLAN

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## Commonwealth Reaffirms MVC Authority over Wind

In a November 10 letter and at a November 13 meeting, Secretary of Energy and Environmental Affairs Ian Bowles acceded to requests from Senator Rob O'Leary, Representative Tim Madden, Island Selectmen,

County Commissioners, MVC Commissioners, and citizens to preserve the Vineyard's control over development in local waters.

He said: *The final Ocean plan will state that regional planning authorities with regulatory authority shall define the appropriate scale of any renewable energy project.* Since the Oceans Act only allows projects of appropriate scale, this reaffirms MVC control over these projects. He also said that 50% of mitigation fees would flow through municipalities.

The Gosnold Board of Selectmen came out in favor of the windfarm west of Cuttyhunk provided it meets certain requirements, such as setting turbines farther offshore and avoiding the fishing area on Sow and Pigs reef.

Also, the MVC submitted supplementary comments to its original brief (see next page).

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## Agricultural Self-Sufficiency

The MVC is working on a study to estimate how self-sufficient the Vineyard could be for growing its own food, based on various scenarios for growth, farming, and dietary habits.

Comments are invited on the draft version, available on the website. It will be discussed on December 9 at noon. The study is being funded by a DHCD District Local Technical Assistance grant.

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## MVC Submits Additional Ocean Plan Comments

On November 23, the Martha's Vineyard Commission submitted additional comments about the Commonwealth's draft Ocean Management Plan.

The MVC thanked Secretary Bowles for his commitment to uphold the Commission's regulatory authority over renewable energy projects in Vineyard waters. It suggested clarifying the proposal regarding mitigation so that 50% of royalties are shared in an equitable way by impacted communities.



The comment letter also mentioned three concerns about shipping, boating, and fishing:

- It questioned the idea of erecting turbines within, or in the approaches to, federally designated navigable channels such as the one running down the Vineyard Sound.
- It noted that there is considerable boating traffic coming up the Atlantic coast and entering Vineyard Sound. This was not adequately represented in the draft Plan because these smaller boats generally don't have GPS systems.
- It noted that it is essential there be a guarantee that if a wind farm was erected, the waters between the turbines would remain accessible rather than closed for security reasons.

For a full copy, please go the website.

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## Tisbury Urban Design Study

The MVC is working with the Tisbury Planning Board on urban design study of two areas in Vineyard Haven. The first focuses on the waterfront and downtown, while the other looks at the Upper State Road area. The aim is to update the work carried out by the Planning Board a few years ago. The work, being carried out largely by architectural intern Zameer Basrai, includes construction of a 3D computer model of both areas, and simulations of what development could take place under existing zoning and as well as with guidelines based on existing building characteristics. It is being funded by a DHCD District Local Technical Assistance grant. Information: Mark London  
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## Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, December 2, 12:30 pm  
**Water Alliance**  
MVC Offices

Wednesday, December 2, 1:00 pm  
**Joint Transportation Committee**  
MVC Offices – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

Wednesday, December 9, noon  
**All-Island Conservation Commissions and Agricultural Alliance**  
MVC Offices

Please check the Calendar section of the MVC website for the latest updates.

## DRI Status Report

### RECENT

#### Flat Point Farm –

Subdivision/Estate Plan, West Tisbury (#34-M2) – approved

**Bridge Housing** – time extension, West Tisbury (#560) – approved

### CURRENT

#### Morning Glory Farm –

Farmstand Expansion, Edgartown (#620) – PH 12/17/09

#### AT&T Airport Cell Tower –

relocation, West Tisbury (CR3-2009) – LUPC 12/7/09

**Crow Hollow** – subdivision modification, West Tisbury (341M) – LUPC 12/7/09

**Hart Plumbing** – modification, West Tisbury (#549M) – LUPC t.b.d.

**Tisbury Marketplace** – Multi-Use Building, Tisbury (#485-M5) – on hold at owner's request

**Williams Parking** – Commercial parking lot, West Tisbury (#618) – on hold at owner's request

**Surfside Motel/Condos** – Modification - hotel to condos, Oak Bluffs (#295-M) – On hold at Applicant's request

LUPC Land Use Planning Committee review  
CR Commission Concurrence Review  
PH Commission Public Hearing  
DD Commission deliberation and decision  
WD Commission vote on written decision  
t.b.d. to be determined

All meetings at MVC offices unless otherwise noted. (Information: Paul Foley, ext. 18, [foley@mvcommission.org](mailto:foley@mvcommission.org), or on the website)

## DCPC Status Report

### Island Wind District – Land

**Zone** – Designation – Public Hearing – 12/10/09; Decision 12/17/09

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