

# THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

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## MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION MEETING

The Martha's Vineyard Commission held a Special Meeting on Thursday, December 7, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. at the West Tisbury School Cafeteria, Old County Road, West Tisbury, MA.

Prior to opening the meeting Mr. Early, Chairman, stated that Ms. Borer, Executive Director, will be late this evening so the Co-Acting Executive Directors from the last meeting will serve until she arrives.

ITEM #1 - Chairman's Report - Mr. Early stated that we would return to this item later in the meeting.

ITEM #2 - Old Business - There was none.

ITEM #3 - Minutes of November 30, 1989

It was motioned and seconded to approve the draft minutes as presented. There was no discussion. This motion passed with no opposition, 3 abstentions, Ewing, Fischer, Wey. (Harney was in favor.)

ITEM #4 - Committee and Legislative Liaison Reports

Mr. Morgan, Legislative Liaison, reported that this afternoon the State Senate put out a supplemental budget package which should be publicized by tomorrow. He continued by discussing the Cape Cod Commission bill and stated that it has come out of Senator Owen's office with a number of changes including the possible exemption of the Steamship Authority. The bill is in Ways and Means now. He stated that the bill forming a Tisbury Dept. of Public Works is now on the Governor's desk and is expected to be signed shortly.

Ms. Harney, Commissioner, asked about the funding provisions for the Cape Cod Commission Bill? Mr. Morgan stated that he had not fully investigated it but it is different than the MVC in that there is a charter form of government in Barnstable County. He stated that he had copies of the bill if anyone would like one they should contact him.

Mr. Young, Chairman of Land Use Planning Committee, reported that they had met Monday and discussed the following DRIs: Sears, Keyland, M.V. Shipyard, LeLand, B.J. Oil - R. Packer and Manter. The Shipyard and Packard DRIs might have a combined public hearing.

Mr. Jason, Chairman of Planning and Economic Development, reported that they had met Wednesday and will meet again next Tuesday to discuss proposed warrant articles for the Planned Development District.

Mr. Ewing, Chairman of the Edgartown Ponds DCPC, reported that they had met Tuesday and approved with conditions an exemption on Oysta Pond. The Conservation Commission met on the same proposal last night and approved it with additional changes, namely relocating the building another 2 feet to the 18 foot contour.

Mr. Early reported that the Executive Committee had met Tuesday on the budget, which is not yet finalized, and we will be meeting with the town's finance committees on December 20 at 7:30 p.m. at the Commission offices.

Mr. Early reported that the representative from Creative Lifts was at the Commission offices Monday and several people were instructed on the use of the temporary handicap access unit and there was a training video made. Since we have received our variance and the temporary access unit is in place, I am glad to announce that we will be back in the Commission offices for the next meeting.

Mr. Early also reported that the Executive Committee had met with the Steamship Authority today in Woods Hole for a preliminary discussion on a cooperative arrangement between the Commission and the SSA. It was a useful meeting and we developed a better understanding of each other. Hopefully a long overdue relationship was established.

Mr. Early then returned to Item 1.

ITEM #1 - Chairman's Report

Mr. Early appointed the nominating committee for the upcoming officer election as follows: Mr. Jason, Chairman Pro-temp, Mr. Fischer, Ms. Sibley, Mr. Schweikert, Mr. Ewing and Ms. Eber. You should meet and have a recommendation for the meeting on the 21st of December.

Mr. Early then skipped to Item #6.

ITEM #6 - Possible Vote - Written Decision, Edgartown National Bank, Town of Tisbury.

It was motioned and seconded to approve the draft decision as presented. There was no discussion. This motion passed with a vote of 9 in favor, 4 opposed, 0 abstention (Schweikert did not participate in this vote). (Harney was opposed.)

Ms. Thelma Crawford, Vice-President of the Edgartown National Bank, thanked the Commission for its favorable ruling and for the time and effort they expended on this proposal.

Mr. Early then moved back to Item #5.

ITEM #5 - Discussion - George Manter DRI, Town of West Tisbury

Mr. Young, Chairman of Land Use Planning Committee, stated that there is no written recommendation for this DRI. We recommend approval with no conditions and that the Executive Director draft a written decision based on Chapter 831.

There was no discussion.

ITEM #6 - Possible Vote - George Manter DRI, Town of West Tisbury

It was motioned and seconded to approve the Manter DRI and instruct the Executive Director to draft a written decision. There was no discussion on this motion. This motion passed with a vote of 13 in favor, 0 opposed, 1 abstention, Bryant. (Harney was in favor.)

Mr. Early then returned to Item #4 and turned the meeting over to Mr. Filley, Co-Chairman of the Comprehensive Planning and Advisory Committee for their report.

ITEM #4 - Committee Reports

Mr. Filley, Co-Chairperson of the Comprehensive Planning and Advisory Committee (CPAC), stated that the CPAC discussion went so well last week we will continue it this week. Mr. Adams prepared a brief synopsis of the meeting last week which is in your packets. Tonight we hope to spend some time reviewing the Commission's policies and possible changes to these policies.

Mr. Adams, MVC Staff, handed out additional documents; the Commission's General Policies from 1975, still in effect, with notes on what should be highlighted or incorporated on the left hand side of the page and a new Draft for Discussion which included incorporated comments from the Commissioners taken at last weeks meeting and a MVCPAC General Goals Draft. Mr. Adams reviewed the draft MVCPAC policies.

The following discussion or suggestions were generated from the Commissioners: the importance of the Commission policies and the fact that they are used, perhaps indirectly, during every DCPC and DRI review; perhaps the words "rat race" on page 2 could be changed to a more formal term; the word "rural" was discussed in depth including the fact that Martha's Vineyard is a contradiction in terms having farming, open space and business/downtown areas just minutes from each other, that the word should be replaced possibly with "small town character" or "diversity" in this document, discussion that if a rural quality now exists it might not in the near future, and this document should be meant to be operational for many years, wording that we should preserve the integrity of the Island whatever that may encompass, and using #18 from Page 8, Open space policies, for the description of the Island; transportation issues should be added as a general goal; self-sufficiency and education of the children on Island are issues that should also be addressed in the general goals; the placement/prioritization of the goals in that Land and Water Use are discussed before the needs of the people; the fact that growth should

be controlled and the fact that significant growth has already occurred on paper in the way of subdivisions; that incentives are needed to encourage people not to develop their land; the growth boom recently seen on the Island was based on speculation, what we need is growth based on need; coordination is needed among groups such as the Land Bank, Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, and Conservation Commissions and perhaps the MVC could be instrumental in providing this coordination; and that coordinating and disseminating of information would be helpful to the preservation societies.

Mr. Filley asked Commissioners to further review this document and the policies and try to determine if they meet the needs of what we are doing, if they do we can simply reaffirm them as they are. If they need addition, then let's try to work it out. The policies don't have to sit as they are they can be amended to meet the needs that we may have now for the Plan. Discussion on the MVCPAC General Goals will be continued at subsequent meetings.

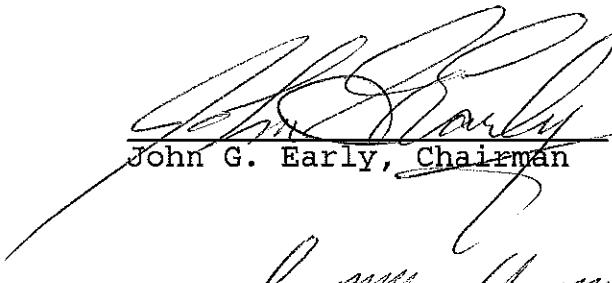
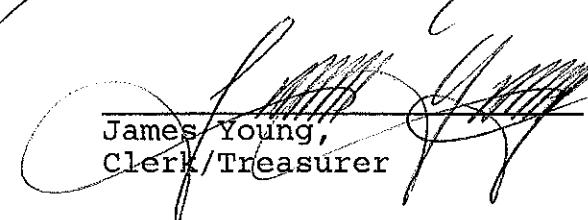
ITEM #7 - New Business

Mr. Early reported that Mr. Young, Land Use Planning Committee Chairman, and Mr. Jason, Planning and Economic Development Committee Chairman, have decided to end their terms on their respective committees as of January 1, 1990.

ITEM #8 - Correspondence - There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

ATTEST

  
John G. Early, Chairman      12/14/89  
  
James Young,  
Clerk/Treasurer      12/14/89

Attendance

Present: Bryant\*, Colebrook, Early, Eber, Ewing, Filley, Fischer, Greene, Jason, Morgan, Schweikert\*\*, Sullivan, Wey, Young, Harney.

Absent: Lee, Sibley, McCavitt, Allen, Geller, Davis.

\* Ms. Bryant arrived at 8:15 p.m.

\*\* Mr. Schweikert did not participate in the Edgartown National Bank vote.