

Martha's Vineyard Island Roads Committee

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Minutes of Meeting 11

Date: April 23, 2015, 5:00 p.m.

Location: MVC Offices, 33 New York Avenue, Oak Bluffs

Present:

Committee Linda Sibley (Chair, MVC), Fred Hancock (MVC), Brian Smith (West Tisbury), Juli Vanderhoop (Aquinnah) Craig Whitaker (Tisbury)

MVC Staff: Mark London

The meeting was chaired by Linda Sibley who opened the meeting at 5:05 p.m.

1. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting of April 23, 2015 were approved with two minor corrections.

2. Work Program

It was felt that the latest version was a big improvement over the previous draft.

- There should be more emphasis on the role of a manual in education.
- It should be clarified that the term classification of roads refers to their significance from a scenic point of view, not their functional classification.

Not all the committee members had reviewed the draft and it was agreed to postpone finalization of the Work Program until the next meeting. Committee members should submit their comments in advance of the next meeting so they can be compiled, concerns can be addressed, and there can be a version ready for adoption at the next meeting.

3. Inventory

Mark presented the Roadside Character Survey work done by intern Zak Steele in 2005 including mapping of the roadside viewsheds, and characterization of each roadside segment. The study included taking photos all along these roads.

It would be desirable to do some spot checks to see whether the results are still valid. The Island is small enough that we probably could think of recent changes. It would be interesting to do before and after photos of locations that have changed.

MVC staff has completed a map of accidents. It would be useful to prepare a map of traffic volumes shown with color and line widths and a map of road speeds.

4. Working Groups

It was suggested that the working groups address the issue following:

- The mix of bikes, traffic, and trucks on roads with different volumes and speeds.
- Clarifying who is responsible for road maintenance for different roads.
- Identifying what officials or boards are responsible for different aspects of their issue and arrange to meet key people and groups to better understand how they operate.