

THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 30, 1989

MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION MEETING

The Martha's Vineyard Commission held a Special Meeting on Thursday, November 30, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. at the West Tisbury School Cafeteria, Old County Road, West Tisbury, MA.

Prior to the opening of this Meeting Mr. Early, Chairman, appointed Norman Friedman, Administrator, and Laurie White, Executive Secretary, as co-acting Executive Directors in the absence of Carol Borer.

ITEM #1 - Chairman's Report

Mr. Early announced the following meetings: Executive Committee Meeting on Tuesday, December 5, 1989 at 4:30 p.m. at the Commission offices; and Planning and Economic Development Committee Meeting Wednesday, December 6, 1989 at 4:30 p.m. at the Oak Bluffs Town Hall, this meeting will be with Mr. Martin and Mr. Martell to discuss warrant articles which are nearing completion.

Mr. Early also announced that on Monday, December 4, 1989, a representative of the Creative Lifts Co. will be visiting the Commission to instruct us on the use of a temporary handicap access unit. He will visit the Commission after the West Tisbury Town Hall and is expected at about 3:00 p.m. We have received a variance from the Architectural Access Board in Boston and we understand that it will not be appealed by the Cape Organization for the Right of the Disabled (CORD). Since we will need a number of people qualified to operate this access unit I am asking all Commissioners who are available to attend.

Mr. Filley, Commissioner, suggested doing a video of the instructional demonstration for those who cannot attend on Monday. This was agreed.

ITEM #2 - Old Business - There was none.

ITEM #3 - Minutes of November 16, 1989

It was motioned and seconded to approve the draft minutes as presented. There was no discussion. This motion passed with no opposition, 1 abstention, McCavitt. (Harney was in favor.)

ITEM #4 - Committee and Legislative Liaison Reports

Mr. Morgan, Legislative Liaison, reported that Representative Turkington will not vote for the tax package as it presently stands and he believes the majority feels the same. Capital Gains is

somewhat of a problem even though it was cut in half, as was sales tax. He continued with an update on the Medicare Lien Bill he discussed last week by stating that the bill received a favorable report and became part of Budget Bill #6472 which consists of a savings package. Anyone interested in cheering this bill on should write to one of the 5 senators sponsoring this bill. Mr. Morgan stated that the bill to establish a Tisbury Department of Public Works has passed the House and Senate and will now go back to the House before it reaches the Governor's desk.

Mr. Early asked if there was any news on our excise bill? Mr. Morgan reported that they will begin looking for assignment of a number within the next 2-3 weeks. It is not anticipated to have a hearing until sometime after February, perhaps as late as May.

Ms. Bryant suggested that the Medicare Lien Bill might be something the Health Care and Human Services Task Force should look into to determine who is in favor of it, who is against it and why.

Ms. Waterman, MVC Staff, reported that the Edgartown Ponds DCPC Committee had met and reviewed 1 exemption. We also reviewed all exemption requests received for this DCPC, of 23 requests all were granted but 1. I also presented a draft of the Visual Workbook to be used as a guide in determining visual quality. I met with David Weslin, Edgartown Planner, and discussed the regulations that will be adopted after the DCPC is over. He will be meeting with the DCPC Committee, the Town Boards and the public to discuss these regulations.

Mr. Young, Chairman of Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC), reported that there was no meeting this week. Next Monday, December 4th, we will be meeting at 4:30 p.m. at the Dukes County Extension Service with the following DRIs on the agenda: Harold Sears, Oak Bluffs Harbor; Keyland Trust DRI, Town of Edgartown; M.V. Shipyard - Bulkhead, Vineyard Haven Harbor; LeLand Subdivision, Chappaquiddick; B.J. Oil Co. - Ralph Packer - Bulkhead, Vineyard Haven Harbor; George Manter Subdivision, Town of West Tisbury.

Ms. Bryant stated that the Gay Head DCPC Committee had met also. Mr. Lee stated that he had attended representing the Planning Board. We looked at maps of the area and examined the parcels. There was discussion on the Diem and Taylor properties. Mr. Saxe, MVC Staff, reported on some of this discussion. It was noted that the Building Official and Board of Health had no representatives at this meeting.

Mr. Early then turned the meeting over to Ms. Harney and Mr. Filley, Co-Chairpersons of the Comprehensive Planning and Advisory Committee (CPAC), for the CPAC report on draft policies.

Mr. Filley thanked Commissioners for their attendance and discussed the documents that would be reviewed tonight.

Mr. Harney asked Commissioners to refer to the handouts from the last meeting and stating that we would be discussing the material you reviewed at home over the past 2 weeks.

Mr. Adams, MVC Staff, handed out additional copies of the materials distributed last week and stated that we will be dealing with the document in your handouts tonight entitled "MVC Participatory Planning Exercises, 30 Nov '89" and that the Draft for Discussion should be used for reference.

The questions in this document were addressed individually by allowing time for the Commissioners to jot down notes and these notes were compiled into a summary by going around the table to get Commissioners and staff responses. These questions and summaries follow:

Question #I: What is Martha's Vineyard? Define the community we serve.

Responses: Year-round and seasonal home; rural, not suburban; suburban problems not equal to rural atmosphere; not really rural/stress; fragile ecosystem; extension of the mainland; not planning for the future; unique communities (6); diversity; microcism - natural/human resource for recreation; summer resort - yankee community; world famous beauty; escape from the real world; synthesis of concepts; different perceptions; unique place to live; ancient; diverse - wide economic spread; lifelong home - cared for; alternative to the rate race; self conscious identity.

Question #IIA: What are the needs and issues facing Martha's Vineyard in the next 20 years? List five. Mr. Adams asked for the 1st and 3rd listing from all Commissioners and staff.

Responses: growth direction - sustainable - areas for growth; home rule with cooperation; traffic/transport - public; traffic congestion; management of State Forest; affordable housing; self sufficiency; shellfish utilization; economic alternatives to buildout; tourist economy; year-round jobs in traditional industry - economic diversity; regionalization - social, economic, political, - local attitude; economic planning for need, creative development - need not greed; consumer prices; public access - encouraging public participation; blending old & new; resolve class differences; affordable land; educational opportunities for youth; SSA planning and management; aquifer protection - sewage treatment; protection of natural resources; erosion of the character/quality of life; communication; Island geography - limitations; cooperative relations between agencies - schools, hospital, SSA, housing authority; consensus on planning direction; infrastructure finance; pro-active planning (ahead); allocating finances to balance needs; Airport terminal; Medical/educational needs.

Question #IIB: What are the community's strengths and assets that can be drawn on in the next 20 years? Mr. Adams asked for the 1st and 3rd listing from all Commissioners and staff.

Responses: examples from mainland - time to plan; insulated by water - small size - defined borders; involved citizenry/including visitors; children; talents - human resources - high education level; sense of community - caring for one another; All Island Selectmen; traditions -

sense of history - Island memory; Coastal Zone Management; Unique agencies; MVC planning power; local government structure; natural resources - beauty, clean environment, pure drinking water; financial resources - summer economy, reinvestment; diverse social life in small community; educational system; conservation land; senior population; hockey rink; subsidized housing; quality of life at low income.

There was a short recess during which Commissioners were asked to jot down notes on question #III.

Question #III: Where does the MVC fit into the Community? What is the Commission's mission? The responses follow the individual questions.

Who do we serve? We serve everybody - community; serve the environment - natural and social; serve people and land; services - housing, human needs, children.

What do we do best? talk - communication; focus for information, communication, and action; process complex issues, information; good platform for views of Commissioners/constituents; powerful presence (second slip); planning is a strength.

What are our weaknesses? regulation; lack of stable funding; communication with town boards; public relations, absorbed in regulations, inconsistency, flexibility in discretion for decisions; lack of knowledge in community; no power over SSA; Strength & weakness: no fat - small, tight organization - little bureaucracy.

What services do we provide? mitigate impacts; moderate development; methods for dictating land and water use.

What services should we provide? power for regional planning; planning for the SSA; accomplish Island plan.

What would happen if the MVC did not exist? Cape Cod; homogenized Island.

What is special about the way we operate? Allows time and breathing space.

What important planning functions lie outside the MVC's mission? SSA planning; education in the schools.

What are the most significant problems facing the Commission in the next 20 years that might affect its mission? Quality of staff essential; lack of stable funding; money for planning and public relations; need better representation and support from the State, creativity.

Mr. Adams asked Commissioner to rate their responses for Question #IV and pass the form back in before they leave. A summary of these responses appears in Appendix A.

Mr. Adams, Ms. Harney and Mr. Filley thanked the Commissioner for their participation and related how valuable this participation is to CPAC.

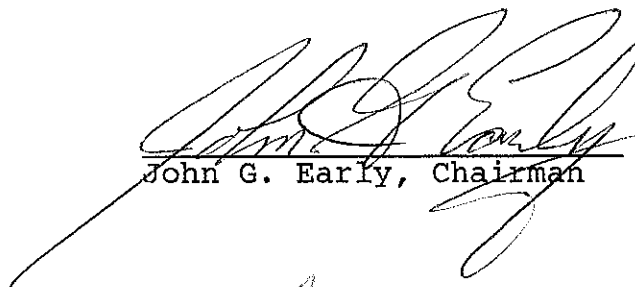
Mr. Early thanked CPAC and Staff for their continued work on this project.

ITEM #5 - New Business - There was none.


ITEM #6 - Correspondence - There was none.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 p.m.

ATTEST



John G. Early, Chairman Date 12/7/89



James Young,
Clerk/Treasurer Date 12/7/89

Attendance

Present: Bryant, Colebrook, Early, Eber, Filley, Greene, Lee, Morgan, Schweikert, Sibley, Sullivan, Young, McCavitt, Harney.

Absent: Ewing, Fischer, Jason, Wey, Allen, Geller, Davis.

IV. What are the most important topics for policies that the MVC should consider?

The following list was compiled by assigning points to priorities chosen by Commissioners on Nov 30. Points were assigned as follows:

1= 5 points, 2= 4 points, 3= 3 points, 4= 2 points, 5= 1 points.

An additional point total was added for total votes received.

Each page was allowed a total of 25 votes; no points were assigned beyond that number.

Results were as follows:

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| 1. growth management | 14. locations for commercial/ industrial growth |
| 2. year-round economy | 14. pond management |
| 3. carrying capacity of land and water | 14. locating new development |
| 4. low/moderate income housing | 14. affordable home ownership |
| 4. year-round transit system | 15. refuse disposal |
| 5. fishing, farming and island industries | 15. rental housing |
| 5. capital planning - regional | 16. farm practices |
| 6. traffic management | 16. bikeways |
| 7. capital planning - town | 17. open space management |
| 8. wastewater treatment | 18. access to open space |
| 9. primary health care availability | 18. trail system |
| 10. regional coordination of health and human services | 19. surface water protection |
| 10. critical habitats | 19. outdoor recreation |
| 10. affordable housing type and location | 19. access to water |
| 11. tourism and the seasonal economy | 20. home occupation businesses |
| 11. special needs housing | 20. standards for review of affordable housing |
| 11. wildlife management | |
| 12. design guidelines | The following topics received at least one point: |
| 12. health care access | wetlands and watercourses |
| 13. market-rate housing | ancient ways |
| 13. traffic/ transportation in commercial districts | recreation - indoor |
| 13. summer transit | community facilities |
| | government facilities |
| | neighborhood commercial sites |
| | types of commercial growth |
| | housing staff |
| | eligibility for housing programs |