

**Land Use Planning Committee
Summary of June 10, 2002 Meeting
Olde Stone Building**

Members Present: R. Toole, A. Woodruff, L. Sibley, M. Donaroma, C. Brown, J. Best,
Staff Present: Jennifer Rand, Irene Fyler, Bill Veno
Others Present: Owen Larkin, Ed Vincent, Bill Stafursky

Meeting opened at 5:30 PM by Richard Toole & adjourned at 6:20

Vineyard Golf

Staff gave an update to the LUPC regarding what they needed to accomplish that evening; which was address the Island Membership Plan, The condition regarding public play and the condition regarding public access in the off-season. She then recommended that Irene Fyler be allowed to speak about the conversation she had with Mr. Wodlinger regarding the letter sent from the ZBA to the MVC. Irene said the Mr. Wodlinger had suggested that the MVC cede to the wishes of the ZBA as the selection of members was not really a regional issue. M. Donaroma said he had spoken less formally to Mr. Wodlinger about this subject at another time and he got the same feedback.

L. Sibley said she was okay with the recommendation to send the plan back to the town to deal with. She added that this was a good lesson for the Commission to not put off finalizing those issues that are important during the hearing. Leaving them until a later date opens up the possibility of them not being done or not being able to be fully addressed. J. Best said that he felt the question was not how a new plan is devised but whether it provides a public benefit, which he felt this did not. Sibley said that if the MVC had finalized this at the time, and the plan was not to their liking they could have denied it then. She said that in isolation this issue was not specifically regional. C. Brown said she agreed with Linda. R. Toole said he felt that ultimately there was a benefit to islanders even if it wasn't totally open to everyone. A. Woodruff said he thought if the lottery were annual it would be frustrating to members. Donaroma asked if there were any other issues relative to the membership or if they could vote their recommendation to the full body. J. Best asked about the other issues that had been raised at the meeting such as the selection criteria.

Donaroma made a motion to defer to the Edgartown ZBA the issue of the Island membership plan selection process and accept the plan as offered by the applicant. Sibley seconded, 5 ayes, 1 abstention.

Sibley then asked the applicant to consider allowing spouses to play. Mr. Larkin said he would look at the idea, but it was difficult to maintain the course organically with too much traffic.

Regarding Condition 2B directing the applicant to develop a plan for public play, staff told the LUPC that she had spoken with various people in the Town of Edgartown and it was clear that no one supported a zoning change allowing public courses in that district.

L. Sibley made a motion to change the wording to read "If the zoning in Edgartown ever allows public course the applicant shell develop a plan for public play". C. Brown seconded.

Staff pointed out that by changing the wording in such a manner the Commission was putting themselves in the same situation of deferring an issue that was important to them, which was exactly what they had just mentioned they didn't want to do anymore. Commissioners acknowledged this.

The applicant pointed out that there was no way he could offer public play as a private club as it would open up the possibility of his members suing for misrepresentation of the club's status.

The motion was voted 5 ayes, one abstention.

On the final issue, public access in the off-season, L. Sibley made a motion to recommend seconded by M. Donaroma.

J. Best suggested that it might make sense to flag where people can't go versus where they can to allow for a larger area to ski in. He said if the path was too narrow it might cause too much wear and tear in one place.

The motion was voted 6 ayes.