



**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION**

**Coastal District of Critical Planning Concern
Conformance of Proposed Amended Chilmark Regulations**

Date: **Thursday, March 16, 2017 at 7:30 P.M.**

Location: Martha's Vineyard Commission Offices, 33 New York Avenue, Oak Bluffs, MA.

Purpose: To hear testimony and receive evidence as to whether the Commission should determine that proposed amendments to the regulations governing the Coastal District in the Town of Chilmark conform to the guidelines for the development of the District specified in the Commission's designation of the District.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS to Article 11: Districts of Critical Planning Concern

To amend Section 11.6.A.2 of the Chilmark Zoning By-laws by: (1) re-numbering the current subsection 11.6.A.2.b as 11.6.A.2.c; (2) re-numbering the current subsection 11.6.A.2.c as 11.6.A.2.d; and (3) adding the following text as subsection 11.6.A.2.b:

b. With respect only to those portions of the Chilmark Coastal District that are located within the Squibnocket Pond District (the boundaries of which are defined in Section 3.1.H of this bylaw), reconstruction and/or relocation of existing roadways, including the addition of elevated sections or causeways, provided that the Conservation Commission approves the proposed work within its jurisdiction under an order of conditions (following referral to and approval by the Martha's Vineyard Commission if required by St. 1977, c. 831, as amended, or the regulations promulgated thereunder). For roadways, including the addition of elevated sections or causeways, in connection with a project providing a public benefit as approved by a two thirds majority vote of a Special or Annual Town Meeting, the restriction set forth in Section 11.6.A.2.d.4 shall not be applicable and the Conservation Commission's review and the Martha's Vineyard Commission's review (if required) under this provision shall be the sole review required under Article 11 of the Zoning By-laws.

Written testimony may be submitted prior to or during the hearing. This hearing is held pursuant to Sections 8 and 10 of Chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977, as amended, and Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 30A, Section 2, as modified by said Chapter 831, and the Critical Planning District Qualifications regarding designation of a District of Critical Planning Concern (DCPC), adopted by the Commission and approved on September 8, 1975 by the Secretary of Communities and Development.