



MEMORANDUM

To: Town Clerk – Town of West Tisbury ✓  
Planning Board  
Board of Selectmen  
Building Inspector  
Board of Health  
Zoning Board of Appeals  
Conservation Commission  
Town Clerks Aquinnah, Chilmark, Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury

From: Jo-Ann Taylor, DCPC Coordinator  
Martha's Vineyard Commission 

Date: January 06, 2017

Re: Island Road District of Critical Planning Concern  
**Acceptance of Nomination for Consideration – Manter's Path as a Special Way in West Tisbury**

The Martha's Vineyard Commission met on Thursday, January 5, 2017, and voted to accept for consideration a nomination to designate Manter's Path in the Special Ways Zone of the Island Road District in the Town of West Tisbury, having found reason for consideration in that the nomination presents compelling statements regarding the need for and suitability of consideration for designation:

*Manter's Path is a vestige of the travel network used by Martha's Vineyard ancestors and reminds us of the way they lived back then...Large farm parcels made up the landscape of early West Tisbury. Various ways connected these farms, allowing movement of wagons, animals and foot traffic...Protection of this path aids in protecting the rural traditions of the Vineyard that are critically tied to our Island values.*

Manter's Path represents a vestige of the agricultural roots of West Tisbury and the rest of the Vineyards.

Pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977, as amended, this memorandum shall serve as notice to the Town of West Tisbury boards and officials that a moratorium is now in place in the area under consideration and the powers and authorities of a municipality to grant development permits within the proposed area are now suspended.

Please find below a written description of the way under consideration for designation, and for your convenience an accompanying illustration.

Should there be any questions, please do not hesitate to contact this office  
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Area under consideration for designation:

Within twenty feet of either side of the centerline of **Manter's Path**: As shown on Assessors' Map 31: from the juncture of lots 6 and 69 at a point approximately 200 feet from the centerline of Tiahs Cove Road; across Tiahs Cove Road to the juncture of lots 102.21 and 111.3; in a generally northeasterly direction along the property boundaries; across Blackthorn Road; approximately 200 feet along the boundary of lots 106.4 and 116 to meet the Special Way know as Scrubby Neck Road and Watcha Path.

