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Martha's Vineyard Commission DCPC Committee Town of Aquinnah District Notes of the Meeting of February 16, 2010

Held in the Stone Building, New York Avenue, Oak Bluffs. 10:00 A.M.

Committee Members Present: Committee members Katherine Newman (Chairman), Lenny Jason, Jr., and Andrew Woodruff;

Others Present: Camille Rose and Carlos Montoya (Town of Aquinnah); and MVC staff Jo-Ann Taylor, Mark London and Bill Veno

Chairman Katherine Newman opened the meeting at 10:00 A.M.

Discussion continued on the draft text of possible amendment to the Guidelines for the Town of Aquinnah District.

- The Town prefers to review each project on a case-by-case basis, with the only amendment being to insert "unnecessarily" before "radically alter or interrupt".
- Some Commissioners are not comfortable without standards, particularly in the Moshup Trail District.
- There was some difference of opinion of those from Aquinnah as to whether or not the Town would immediately request conformance in all DCPC's, should the MVC vote conformance only in those areas not covered by other Districts besides the Town of Aquinnah District.
- Commissioners are also interested in a written opinion from Counsel to confirm the phone call information discussed at the last meeting.
- There was consensus to proceed with noticing the draft text (as subsequently tweaked by staff and sent around for e-mail review) for April 1 unless Commissioners communicate a need to meet again prior to noticing the hearing.

The meeting ended at noon.

Minutes prepared by Jo-Ann Taylor

Attachment: draft text for amendment

DRAFT TEXT FOR AMENDMENT
Town of Aquinnah DCPC

Goals: *“To protect the scenic character of the District from undue visual intrusion and to promote and maintain its rural character and culture”*

To remain unchanged

Guidelines (with proposed amendments in BOLD):

“That appropriate exterior design, height and/or siting regulations be developed for any potential new structure proposed for construction within the District, to ensure that any and all new construction shall be consistent with the rural character of the Town of Aquinnah and shall not radically alter or interrupt the existing skyline of the Town as viewed from any public way including any public water body and including the lookout at the Gay Head Cliffs.

PROVISION MAY BE MADE FOR PROPERLY SITED WIND ENERGY GENERATING FACILITIES OF APPROPRIATE SCALE AND DESIGN, PROVIDED THAT SUCH FACILITIES DO NOT UNNECESSARILY CONTRADICT THE GOALS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE TOWN OF AQUINNAH DISTRICT. SUCH PROVISION MAY BE MADE IN THOSE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS DESIGNATED IN THE TOWN OF AQUINNAH DISTRICT BUT NOT ALSO DESIGNATED IN THE COASTAL DISTRICT, ISLAND ROAD DISTRICT, SPECIAL PLACES DISTRICT, MOSHUP TRAIL DISTRICT, GAY HEAD CLIFFS AREA DISTRICT AND/OR THE WILD AND SCENIC NORTH SHORE DISTRICT.

“That the appropriate administration of exterior design, height and/or siting regulations, through a procedure to include site plan review, be developed; and that the site plan review procedure include clear and objective criteria for review...”

