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**Minutes of the Island Road DCPC Committee Meeting
Held on October 13, 2011
Martha's Vineyard Commission, Stone Building, New York Ave.
Oak Bluffs, MA 02557**

8 **IN ATTENDANCE**

9 Commissioners: (P= Present; A= Appointed; E= Elected)

10 P Christina Brown (E-Edgartown) P Doug Sederholm (E-Chilmark)
11 P Erik Hammarlund (E-West Tisbury) P Fred Hancock, Chair (A-Oak Bluffs)

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13 Staff: Jo-Ann Taylor (Coastal Planner, DCPC Coordinator), Bill Veno (Senior Planner), Mark
14 London (Executive Director)

15 **Chairman Fred Hancock** called the meeting to order at 8:25 a.m.

16 **Fred Hancock** invited review of the draft minutes from October 5. **Doug Sederholm** moved to
17 adopt the minutes as amended at the table. **Erik Hammarlund** seconded. The motion carried
18 unanimously.

19 **Fred Hancock** began by stating that there is consensus that Section 4.12 *Compliance with*
20 *Criteria and Standards* should be amended from the original 1975 text.

- 21 • **Erik Hammarlund** suggested starting from scratch, working from the basic ideas of what
22 is special.
- 23 • **Doug Sederholm** suggested that the staff draft amendment of 4.12 is broad and would
24 provide the basis to do what is needed in Sections 5Va and b regarding goals and
25 guidelines for development. The draft amendment would explicate several points and
26 would clarify that public access is not necessary for designation of a Special Way. He
27 particularly likes lines 33-51. He would like to tweak 4.12 a bit and dive into Section 5.
- 28 • **Christina Brown** suggested that we know what we want to protect, only have not yet
29 articulated it. She would like to dive into Section 5.
- 30 • **Fred Hancock** suggested that jumping to Section 5 would be working backwards.
- 31 • **Fred Hancock** directed the Committee to look through Section 4.12 once again before
32 moving on.

33 There were questions regarding possibly broadening the scope of the Special Ways to include
34 already-traveled ways.

- 35 • Should the Island-wide Special Ways Zone be expanded in breadth to include ways that
36 are already traveled? Should there be a separate zone for Special Vehicular Ways?
37 Who should determine which are Special Vehicular Ways? The Commission or the
38 towns?

39 There was some discussion of whether or not an expansion in breadth of scope might be
40 accompanied by a lessening of restrictions.

- 41 • The traveled ways already have some cars on them. If included, should they be treated
42 the same as the untraveled ways? If it's all right to have light vehicular use on a
43 routinely traveled way, then what's the value of keeping cars from the rest of the ways?

44 **Doug Sederholm** noted that there is a big difference between providing for vehicular access to
45 a property with no alternative and providing for large-scale development.

46 **Fred Hancock** directed the Committee, for homework, to continue focusing on whether or not to
47 broaden the scope of the Special Ways to include already-traveled ways.

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49 The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

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51 Jo-Ann Taylor

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53 Next meeting: Thursday, October 20, 8:15 a.m.

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55 DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO DURING THE MEETING

- 56 • Island Road DCPC Committee **Draft** Amendments For Discussion Purposes Working **Draft** 10 7 11
- 57 • 2008 Amendments (negated in the “Judgment”, continued defense by MVC)
- 58 • 1975 Decision of the MVC Designating the Island Road District as a DCPC
- 59 • Critical Planning District Qualifications
- 60 • Chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977 as amended
- 61 • Minutes of October 5, 2011 (amended and finalized during the meeting)