

AQUINNAH ENERGY DCPC
STAFF NOTES April 10, 2008 (TAYLOR)

Purpose: The Town has asked the Commission to expand the boundary of the Aquinnah Energy District. Having completed its work on developing an approach to its energy needs, the Town is now ready to propose regulations. Those proposed regulations involve siting of facilities that are below 32' in elevation, and the Town is asking for an expansion of the District that would remove the 32-foot limitation on coverage in the present designation boundary. As anticipated in the Designation Decision, this is being done in conjunction of proposal of regulations.

Appropriate motion: *To accept for consideration the nomination of the proposed boundary amendment for the Aquinnah Energy District*

Effect of vote: This is not the public hearing. An affirmative vote commits the Commission to a public hearing and designation (amendment) vote within 60 days. An affirmative vote also expands the present building moratorium in Aquinnah to include all development permits regardless of elevation (moratorium until regulations are heard by the Commission and voted at Town Meeting).

Timeline: Although the Commission has 45 days to respond to this request, a timely response tonight will best accommodate the time frame for the public hearings (MVC hearing proposed for May 8 along with vote on conformance of proposed regulations) and Annual Town Meeting shortly after.