

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO GUIDELINES  
FOR THE TOWN OF AQUINNAH DISTRICT  
CONFIRMATION OF VOTE TO CONSIDER**

February 4, 2010 staff notes – Jo-Ann Taylor, DCPC Coordinator

**PROCEDURAL NOTES**

Purpose of vote:

- To confirm vote to consider amending the Designation of the Town of Aquinnah District.
- The Commission hears and considers proposed amendments to designations in the same manner as the original designation. After a public hearing, the Commission votes on whether or not to amend the designation. In January (see 1/21/10 mtg), the Commission discussed and informally agreed to hold a hearing on such amendment. The *vote to consider* commits the Commission to formally hearing the request.

Proposed amendments In **BOLD CAPS**:

Goals of the Town of Aquinnah District:

The Goals of the Town of Aquinnah District are to: *“To protect the scenic character of the District from undue visual intrusion and to promote and maintain its rural character and culture, **INCLUDING PROPER STEWARDSHIP OF AQUINNAH’S GENEROUS WIND RESOURCES**”.*

Guidelines (excerpts):

*“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. **SUCH REGULATIONS MAY MAKE PROVISION FOR PROPERLY SITED WIND ENERGY GENERATING FACILITIES OF APPROPRIATE SCALE AND DESIGN...**”*

Correspondence: request from Town of Aquinnah

Note: for further reference, please see the DCPC tab of the MVC website <http://www.mvcommission.org/> for the following helpful documents:

- Guidance on Nomination and Designation of Districts of Critical Planning Concern (DCPCs)
- Decision of the Martha’s Vineyard Commission Designating the Town of Aquinnah District as a District of Critical Planning Concern

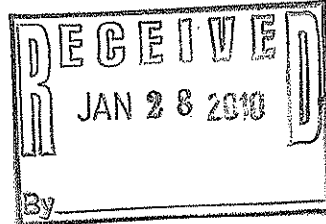


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# TOWN OF AQUINNAH

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To: Christina Brown  
Chairman, MVC  
Oak Bluffs, MA



1/28/10

Dear Christina,

The Martha's Vineyard Commission voted last week to find that the new wind bylaw of the Town of Aquinnah did not conform to certain of the language contained in the original guidelines of the Town-wide Aquinnah DCPC, approved by the Commission.

It was proposed by Commission members at that meeting that the language of those DCPC guidelines be revised to allow for the new wind bylaw to be in conformance.

I am pleased to request, here, in behalf of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Aquinnah, that the Commission undertake that task, and set a hearing date for considering proposed changes, as soon as possible.

We look forward to collaborating with MVC staff and Commission members, in the meantime, to develop draft language that attempts to meet that objective.

Sincerely,

Carlos Montoya  
Interim Chair, Aquinnah Planning Board

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