

ISLAND PLAN

CHARTING THE FUTURE OF THE VINEYARD

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Natural Environment Work Group Core

Meeting Notes of December 21, 2006, 10:00 A.M., MVC

Present - Members: Tom Wallace (Chair), Tim Boland, Judy Crawford, Dick Johnson, Brendan O'Neill, Matt Pelikan (by telephone), Leah Smith

Present - MVC Staff: Mark London, Jo-Ann Taylor

1. Subtopic - Recreation

Utilizing the Management by Objectives model: Vision Statement -> Goals -> Objectives -> Strategies:

- Vision drafts from core members were shared with the result (wording to be refined into a single draft vision statement):
 - Use and enjoyment of natural areas
 - Compatible, appropriate (types and intensity) with respect to scenic values, biodiversity, others' enjoyment (in the present)
 - Preserve for future generations (sustainable use)
 - Use leads to appreciation, which in turn leads to stewardship
 - Integral part of Vineyard life and Island character
 - Diverse experience is desirable
 - Linked networks
- Issues raised but deferred for further discussion:
 - universal access at no cost?
 - the need to demystify the historical access or the myth/legend of historical universal access of the last century on the Island
 - Charging access fees? (social implications)
 - Define recreation in natural environment
 - Active vs. passive recreation
- Subjects were identified for which goals are needed:
 - Trails
 - Shoreline/beach
 - Hunting and gathering
 - Natural history observation
 - Scenic vistas
 - Active recreation

- Discussion of goals was initiated:
 - Trails: diversity of settings and uses; cross-Island network for pedestrians, bikes; greenways
 - Shoreline/beaches: clear access nodes to beach where appropriate, increase along-shore access where appropriate, research colonial ordinances regarding access rights, diversity of shore experiences

2. Upcoming Meeting

Core – Thursday, January 4, 2007, 12 – 1:30 P.M., at MVC (bring a bag lunch)

Notes prepared by Jo-Ann Taylor