

ISLAND PLAN

CHARTING THE FUTURE OF THE VINEYARD

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Natural Environment Work Group Core

Meeting Notes of February 1, 2007, 11:30 A.M., MVC

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

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

Present – Observer: Susan Shea, Natural Environment Work Group

1. Work Group progress

The Core reviewed the Steering Committee's draft Template for Synthesis Documents, with request for a draft from each work group within a month, and request to propose one or two quick short-term strategies "low-hanging fruit" and one or two more complex strategies for opening dialog "bold ideas". It was determined to proceed with this, and to involve the larger Work Group through a series of Work Group meetings focused on the four subtopics Recreation, Biodiversity, Working Landscapes, and Character.

- Recreation – Leah Smith (lead), Tom Wallace, Susan Shea (Work Group member) *meeting subsequently set for February 13, 12-1:30 at MVC*
- Biodiversity – Tom Chase (lead), Tim Boland, Matt Pelikan *meeting subsequently set for February 23, 12-1:30 at MVC*
- Working Landscapes – Dick Johnson (lead), Tim Boland (possibly in conjunction with Livelihood and Commerce Work Group)
- Character – Tom Wallace (lead), Brendan O'Neill, Judy Crawford, Mark London (staff)

2. Working Landscapes

- It was determined that there should be contact with the Livelihood and Commerce work group regarding Working Landscapes, due to the inherent links in interests.
- Dick agreed to initiate contact with Livelihood and Commerce and then draft a vision statement for discussion purposes, with some ideas noted:
 - Ensure that we have the land base needed to ensure that those who want to make a living from the land can do so, in a sustainable manner
 - Goal is for nature to be in service to the needs identified by the other work groups, particularly Livelihood and Commerce

- Should include balancing the needs of the wildlife and habitats AND the needs of people to use the land, compatibility

3. Other

It was agreed that handouts will not be prepared for Core meetings, unless upon request. Members will bring their own from the e-mail distribution or make a request for a hard copy if necessary (prior to the meeting, please).

4. Upcoming Meetings

- Core – Wednesday, March 7, 11:00 A.M., upstairs at MVC – review work group progress
- Recreation meeting subsequently set for February 13, 12-1:30 at MVC
- Biodiversity meeting subsequently set for February 23, 12-1:30 at MVC
- Character meeting subsequently set for March 5, 12-1:30 at MVC

Notes prepared by Jo-Ann Taylor