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Richard Salzburg
Martha's Vineyard Commission
DRI Coordinator
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RE: Tisbury Marine Terminal

Dear Mr. Salzburg:

In advance of your consideration of the above project this evening, I am providing background information concerning the decision on the public viewing platform.

On March 30, 2022, the Select Board reviewed the Tisbury Marine Terminal's proposed public viewing platform on Town owned property on the north side of Beach Road. The Tisbury Open Space and Recreation Committees and other town officials determined the public viewing platform was not a suitable location. We discussed the improvements with the potential lessee of Tisbury Marine Terminal, Vineyard Wind and understood that the financial commitment of the applicant to the public access improvements would be in the amount of \$400,000, which is based on the estimated construction cost of the originally proposed public viewing platform.

The alternative location on Lagoon Pond would enable the Town to establish pedestrian water access and to extend improvements up to Lagoon Harbor Park. The Select Board believes this would be a positive public benefit in keeping with the goals of the Tisbury Open Space and Recreation Plan.

The Town requires additional time to evaluate the prioritization for spending these funds; however, the improvements will include a shore walk and connecting paths to the beach with picnic area(s) within the area outlined below in Figure 1.



Figure 1: Area of Proposed Improvements for Public Access to Shoreline

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John W. Grande". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John W. Grande,
Tisbury Town Administrator

Cc. Tisbury Select Board