



Open Space and Recreation Committee

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Martha's Vineyard Commission
c/o Alex Elvin
Re: DRI -Tisbury Marine Terminal

Dear Commissioners:

The Tisbury Open Space and Recreation Committee serves in an advisory capacity to the Select Board working on behalf of the Town to implement the goals of the Town's 2019 Open Space and Recreation Plan. One of the Plan's goals is to increase waterfront access and recreation opportunities. Over the past several months, committee members participated in meetings with Richard Andre and Carlos Pena to discuss the proposed overlook and beach access included in the Marine Terminal proposal.

Our committee is interested in maximizing the public benefit of this proposal. We have supported the idea of a harbor overlook and suggested the value of including interpretive signage on offshore wind energy production. We also discussed the need to provide ADA access, the benefit of enlarging the public space to provide seating, and our desire to create a strong connection to the bike pedestrian path from Winds Up to the bridge.

The Open Space and Recreation Committee has been exploring the recreational potential of Lagoon Harbor Park, town property along the Lagoon between Wind's Up to the bridge. We envision a pedestrian and bike corridor with a series of access points to the lagoon, for passive and active recreation. We see a harbor overlook as a positive extension of the Lagoon Harbor Park plans. ADA parking for this corridor could be provided at the Town Landing. A Beach Road crosswalk between Lagoon Harbor Park and the Marine Terminal will be necessary and should be located to assure safe pedestrian access and facilitate bike transitions from the SUP and the Beach Rd. bike lanes.

The Committee appreciates the collaboration and attention that the Vineyard Wind team has given to develop public space and access to the waterfront. We recognize that there may yet be changes and necessary design refinements, but it is our understanding that Vineyard Wind will continue to work with the Open Space and Recreation Committee to develop a project that benefits the town and supports the goals of the Tisbury Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Doble, Chair
Tisbury Open Space and Recreation Committee