

DCPC NOMINATION

Instructions

Please review Appendix "Critical Planning District Qualifications" prior to completion of the nomination. Only nominations in accordance with the "Critical Planning District Qualifications" will be considered.

Sponsors are encouraged to contact the Commission's DCPC Coordinator (Jo-Ann Taylor, 505-693-3453, Extension 19, taylor@mvcommission.org) prior to completing and submitting the nomination.

Please answer all questions as completely and concisely as possible, using additional sheets as necessary.



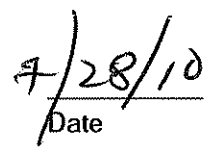
Include a locus map with proposed boundaries shown on an appropriate base, such as the town assessors' maps or a section of the most recent U.S.G.S. 1:25,000-scale topographic map.

If the sponsor is a town board or the Commission, include signature below and a copy of the vote.

If a taxpayer petition is included, include tax collector(s) verification for 75 signatures.

Submit the signed nomination, in person or by certified mail, to Martha's Vineyard Commission, Olde Stone Building, New York Avenue, P.O. Box 1447, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557.

SIGNATURES: If the sponsor is a town Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission or Board of Health, or the Martha's Vineyard Commission, the appropriate officer of such board shall sign his or her name below. Attach a copy of the vote.

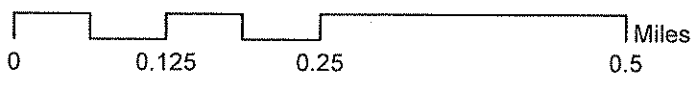
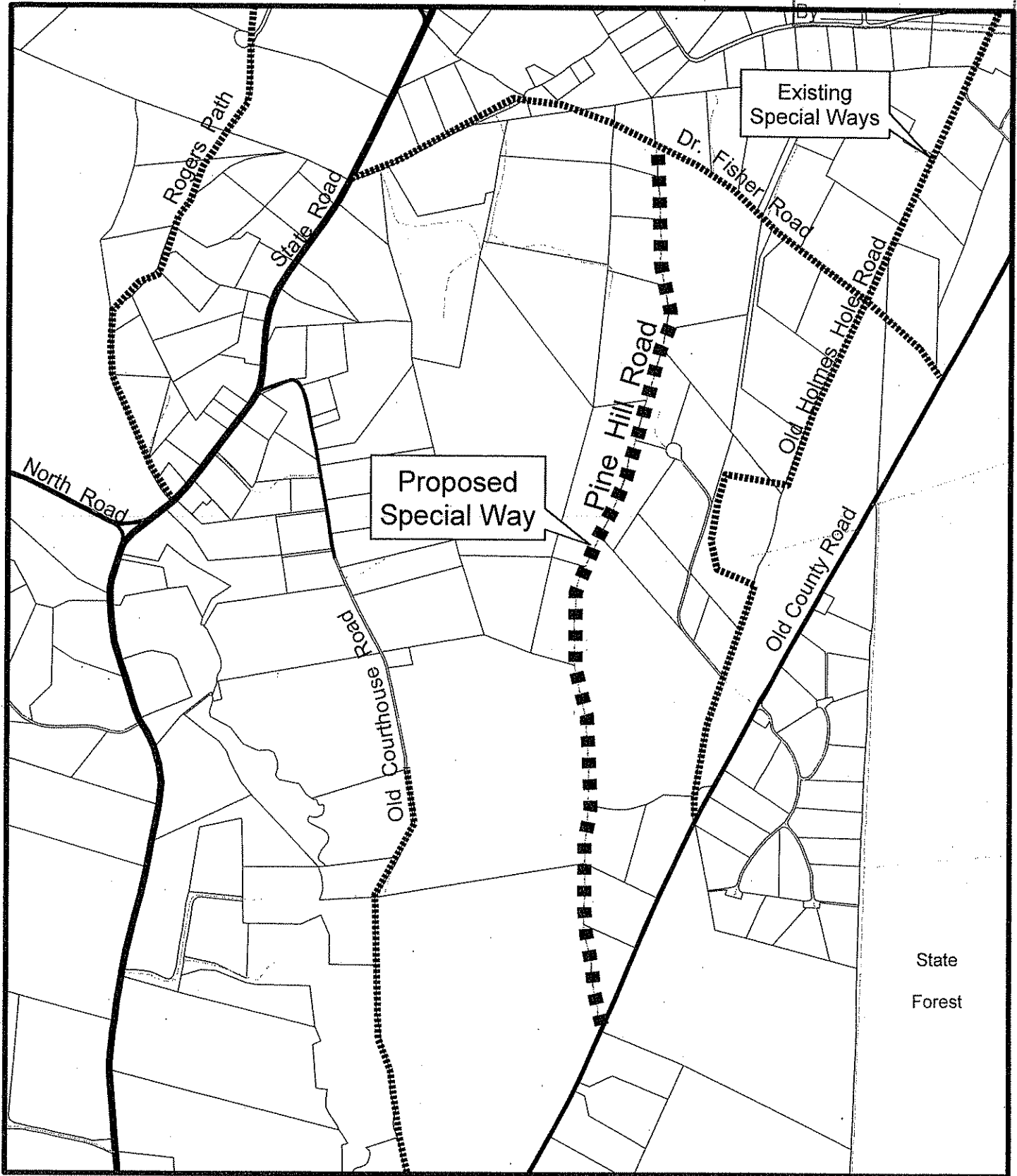
		
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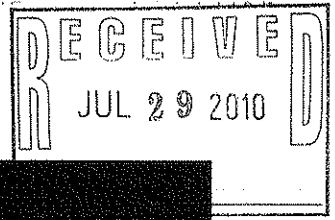
IF THE NOMINATION IS BY PETITION, SEE ACCOMPANYING PETITION SIGNATURE PAGE.

West Tisbury Proposed Special Ways - July 2010

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NOMINATION INFORMATION

NAME AND ADDRESS of the nominating board (Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Martha's Vineyard Commission) or a signatory of the taxpayers' petition. All correspondence will be directed to the sponsor whose name and address appears here:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

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e-mail:

NAME AND LOCATION (TOWN OR TOWNS) OF PROPOSED DISTRICT:

West Tisbury

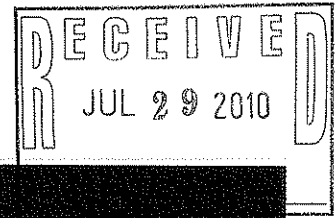
AREA PROPOSED FOR DESIGNATION:

Describe the location of the proposed district, referencing any distinguishable landmarks, structures, roads, assessors' map and parcel numbers, etc. which may act as boundary limits. If appropriate, give measurements in feet. Attach a locus map with proposed boundaries shown on an appropriate base, such as the town assessors' maps or a section of the most recent U.S.G.S. 1:25,000-scale topographic map. The proposed boundaries should be delineated as accurately as possible, both on the attached locus maps and in the narrative.

Pine Hill Road – beginning at Old County Road at the southern point of Assessors Map 26, Lot 14.1, opposite the Sheriff's Meadow parking lot at Nat's Farm, proceeding northerly along the west boundary of said lot and continuing northerly until the northwestern point of Assessors Map 21, Lot 13 where it intersects Doctor Fisher Road. (2010)

Red Coat Hill Road/Motts Hill Road – beginning at the Tisbury town line on the south side of the easternmost point of Assessors Map #8, Lot 24 and continuing westerly and becoming Motts Hill Road at the intersection of Ben Chase Road and proceeding southwesterly to its intersection with Merry Farm Road between Assessors Map 8, Lots 22.3 and 22.4. (2010)

Shubael Weeks Road – beginning at the Tisbury town line at the northernmost point of Assessors Map 8, Lot 31 and proceeding southerly to its intersection with Ben Chase Road at the southern point of Assessors Map 8, Lot 25 continuing southerly crossing Merry Farm Road and intersecting Beaten Path near the northernmost point of Assessors Map 8, Lot 26.4. (2010)



NEED FOR DESIGNATION

Please review Appendix "Critical Planning District Qualifications" before continuing. The Martha's Vineyard Commission will only consider proposals warranting designation in accordance with the "Qualifications".

A. Indicate the type of district that is proposed (See Appendix "Critical Planning District Qualifications"). Nominations may include more than one category:

- 1. Drinking Water Resource District
- 2. Fishing Resource District
- 3. Farming Resource District
- 4. Wildlife, Natural, Scientific or Ecological Resource District
- 5. Cultural or Historic Resource District
- 6. Economic or Development Resource District
- 7. Major Public Investment District
- 8. Hazardous District

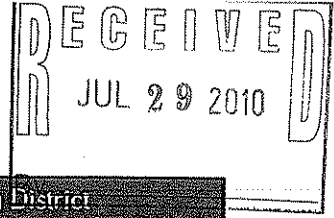
B. Referring to the SPECIFIC QUALIFICATIONS (See Appendix "Critical Planning District Qualifications"), explain why you feel that this area would warrant designation. Use additional sheets as necessary.

B. The Town of West Tisbury needs to protect these ancient paths and byways for foot and ^{bicycle} and hoof passage from one part of town to another, and from one town to another. All four of these roads appear in maps from the early 1800s.

Pine Hill Road was a major route from Old Holmes Hole Road (a.k.a. Old County Road) near the West Tisbury center, across Doctor Fisher Road to Lamberts' Cove Road. The Island Farm subdivision was built atop much of the section north of Doctor Fisher Road and is no longer passable. As the section south of Doctor Fisher Road has very little traffic and virtually no through traffic out to Old County Road, the way is enjoyed by neighbors and others on foot, bike and horse, safely connecting people from the State Forest and other conservation lands and byways.

Red Coat Hill Road/Motts Hill Road are part of an old cart path and trail system in between State Road (the Vineyard Haven/West Tisbury Road) and Lambert's Cove Road. In the 17 and 1800's, when the island consisted mainly of farmland, Vineyard Haven Harbor could be seen easily from the highest point on Red Coat Hill Road. This lookout was used during the Revolutionary War to oversee the harbor. On September 10, 1778, a British force of red coats led by General Grey seized this high ground during a four-day invasion, leaving a red coat on a nearby hill. They are important connectors to Land Bank and Nature Conservancy trails, and conservation areas in West Tisbury and Vineyard Haven, including Duarte's Pond.

Shubael Weeks Road extended from road intersections at State Road and to cranberry bogs in Tisbury along Lambert's Cove Road. Development has occurred atop the portion near State Road. The designated section includes two segments not used by vehicles.



C. Referring to the GENERAL QUALIFICATIONS (See Appendix "Critical Planning District Qualifications"), please answer as simply as possible the following: (Use additional sheets as necessary)

1. Why is this resource or area important to more than one town or to the Island as a whole?
2. What are the problems associated with the uncontrolled or inappropriate development of the area?
3. What kind of development would be advantageous within the proposed district?

5. General Qualifications.

1. **These trails are part of an historical network of interconnecting trails that link all the island trails. They are a visible part of our history, and offer a hope for our future – as a safe alternative to roads monopolized by motor vehicle use and increasing volumes of traffic. These trails provide safe routes for walkers, bicyclists and horseback riders to connect with other trails and other towns.**
2. **Uncontrolled or inappropriate development would compromise the free flow of foot and hoof passage on these ways, and possibly either usurp them for vehicular traffic or block them entirely. Their loss would be irreplaceable. A concern of Pine Hill Road abutters is that the currently undeveloped middle section of the road not be improved in a way that would promote through traffic between Old County Road and Doctor Fisher Road.**
3. **Advantageous development would be that which, through careful location of driveways and the use of alternative vehicle access points when available, maintains the character of the ways themselves and their immediate surroundings by minimizing additional vehicular use of the ways, retains natural vegetation alongside the ways, and would keep the ways open for non-motorized travel.**