



## Memorandum

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Towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury and West Tisbury - Town Clerks and Planning Boards

From: Jo-Ann Taylor, DCPC Coordinator  
Martha's Vineyard Commission *Jo-Ann Taylor*

Date: February 8, 2008

Re: Island Road District Amendment – Guidelines for Development and  
Conformance of Amended Regulations for Special Ways in Edgartown

Please be advised that on Thursday, February 7, 2008, the Martha's Vineyard Commission voted to amend the Island Road District Guidelines for Development as follows (amendments shown underlined):

- Section 5 V.A.1 No way or road shall be constructed within the Special Ways Zone which exceeds a width of twelve (12) feet, except that greater width may be allowed by Special Permit after approval by the Martha's Vineyard Commission as a Development of Regional Impact.
- Section 5 V.A.2 No fences, walls, or structures shall be erected, placed or constructed within twenty (20) feet of the centerline of the Special Way, except that lesser setbacks for fences or stone walls may be allowed on abutting lots of less than one acre in size, taking into account such factors as height, transparency, materials and natural screening to prevent creation of a narrow, visually confined effect; in which case the town shall demonstrate that the purpose of this guideline's intent is respected.
- Section 5 V.B.1 Permitted Uses: Any use permitted by the applicable town zoning district, provided that the development does not result in direct vehicular access to the Special Way. However, continued vehicular use may be allowed where specifically identified by the town as routinely traveled by motor vehicles prior to nomination of the Special Way and provided that the continued vehicular use is of the same nature and extent as that which existed prior to the nomination of the Special Way.

The Commission also heard proposed amendments to the regulations governing the Island Road District in the Town of Edgartown and voted conformance of the proposed regulations with the guidelines for development as specified in the Commission's decision designating the District, as amended, provided that the proposed regulations are amended to exclude from the Special Way new fences of less than fifty percent (50%) transparency. The Commission also finds in conformance minor points of clarification, such as were recorded in sessions on January 31, 2008 and on February 7, 2008, and any such subsequent minor points of clarification which do not change the meaning of the regulation.

(Note that Pursuant to Section 9 of Chapter 831 of the Acts of 1977, as amended, the moratorium remains in place in the recently designated area until the Edgartown Town Meeting has adopted the amended regulations.)

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