



MVC Newsletter

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Jim Vercruysse is New MVC Chairman

On January 1, 2016, Jim Vercruysse will take over as Chairman of the Martha's Vineyard Commission, replacing outgoing Chairman Fred Hancock. Jim is an elected member-at-large from Aquinnah. He is a former Chairman of the MVC who returned in 2014 after a hiatus of several years. Jim works at South Mountain Company.



Jim said: *I am honored and excited to help lead the Martha's Vineyard Commission in 2016 as it's Chairman. I plan to work closely with Adam, the new Executive Director, and all our professional staff to meet all the various and interesting challenges we face as the Island's regional planning and regulatory agency.*

Rob Doyle, an elected Commissioner from Chilmark is taking over as Vice-Chairman. John Breckenridge will continue to serve as Clerk-Treasurer.

For further information, please contact Curt Schroeder, MVC Administrator, at [schroeder@mvcommission.org](mailto:cschroeder@mvcommission.org).

Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Opens to Traffic

When the Lagoon Pond Drawbridge opened to traffic on November 24, it was the culmination of a ten-year collaboration between the towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury, the Martha's Vineyard Commission, and MassDOT, largely facilitated by the MVC.

Though there was some controversy in the earliest days about the necessity of building a temporary bridge, the rest of the process was a model of open cooperation. This is mainly as a result of having a standing Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee representing Island interests to speak for the Island in dealings with MassDOT throughout the complex planning, design, and construction process. The Committee succeeded in ensuring that the design harmonized with its surrounding, that landscaping improved open space and waterfront access under and around the bridge, and that environmental impacts were minimized.



Tisbury Selectman Melinda Loberg, Chair of the Lagoon Pond Committee, Tisbury selectman Tristan Israel, Oak Bluffs selectman Gail Barmakian, and former MVC Executive Director Mark London, were in were in the first cars to cross the \$40-million bridge.



MassDOT's contractor Middlesex Corp. is now demolishing the temporary bridge and will complete the landscaping in the spring.

For further information, please contact Priscilla Leclerc, MVC Senior Transportation Planner, via email at leclerc@mvcommission.org.

Review of DRI Checklist is Underway

The MVC's DRI Checklist consists of Standards and Criteria used to determine when a development is a DRI and must or may be referred to the Martha's Vineyard Commission for review. The standards and criteria relate to a project's likely impact on the environment, traffic, and municipal services, among other factors.

Every two years or so, the Martha's Vineyard Commission reviews the DRI Checklist to identify whether any of the triggers for referral should be revised. Here is a link to the [current DRI Checklist](#) which went into effect in 2013.

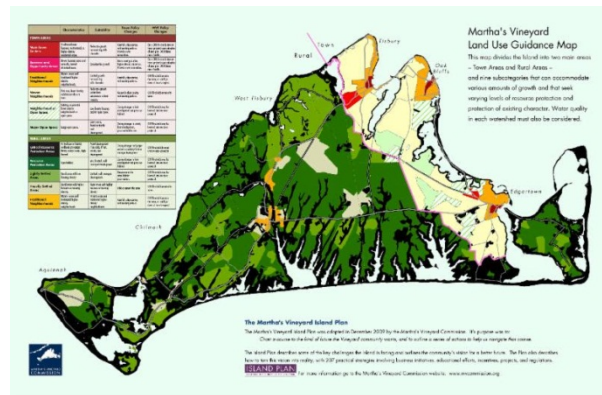
Last fall, the MVC's Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) held a series of public meetings attended by town officials and members of the public and the Executive Director met town planning boards, building inspectors, and other professionals to get input for the biennial evaluation of the standards and criteria for what should be reviewed by the MVC as Developments of Regional Impact.

At year's end, the Executive Director was compiling comments, a review of the past decade's referrals, and recommendations into a report for Commissioners.

For further information or to give comments, please contact Adam Turner, MVC Executive Director, at turner@mvcommission.org.

Island Plan Vision Map

The Martha's Vineyard Island Plan's main recommendations are summarized in the [Island Plan Land Use Guidance Map](#). This vision map divides the Island into two main areas - Town Areas and Rural Areas - and nine subcategories that can accommodate various amounts of growth and that seek varying levels of resource protection and protection of existing character. A framed reference copy of this plan will be given to each Island town in the next few months.



For further information, please contact Bill Veno, MVC Senior Planner, at veno@mvcommission.org, or Chris Seidel, MVC GIS Coordinator, at atseidel@mvcommission.org.

New Series of Town Information Maps

The MVC cartography department just completed a series of town-wide maps displaying frequently requested data such as zoning, overlay zoning, watershed boundaries, roads, flood zones, and parcels.



The maps are available as pdfs in the MVC website's [Map Library](#). We'll be posting some of these maps at the top of the website's home page in our new Map of the Month feature, to highlight the work of the Commission. This effort was funded in part by a grant from the DHCD District Local Technical Assistance program.

For further information, please contact Chris Seidel, GIS Coordinator, atseidel@mvcommission.org.

Upcoming Meetings

Wednesday, January 20, 2016 10:30 a.m.

Joint Transportation Committee

MVC Offices

Wednesday, January 20, 2016, 4 p.m.

Joint Affordable Housing Group

MVC Offices

Please check the MVC website Calendar section for more information and the latest updates.

DRI Status Report

North Bluffs Seawall, Oak Bluffs

Sheet metal seawall 4' higher than existing, restoration of coastal bank, pedestrian boardwalk between ferry terminal and Harbor. DRI-659.

LUPC Post-Public Hearing Review January 4, 2016.

Commission Deliberation and Decision January 7, 2016.

Dias/Mixed Use High Point Lane, Tisbury

Modification of approved project. DRI-653M

LUPC Pre-Public-Hearing Review January 11, 2016.

MV Refuse and Resource Recovery District, Edgartown

Expand footprint of activity and restructure traffic flow. DRI-391-M2.

Commission Continued Public Hearing. January 21, 2016.

Packer Containers, Tisbury

Three storage containers on Beach Road.
On hold pending clarification of status.

Stop & Shop Historic Building Demolition, Tisbury

House on Cromwell Lane.
On hold at applicant's request.

Bradley Memorial Church, Oak Bluffs

Demolition. DRI 612 M3
Full application not filed yet.

Mal Jones Energy Barge, Edgartown

Proposal to sink a barge south of Wasque. DRI 649
On hold.

All meetings at MVC offices unless otherwise noted. Please check the website calendar for the latest updates and for related documents. Contact: Paul Foley, DRI Coordinator, ext. 18, foley@mvcommission.org, or [508-693-3453 extension 18](tel:508-693-3453).

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