

THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION

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MARTHA'S VINEYARD COMMISSION MINUTES MARCH 24, 1988

The Martha's Vineyard Commission held a public hearing at the Old Whaling Church Basement, Main Street, Edgartown, Massachusetts on Thursday, March 24, 1988 at 8:00 P.M. regarding the following Development of Regional Impact (DRI):

Applicant: Meetinghouse Trust
Robert K. Bold, Agent
24 North Main Street
Raynham, MA 02767

Location: Off Meetinghouse Lane
Edgartown, MA 02539

Proposal: Request for modification of July 17, 1986 DRI Decision qualifying as a DRI since the development is the subject of a previous DRI application.

James Young, Chairman of the Land Use Planning Committee, read the public hearing notice at 8:10 P.M. and stated this hearing will be continued to a later date as a quorum is not present this evening.

Following the public hearing Michael Lynch, Vice Chairman of the Martha's Vineyard Commission, opened the special meeting of the Commission at 8:15 P.M.

Item #1 - Chairman's Report - There was none.

Item #2 - Old Business - There was none.

Item #3 - Minutes of March 17, 1988.

Motion to approve as written. Seconded. The motion carried.

Item #4 - Committee Reports

Land Use Planning Committee - Jim Young, Chairman, stated the Committee will meet on March 28th at the Oak Bluffs Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall at 4:40 P.M. to discuss the Ralph Packer (bulkhead) DRI; Surfside Inn DRI; and the Millbrook Crocker subdivision.

Water Quality Sub-committee - Greg Saxe, MVC Staff, stated the Committee has reformed as an ad-hoc sub-committee. He stated at this time there are 7 members however, as the committee evolves there will be expansion in the number of members. He further stated that the Committee is very interested in providing technical assistance on groundwater modelling and quality and service issues to the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Item #5 - Discussion

Wascosim's Rock on Chilmark and West Tisbury Town line.

Michael Lynch, Chairman of the Wascosim's Rock DCPC Committee, stated the committee has met twice, once at the site, to discuss the nomination of Wascosim's Rock. He discussed some of the history of the Rock (i.e. spot in which Indians gathered). He stated the Committee unanimously recommends to the full Commission to consider the Nomination as a DCPC and described the boundary which the Committee recommends. He showed a plan of the area which depicted the boundary at the 130 foot contour including the rock and stated this area encompasses 22 acres.

Steve Ewing and Robert Lee, members of the DCPC Committee, said this is a very special place. Mr. Lee further noted adjacent to this rock is another group of rocks. He stated that Wascosim's Rock over looks the Woods property and is the Middle Line boundary.

Mr. Widdiss questioned why 22 acres are needed to protect the Rock? Mr. Lynch stated the Committee felt in order to protect the rock the surrounding area must also be protected. Further the Committee feels that uncontrolled building could compromise the rock therefore, there must be restrictions placed on this area regarding the extent of build. Commissioners discussed protection and possible regulations. There was discussion of the visual impact on the Rock by the construction of houses and limiting the height of the houses and setbacks in this area.

Mr. Widdiss asked if the Town has tried to protect this area. With no Town Board member present, Mr. Lynch stated he does not think so and feels this is the reason the Boards have referred it to the MVC.

There being no further discussion Mr. Lynch moved to the next Item.

Item #6 - Possible Vote

To Consider the DCPC Nomination of Wascosim's Rock

Motion to accept the DCPC Committees report to nominate Wascosim's Rock as proposed.

In the Town of Chilmark beginning at the point where the 130 foot contour meets the 500 foot radius of Wascosim's Rock, northerly and southerly in the Town of West Tisbury along said 130 foot contour to the eastern most point where the contour crosses the 500 foot radius line from Wascosim's Rock and continuing along said radius into the Town of Chilmark to the point of origin.

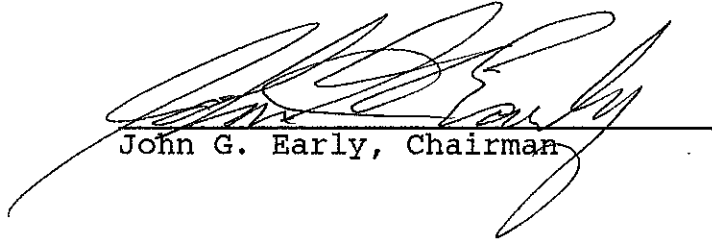
Second. The motion carried unanimously.

Item #7 - New Business - There was none.

Item #8 - Correspondence - There was none.

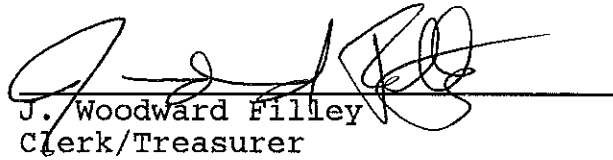
There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

ATTEST



John G. Early, Chairman

4/28/88
Date



J. Woodward Filley
Clerk/Treasurer

Date

ATTENDANCE:

Present: Jason, Lynch, Widdiss, Filley, Young, Ferraguzzi, Scott, Ewing, Lee, Morgan

Absent: West, Eber, Early, Evans, Custer, Wey, Delaney, McCavitt, Allen, Geller, Harney, Harris