



November 30, 2010

To Martha's Vineyard Boards of Selectmen, Planning Boards, Zoning Boards of Appeal, Conservation Commissions, Boards of Health, and Building Inspectors,

In the first part of 2011, the Martha's Vineyard Commission will be reviewing and revising its DRI Checklist, the Standards and Criteria used to determine when an application for a development permit to a town must or may be referred to the MVC for review as a Development of Regional Impact. A copy is enclosed. We invite your input into this revision process.

This round of revisions will look at making the Checklist consistent with the Island Plan. It is also intended to deal with comments of town boards about the relevance of items on the DRI Checklist to ensure that the Checklist calls for MVC review of projects of regional impact, but does not require review of projects without regional impact by eliminating the need to refer small, less problematic projects.

- Are there items on the DRI Checklist that are unclear or do not belong?
- Are there items that should be on the DRI Checklist but currently are not?
- Are there items that are mandatory that should be "by concurrence" or vice versa?

The revision of the DRI Checklist will be spearheaded by the Land Use Planning Committee (LUPC) and we hope you will share your thoughts with the LUPC early in the process. LUPC will prepare draft revisions for consideration by the full Commission. There will be another opportunity for town boards and members of the public to provide input when the full MVC holds a public hearing on the draft revisions to the DRI Checklist.

In October, the LUPC started organizing how to carry out this review and decided to reserve at least one LUPC meeting in each of the first four months of 2011 for review of the DRI Checklist. We invite you to attend one or more of these meetings.

- The first meeting will be held on Monday, January 10, at 5:30 p.m. and will involve an initial identification of concerns.
- Subsequently, LUPC will meet on the first Monday of each month – namely on February 7, March 7, and April 4 – to discuss specific issues. We plan to prepare a list of topics to be discussed at each meeting, which will be sent to town boards after the first meeting.

Please join us and share your thoughts or send them to the Executive Director or DRI Coordinator. Feel free to contact me or MVC staff if you have any questions and hope to see you soon.

Sincerely,

Linda Sibley, Chair
Land Use Planning Committee
Martha's Vineyard Commission