Town Administrator Report
July 10, 2018

The following is a summary of the major activities of the Office of the Town Administrator for the previous week.

1. **Grants Update**–The Town continues to be very aggressive in targeting grants to fund some of the key needs of our Town. Grant funding can be very tricky because we are limited to programs that are funded and available that are of the greatest value to our needs. As of this moment, the Town has nearly six million dollars of recently filed or soon to be filed grant applications covering a wide range of areas including East Chop Bluff-$3 million, Harbor Jetty design-$750,000, CDBG Housing Support and Childcare-$1 million, Downtown Public Infrastructure-$1 million, Affordable Housing-$80,000, Coastal Vulnerability Preparedness-$20,000, Municipal Financial Best Practices-$20,000, and Green Community Planning $10,000. This is the result of a great deal of work across several different departments, and this work has a tremendous positive impact on our Town. We're hoping to be successful in many of these applications, and we'll continue to research and apply for funding as it becomes available to support our Town needs.

2. **Island Housing Trust and Island Elderly Housing Update**– On Monday, July 2 I met with Island Housing Trust Executive Director, Philippe Jordi and the Island Elderly Housing's new consultant, Rick Presbry, formerly of Cape Cod's Housing Assistance Corporation for an update on local elder housing initiatives. Island Elderly Housing is currently in the permitting stages for an expansion to the Aidylberg senior housing located at 38 Wing Road in Oak Bluffs. The three-acre facility is slated for an additional five units to bring the total bedroom count from ten to fifteen. Island Elderly Housing is currently working with the Martha's Vineyard Commission to analyze alternatives for an enhanced septic system to handle the new units in an environmentally sound manner. Island Elderly is also looking at a potential larger project to expand the Woodside Village currently under study regarding septage alternatives and financing strategies. Island Housing Trust is also working with the MV Hospital to study potential solutions to replace the Windemere units which have become economically obsolete. This will be a critical project for the Island given the dearth of assisted living and nursing care units available on island.

3. **Eversource Battery Storage Project**–Officials from Eversource were on Island on July 2nd to kickoff their process to build a 5 MW electric battery storage facility in Oak Bluffs. The $15 million project will be housed in a 6500-sf building located at the Eversource Facility located on Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road. The project is designed to eliminate the peak electricity usage problems on the Vineyard and will replace the series of diesel generators currently located at the facility to handle peak electricity demand. Final engineering and design work is taking place to prepare the planning information which will be submitted to local Boards and Commissions, including the

Planning Board, Selectmen and Martha's Vineyard Commission for review. Eversource plans to request a meeting with the Selectmen to present their plans and to request a letter of support from the Town.

4. **Healthy Aging Task Force-**On Thursday, June 21 I attended the Martha's Vineyard Healthy Aging Task Force Oversight Committee Action Planning Session held at the West Tisbury Library. At this session the Task Force detailed their priorities based on a survey of the Oversight Committee. I have attached the materials from FSG Consultants outlining their prioritization of activities for short-term and long-term activities. Priorities for the group were led by housing issues and home supports being the most important issues facing Martha's Vineyard. The next major priority was Health and Mental Health Care, followed by Caregiver support, Transportation and Crossover Issues. I spoke to the group with a request that they focus more strongly on the so-called "Crossover issues", which include financial sustainability and future community contributions. I view this area as temporarily funded with no long-term fundraising plan or buy-in for future community support that should be addressed. The group was receptive to these comments and agreed to work on these areas.

5. **Human Services Funding-** On a somewhat related topic, in June I met with the Island Town Administrators to review and discuss the issue of the recent increase in requests for local governments to fund private Human Service agencies, and I was not surprised to hear similar concerns to those of Oak Bluffs. There is consensus of the need for Human Services, but the communities feel that the request for Town Meeting Articles in each community late in the budget season makes it difficult to plan or track services. Each Town is told that they jeopardize the regional service if they don't approve the requested amount and Finance Committees are frustrated. We discussed possible alternatives, including designating oversight through the County's former Human Services Council to plan and track regional services delivery. Selectmen feedback would be greatly appreciated.

6. **Seaview Avenue MA DOT Stakeholder's Meeting-**One of the major issues discussed by our Coastal Infrastructure Working Group has dealt with the long-term problems associated with washouts on Seaview Ave. at the end of the seawall near Farm Pond. This stretch of State road is closed in nearly every major storm and requires emergency repairs to reopen. Back in April I corresponded with the DOT regarding the need for improvement to this road, and in June I received the attached response. In their letter they call for a stakeholder meeting with the Town and all applicable regulatory agencies. On Friday, July 6 Conservation Agent, Liz Durkee, and I met with Director of the Martha's Vineyard Commission, Adam Turner, on this topic, and Adam has agreed to spearhead establishing the Stakeholders' meeting as this represents an important regional transportation issue. We will be working with MA DOT to get this meeting set up, and I will keep you informed of potential dates.

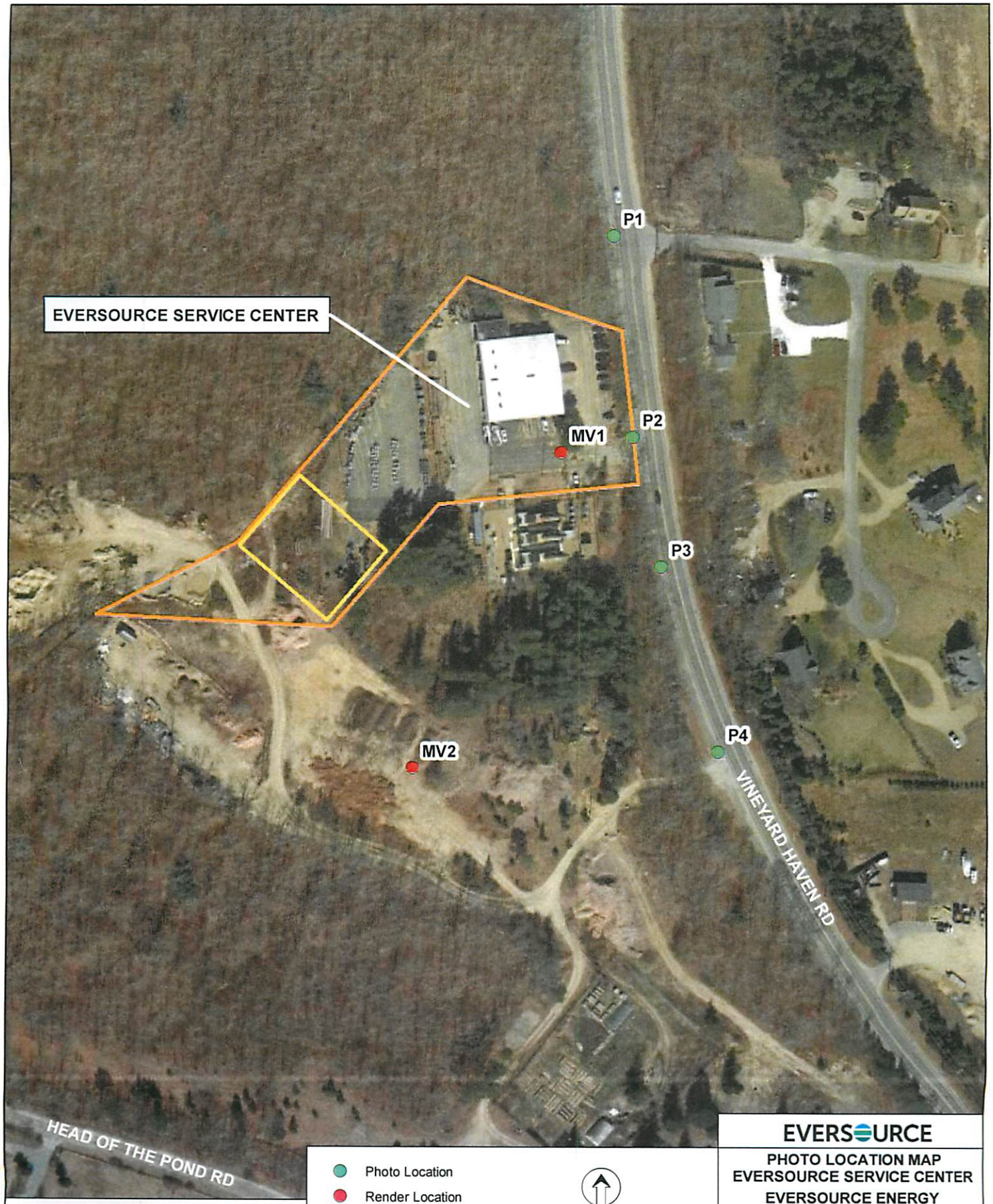

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PHOTO LOCATION MAP
EVERSOURCE SERVICE CENTER

EVERSOURCE ENERGY
STORAGE PROJECT
OAK BLUFFS, MA

FIGURE 1	JUNE 2018

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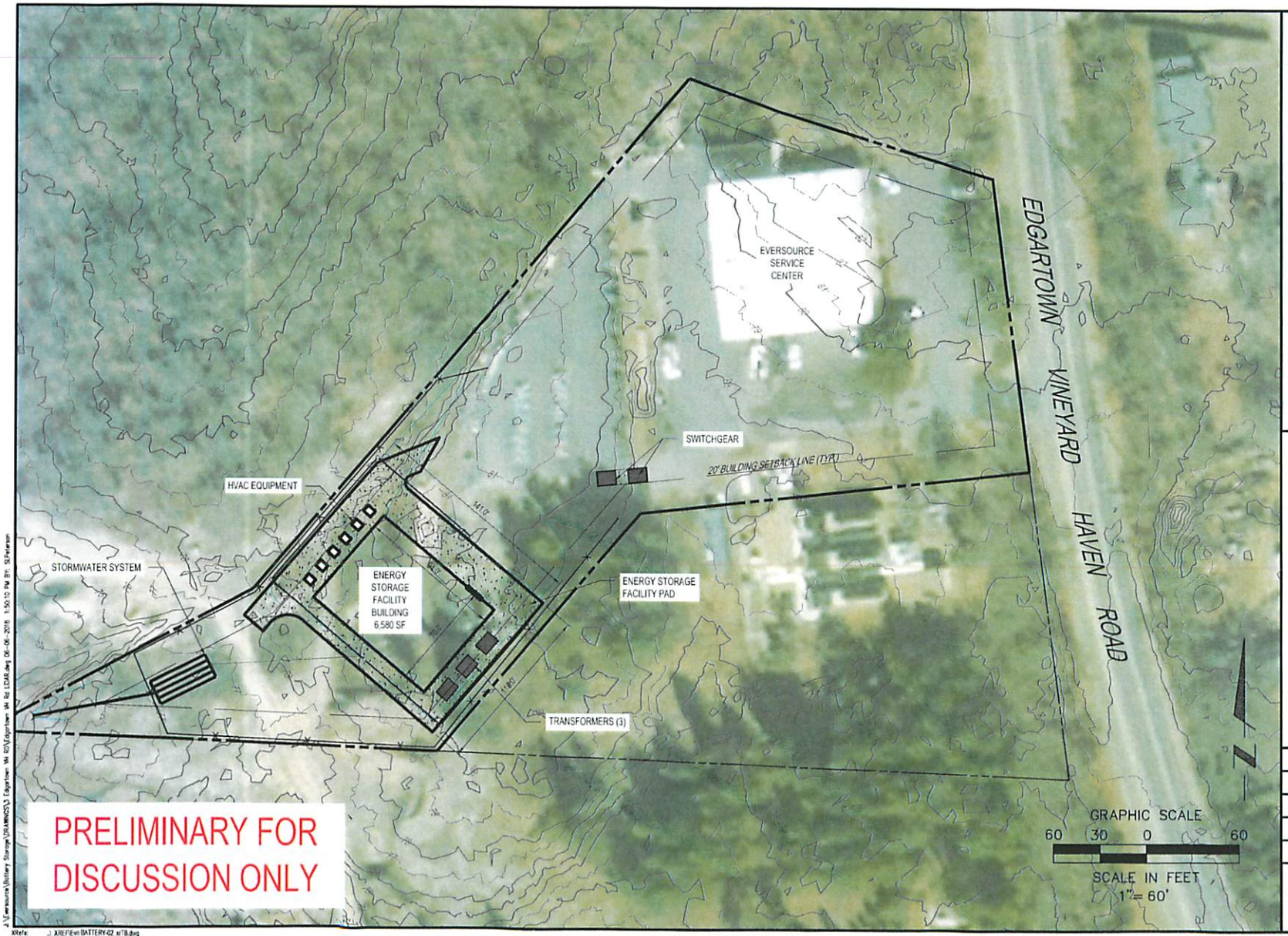

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Viewpoint P1

Location is along Vineyard Haven Road looking southwest towards facility. Views from the road to the Eversource Service Center are through fragmented bare branched trees during leaf off conditions and are intermittent and of short duration, while leaf on conditions will provide more screening. Views of the battery storage building are not expected from this location.

Viewpoint P2

View from Vineyard Haven Road at Eversource Service Center driveway. Red arrow indicates storage building location (behind the evergreens). Views of the storage building will be limited at this location.

Viewpoint P3

View from Vineyard Haven Road looking west. Minimal views are expected. Red arrow shows location of facility, which will be obstructed by the evergreens in background and existing site building and equipment features.

Viewpoint P4

View from Vineyard Haven Road looking northwest towards facility. Views of the facility are not expected even during leaf off conditions due to density of vegetative obstructions.

View West

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View Northwest

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FSG REIMAGINING SOCIAL CHANGE

HA-MV Action Planning

SURVEY RESULTS | JUNE 21, 2018

Description of contents

Members of the HA-MV Oversight Committee were asked to complete a survey in advance of the meeting on June 21, 2018. In total, 17 members of the Oversight Committee completed the survey.

The following slides show results from two sets of questions in the survey:

- **Slide 3** shows how participants, on average, ranked the 5 high-level issue areas
- **Slides 4-8** shows how participants, on average, prioritized activities within each of the 5 high-level issue areas. An activity was characterized as a "short-term priority" when at least 50% of respondents marked it as such. An activity was characterized as a "long-term priority" in all other cases.
- **The appendix** shows the raw data from the survey.

Housing and home supports rose to the top as the most important issue facing MV

Rank order of potential age-friendly issues

1 Housing and home supports

TIE

3 Health and mental health care

3 Caregiver support

3 Transportation

5 Crossover issues

Source: HA-MV oversight and executive committee member survey, June 2018.

ACTIVITY PRIORITIZATION: Housing and home supports

Short-Term Priorities

- **Zoning Advocacy:** continue to work with partners to make zoning changes to create more affordable housing options for elders
- **Affordable Workforce Housing:** work with partners on zoning changes to create more options
- **Affordable Workforce Housing:** evaluate impact of building workforce housing as part of GreenHouse / new Windemere

Long-Term Priorities

- **New construction / conversion:** work with partners to create options for those most at risk (e.g., home sharing, co-housing)
- **Home support:** explore non-medical services like snow removal, grass removal, and volunteer visits

Source: HA-MV oversight and executive committee member survey, June 2018.

ACTIVITY PRIORITIZATION:
Health and mental health care

Short-Term Priorities

- **Falls prevention coalition:** develop home modification program
- **Falls prevention coalition:** continue working with partners on advocacy, education, and home assessments

Long-Term Priorities

- **Advanced care planning coalition:** work with partners to develop outreach program and train facilitators to increase number of Islanders with Advanced Care Plans
- **Advocacy:** continue advocacy for geriatric training and expanded gero-psych services

Source: HA-MV oversight and executive committee member survey, June 2018.

ACTIVITY PRIORITIZATION:
Caregiver support

Short-Term Priorities

- Reorganize workgroup to focus on highlighting needs / resources, newsletter, and resource guide for caregivers
- Network development of affordable support for caregivers, especially respite care

Long-Term Priorities

Source: HA-MV oversight and executive committee member survey, June 2018.

ACTIVITY PRIORITIZATION: Transportation

Short-Term Priorities

Long-Term Priorities

- **Alternative transportation:** research and develop on-demand, low cost transportation service for medical appointments, shopping, and keeping elders engaged in the community
- **Community education:** expand usage and explore simplifying access to VTA para-transit
- Volunteer and taxi training to help drivers working with elder customers

Source: HA-MV oversight and executive committee member survey, June 2018.

ACTIVITY PRIORITIZATION: Crossover issues

Short-Term Priorities

- Mapping project of existing elder social services
- **Greenhouse:** work with hospital to develop nursing facility to replace Windemere
- HAMV sustainability

Long-Term Priorities

- **Greenhouse:** identify partner to develop assisted living / memory care
- **Safe Seniors:** start training, conduct evaluation, create video
- **Home care / long term care and support services:** seek alliances with partners for integrated, patient-centered system
- **Home care / long term care and support services:** develop model to provide subsidies to middle income long term care
- Island-wide volunteer system

Source: HA-MV oversight and executive committee member survey, June 2018.

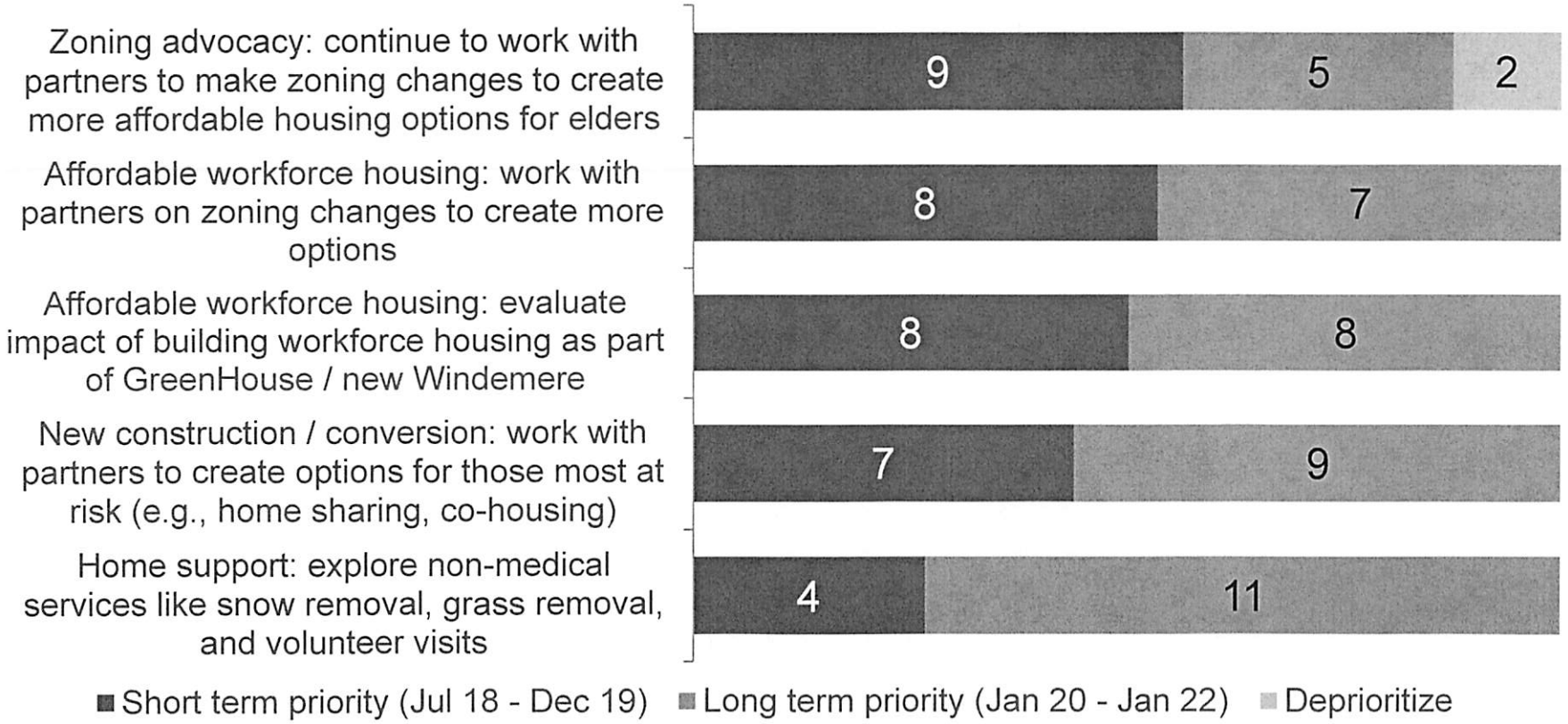
Appendix

RAW DATA FROM SURVEY

RAW DATA:
Housing and home supports

Housing and home supports priorities

For the following areas of work, mark whether you believe it is a short term priority, long term priority or should be de-prioritized



Additional short term priorities mentioned:

- Work with ACE MV to develop certificate program for volunteers

Source: HA-MV oversight and executive committee member survey, June 2018.

RAW DATA:
Health and mental health care

Health and mental health care priorities

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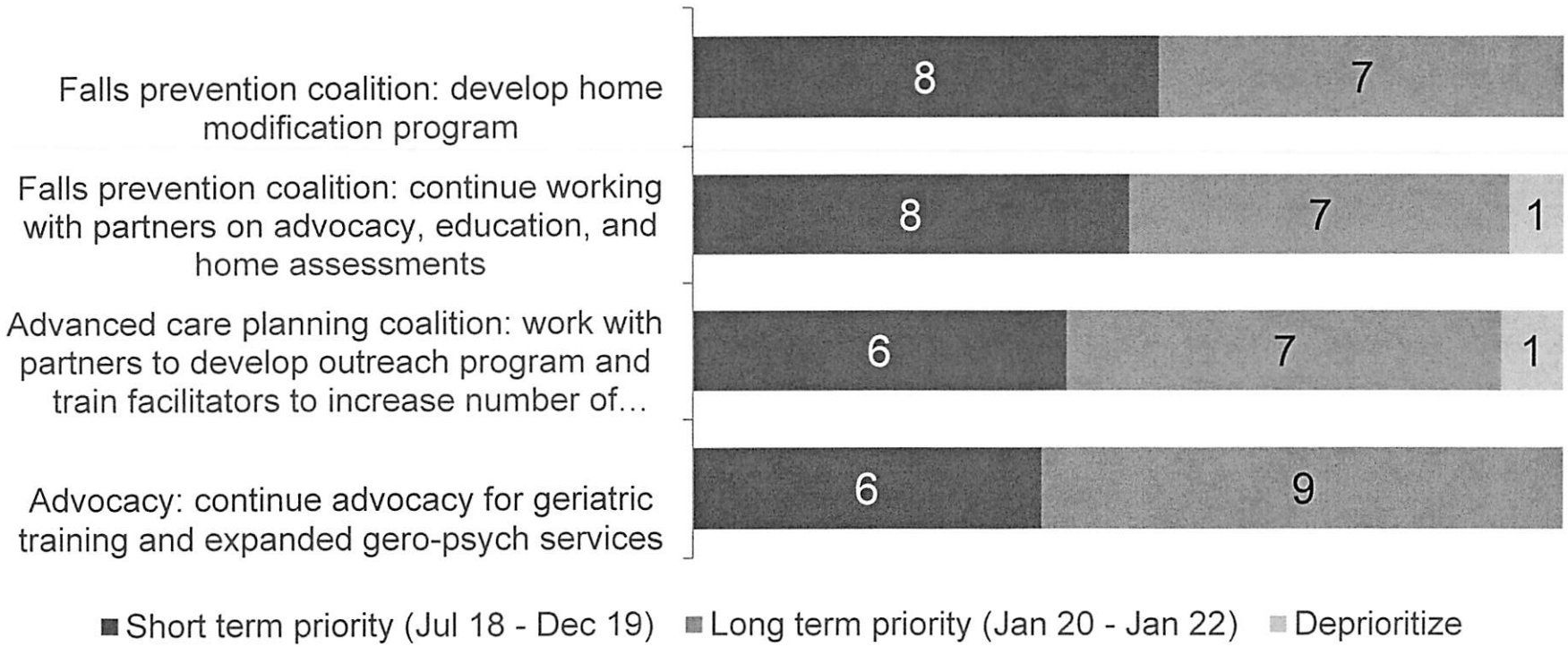


Additional short term priorities mentioned:

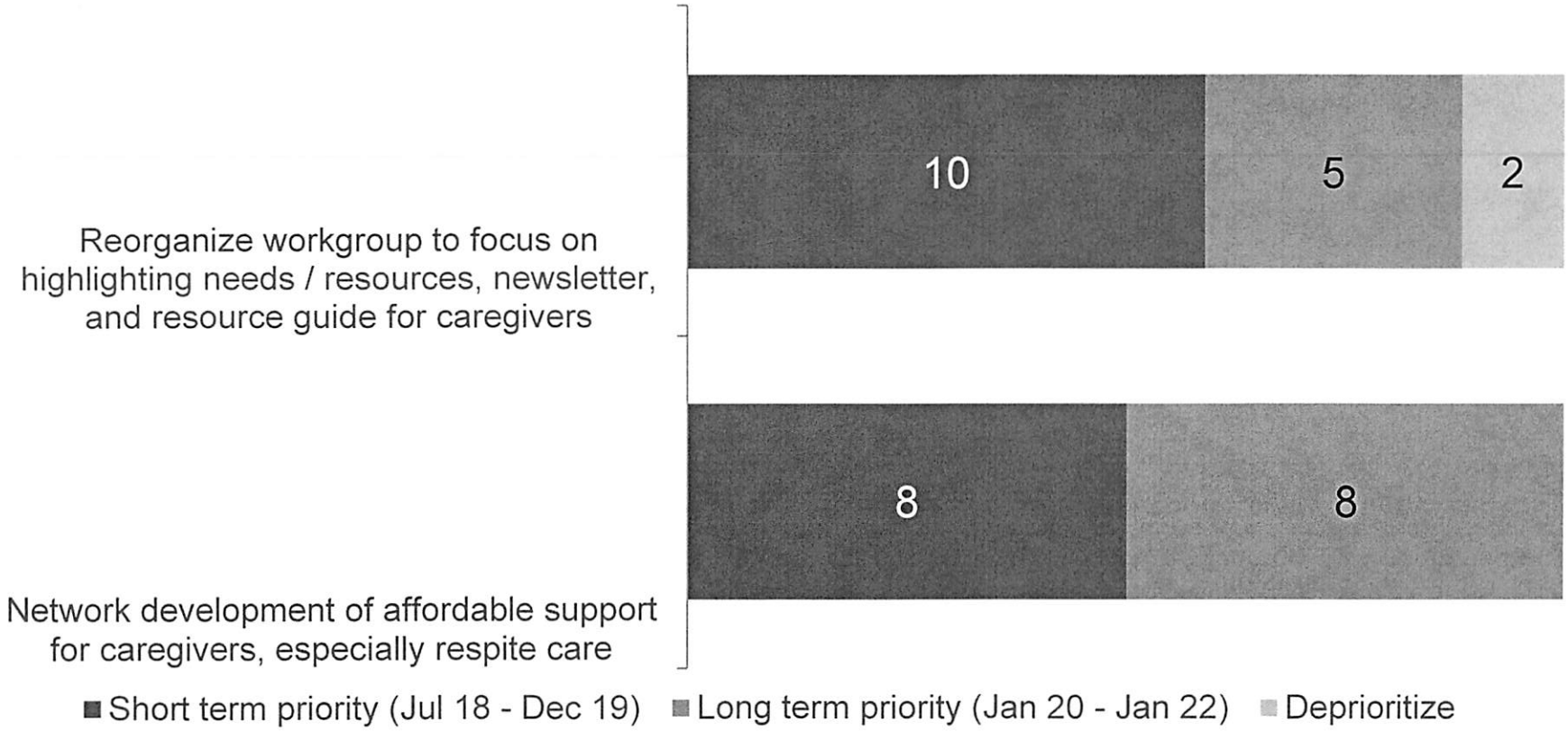
- Geriatric training for dementia
- Safe Seniors Program
- Adequate primary care services
- Police involvement
- Advocate for expanded elder mental health diagnosis / treatment
- Apply population health principles to older adults

Source: HA-MV oversight and executive committee member survey, June 2018.

RAW DATA:
Caregiver support

Caregiver support priorities

For the following areas of work, mark whether you believe it is a short term priority, long term priority or should be de-prioritized



Source: HA-MV oversight and executive committee member survey, June 2018.

RAW DATA: Transportation

Transportation priorities

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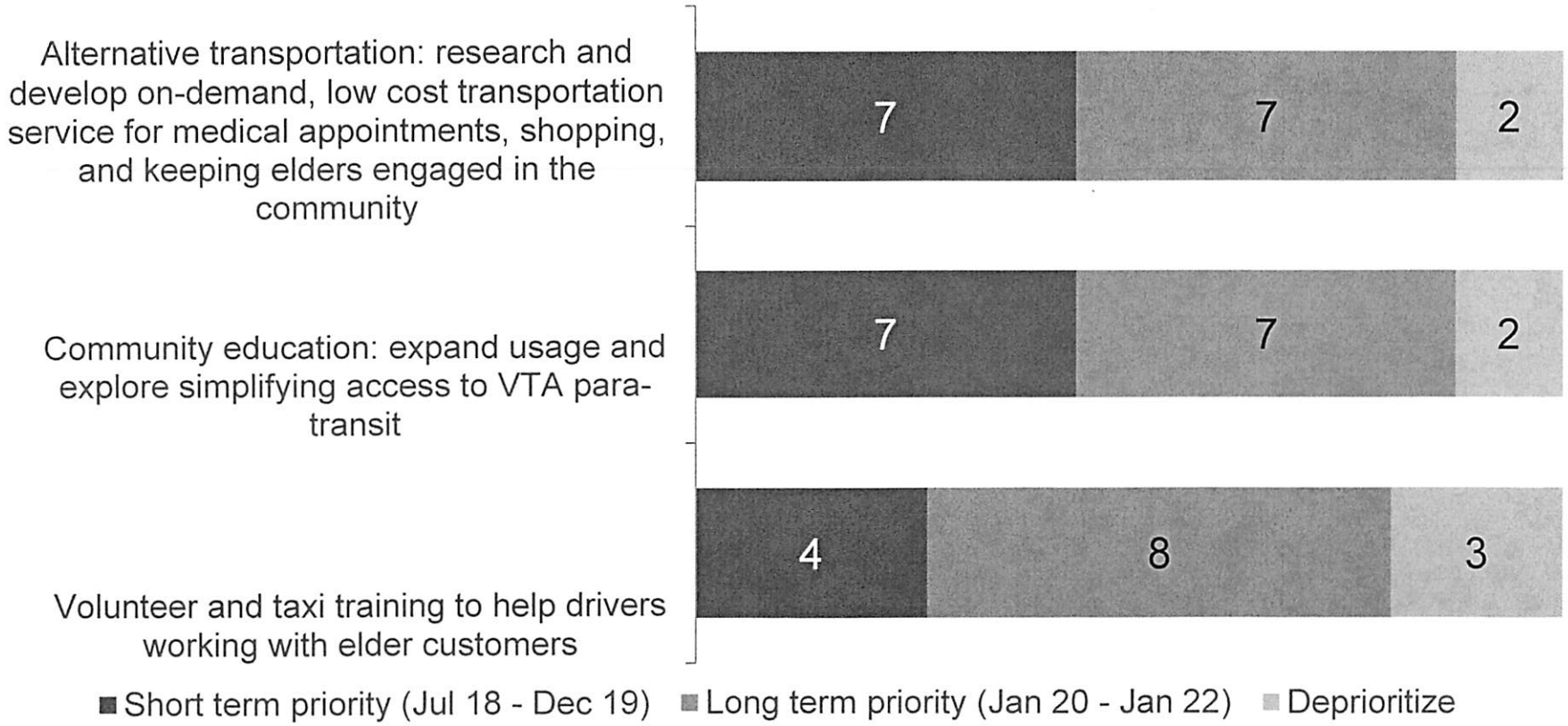

Additional short term priorities mentioned:

- Develop more affordable transportation to off-island medical services (Boston & Cape Cod)

Source: HA-MV oversight and executive committee member survey, June 2018.

RAW DATA: Crossover issues

Crossover issues priorities

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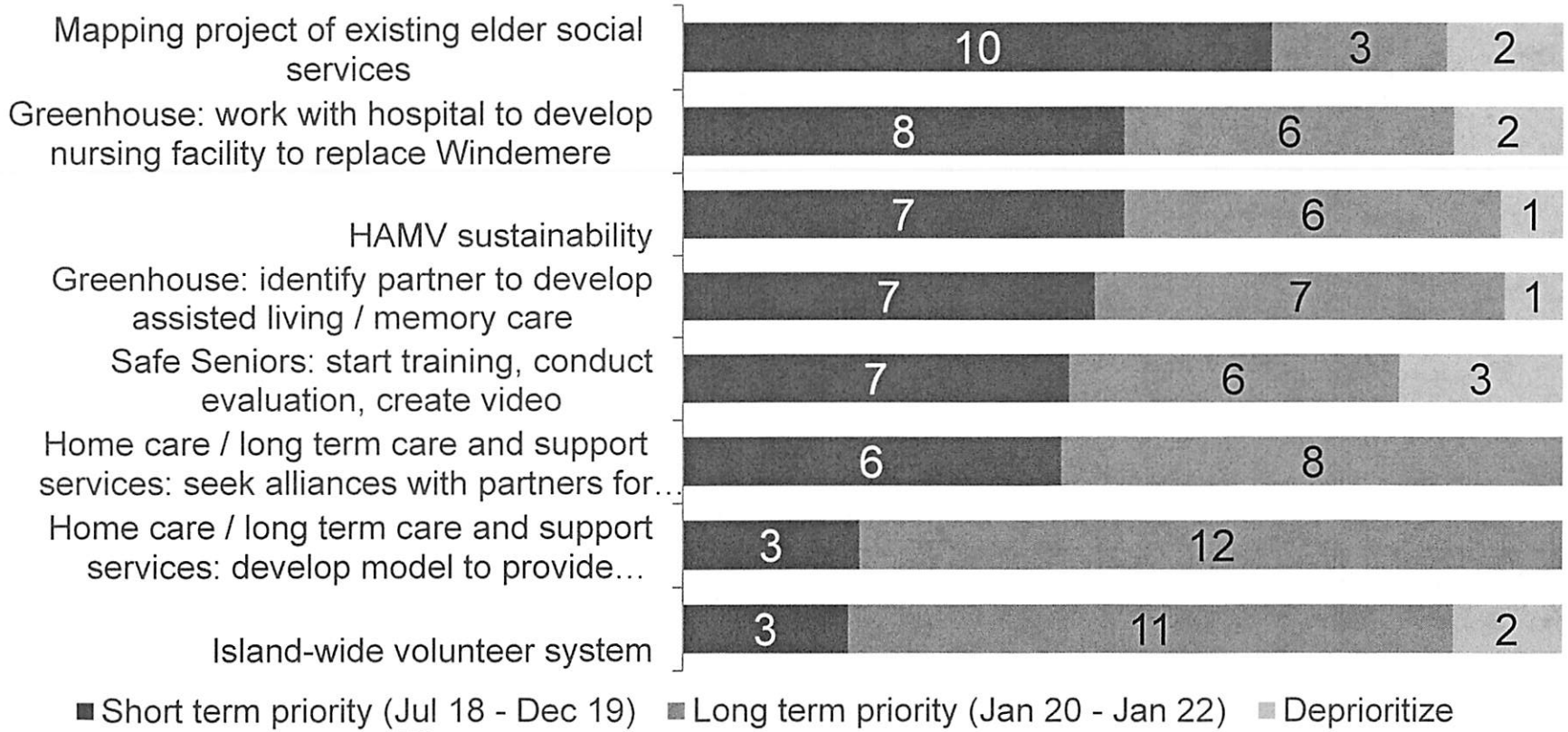

Additional short term priorities mentioned:

- Explore graduated care models other than Greenhouse
- Develop Community Engagement program to encourage elders socialization and encourage more volunteers to participate

Source: HA-MV oversight and executive committee member survey, June 2018.

REIMAGINING SOCIAL CHANGE

HA-MV Action Planning Agenda
Thursday, June 21st | 2:00-5:00 pm

Time	Section
2:00-2:10	**Welcome, introductions, and objectives** • Round-robin of introductions and description of the meeting's objectives
2:10-2:30	**Celebrating our successes** • Share outputs from survey about accomplishments to date and describe the implications for HA-MV
2:30-3:50	**Issue prioritization** • Presentation and discussion of survey data, including ranking of high-level issue areas and prioritization of activities within each area • The objective of the session is to determine a set of priorities for HA-MV to pursue in the short-term
3:50-4:00	**Break**
4:00-4:50	**Action planning** • Illustrate a process for moving from prioritization to implementation • Using one illustrative short-term activity, the group will develop an implementation timeline, discuss resources required, and determine which organization(s) are interested in working on the activity
4:50-5:00	**Next steps** • FSG will draft a report-out from the meeting • Members of the Oversight Committee will align on next steps for finalizing the action planning process and moving forward with chosen priorities

Robert Whritenour

From: Walter <wmvail@comcast.net>
Sent: Thursday, June 21, 2018 8:38 AM
To: Robert Whritenour
Subject: FW: Agenda and Background Materials for Oversight Committee Meeting Thursday, June 21st, 2018
Attachments: HAMV Action Planning Agenda v2.docx; ATT00083.html; HAMV Action Planning - Survey Results 6-20-18 v2.pptx; ATT00086.html

Bob,

See the attached for today's agenda items. Hope you might be able to be there for at least part of the time.

Walter

From: Patricia Moore [mailto:mooreiipaddy@gmail.com]
Sent: Wednesday, June 20, 2018 4:20 PM
To: Paddy Moore
Subject: Agenda and Background Materials for Oversight Committee Meeting Thursday, June 21st, 2018

Dear Friends and Colleagues:

As promised, the Agenda — from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. - tomorrow at the West Tisbury Library.
We've also provided copies of the slides we'll use, as well as an appendix with the raw data results from the survey. You don't have to print or bring them with you, but we though you might like to see the data for yourself.

Exciting to be doing this!

Best, Paddy

Charles D. Baker, Governor
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May 30, 2018

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Robert L. Whritenour, Jr.
Town Administrator
P.O. Box 1327
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SUBJECT: Oak Bluffs – Seaview Avenue – Critical Need for Road Improvement

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter dated April 5, 2018 expressing concerns the Town of Oak Bluffs has regarding storm damage to Seaview Avenue by Farm Pond.

MassDOT, Highway Division – District 5 Personnel will continue to monitor this section of roadway, and address safety concerns as required. With respect to any future improvements to the long-term protection of the roadway, any project will require significant coordination between all stakeholders and permitting agencies in order to develop proposals that will address these concerns. This would include MassDOT, the Town of Oak Bluffs, MassDEP, the Office of Coastal Zone Management, applicable Federal Agencies and the Martha's Vineyard Commission. It is recommended that a meeting be set up with all stakeholders to discuss these issues.

Please be advised that as part of MassDOT's Transportation Asset Management Plan, an assessment will be made regarding the vulnerability of the coastal transportation system including primarily roads, bridges, and railways. This will assist in developing conceptual-level protection strategies for at-risk locations by utilizing both natural and built options.

Should you have any questions, please contact Daniel Vieira, Assistant District Maintenance Engineer, at (508) 884-4223.

Sincerely,

Mary-Joe Perry
District Highway Director

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April 5, 2018

Mary-Joe Perry, District Highway Engineer
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RE: Critical Need for Road Improvement, Sea View Avenue by Farm Pond, Oak Bluffs, MA

Dear Ms. Perry:

The Town of Oak Bluffs is extremely concerned about continuous storm damage to the State-owned portion of Sea View Avenue (formerly known as Beach Road) by Farm Pond. This is a portion of the State highway that runs along the coast from Oak Bluffs to Edgartown.

The Town recently granted emergency permission to Mass DOT for road repairs after the recent spate of nor'easters. At the time we were told that there is no plan for long-term protection of this portion of the road. We respectfully request that this situation be addressed.

A comprehensive 2000 Mass Highway study entitled, *Long-Term Protection and Maintenance Alternatives for Beach Road,* concludes that elevating the roadway may be necessary. In the 18 years since this study was conducted it has become increasingly critical due to repeated washouts that action be taken to protect the road. This problem has become much worse in recent years.

In 2016 the Town funded a Coastal Vulnerability Assessment and Adaptation Plan which was completed by Kleinfelder. The report concluded that raising the road would not protect it from wave action. The beach by the road has already disappeared due to coastal erosion, and an existing stone revetment is storm-damaged and too low to protect the road. The adaptation strategy recommended in the 2016 report is to protect the road by extending the nearby seawall.

The road is a major route between the Towns of Oak Bluffs and Edgartown and includes the State-owned Joseph A. Sylvia State Beach/Sengekontacket Pond barrier beach system. This beach is extremely popular with residents and visitors and contributes significantly to the State and local economy. The road along Farm Pond is also the major access route for the residential Harthaven neighborhood. This stretch of road becomes impassable in storms.

A 2017 report on the economic value of the Town's coastal resources conducted by Abt Associates estimated the annual value to be between $133 and $168 million. This constitutes a major economic incentive to protect these coastal assets. Protecting Sea View Avenue is essential in order to preserve its economic, environmental, public safety and transportation values.

I look forward to addressing this critical matter with you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert L. Whritenour, Jr.
Town Administrator

Cc: Senator Julian Cyr
Representative Dylan Fernandes
Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen
Oak Bluffs Conservation Commission
Richard Combra, Highway Superintendent