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To: Appointing Bodies to MV Housing Needs Assessment Study Committee
Cc: Town Affordable Housing Committees, Town Planning Boards, &
Joint Affordable Housing Group
From: Adam Wilson, Chair, MVHNA Study Committee
Date: August 28, 2013

Subject: **Request to be placed on your next meeting agenda to present the Martha's Vineyard Housing Needs Assessment (MVHNA) Study and respectfully request to disband the MVHNA Study Committee**

The Martha's Vineyard Housing Needs Assessment (MVHNA) Study Committee is pleased to submit the final copy of the Martha's Vineyard Housing Needs Assessment Study to the eight appointing Boards (the six Boards of Selectmen, Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, and the Martha's Vineyard Commission). The MVHNA Study Committee would like to provide a ten-minute overview of the study. The MVHNA Study Committee is planning to disband since the committee completed its task.

The past year-long effort by consultant Karen Sunnarborg and the committee covered the following areas:

1. Town and Island-wide profiles including demographic, social, and economic data to quantify the greatest housing needs and projected housing needs in the future;
2. Organizational capacity of existing housing organizations, projects, and programs;
3. Final recommendations to establish long term financially sustainable community housing policies, programs, and projects in order to best leverage community assets and resources.

The most significant section of the study is the findings and recommendations that include state and federal funding options, zoning tools to create affordable housing opportunities and best practices, education and regional collaboration, and the important working relationships between affordable housing committees and town planning boards.

It is well documented in the study that the Island community has substantial housing needs as well as future opportunities to better serve our residents. The next steps are for those invested in community housing to consider ways to implement the Study's recommendations. This can be done through local initiatives at the town level in partnership with regional entities and state government as well as those in the private sector. The Joint Affordable Housing Group, the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority and the Martha's Vineyard Commission are available to assist the towns assess their options and help implement them.

Enclosed is a copy of the Martha's Vineyard Housing Needs Assessment Study for your reference. A digital copy of the report is posted on the MVC website. Christine Flynn will contact your office to schedule a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Thank you for your participation in this project and we look forward to meeting with you.

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