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**Subject:** Designation of MVC members as special municipal employees

Hi, please forward the below request to the Board of Selectmen and put it on the agenda for the next BOS meeting.

Thanks. Doug Sederholm

Dear Board of Selectmen,

I have been an elected member of the MVC since 2003. From 2003 through 2014 I was Chilmark’s elected MVC commissioner. Since 2014 I have been an elected MVC commissioner from West Tisbury. I am writing to ask that the Chilmark Board of Selectmen designate the members of the Martha’s Vineyard Commission as “special municipal employees” as defined by General Laws Chapter 268A, Section 1(n). Chapter 268A is the state conflict of interest law.

I recall that the BOS designated MVC members as special municipal employees several years ago but when I checked with the Town Clerk she could find no record that MVC members had been so designated.

The reason for my request is simple. As an attorney I have occasion to appear before town boards on behalf of private clients. I cannot represent an individual before a town board if the town has not designated MVC members as special municipal employees. It is my understanding that all other towns have designated MVC members as special municipal employees.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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