

VTA VACANT APPOINTMENTS FOR DISABLED COMMUTER POPULATION AND RIDER COMMUTER POPULATION

SUBJECT: Martha's Vineyard Transit Authority Advisory Board Vacancies

Good Afternoon

Tisbury Board of Selectmen's were made aware that positions for the representative of the rider community population and the representative of the disabled commuter population remain vacant on VTA Advisory Board. We want to see these positions filled.

We are of the understanding that each appointment is made for a period of one year on a rotating basis between participant communities as determined by the advisory board, provided, however, that the representative of the disabled commuter population and the representative of the rider community shall not be appointed by the same city or town in the region.

The Tisbury Board of Selectmen have received a letter of interest to fill vacancies, including disabled commuter representative seat as well as a list of 5 persons nominated by the Massachusetts AFL-CIO and its regional councils, as required by M.G.L. Chapter 161B Section 5, to fill rider community representative vacancy.

Unfortunately, the Tisbury Board of Selectmen could not move forward with either of the above-referenced appointments based on the established alphabetical rotation requirement by fiscal year listed below, as voted by the VTA Advisory Board. Please review the following rotation schedule.

- FY20 – Chilmark (representative of the rider community) Edgartown (representative of the disabled commuter population)
- FY21 – Edgartown (representative of the rider community) Oak Bluffs (representative of the disabled commuter population)
- FY22 – Oak Bluff (representative of the rider community) Tisbury (representative of the disabled commuter population)
- FY23 – Tisbury (representative of the rider community) West Tisbury (representative of the disabled commuter population)
- FY24 – West Tisbury (representative of the rider community) Aquinnah (representative of the disabled commuter population)
- FY25 – Aquinnah (representative of the rider community) Chilmark (representative of the disabled commuter population)

On July 9, 2019 Tisbury Board of Selectmen authorized me to contact all Island towns informing them of the need and process required to fill those vacancies on the VTA Advisory Board and urge your Board of Selectmen in each respective Town to appoint their candidates as soon as possible or officially waive their turn for said appointments, if you so choose so, which would allow that right to appoint to be passed onto the next Town in the order provided above. I will send you a memo on the same subject via mail at the earliest date possible. However, time is of the essence and this email correspondence serves as that official request.

Sincerely,

Jay

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