

Dukes County Commission (DCC)
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, April 15, 2026
4:00 PM
Remote Meeting

Dukes County Commissioners: Christine Todd, Doug Ruskin, Peter Wharton, Tristan Isreal, Randy Milch

County Staff: Juliet Mulinare, Martina Thornton, Diane Conroy-LaCivita, Suzanne Jakel

Other: Adam Turner MV Commission

Christine called the meeting to order at 4:02pm.

Minutes from 3-3-26, 4-1-26

Tristan/Randy moved to approve the minutes from 3/3/2026 & 4/1/2026. Doug- yes, Tristan- yes, Randy- yes, Peter- yes, Christine- yes. Motion carries.

MV Commission Update

Adam Turner reviewed several projects the Commission is working on. The first is waste management. They have put together a group comprised of individuals from each town, and they meet once a month. They are addressing steamship problems, not being a priority customer, recycling issues, and composting. They are also working on an Island transportation plan. The plan looks at the 5 corners drainage issues, as well as the airport entrance to Barnes Road. They received a grant to review wastewater The commission is looking into the request to change the island designation from Rural to suburban.

Committee Updates

Land Use Committee - The Greenhouse would like to renew their lease for an additional year, as allowed by the lease, and the Land Use Committee is recommending it.

Tristan/Doug move to approve the 1-year extension of the current lease of the Solar Greenhouse at New York Ave, Oak Bluffs. Doug- yes, Randy- yes, Tristan – yes, Peter- yes, Christine -yes. Motion carries

Manager's Report

Emergency Management Island-wide Emergency Management Strategic Plan – deadline for comments on the draft is May 1st. The consultant is available for one-on-one conversations with the key stakeholders as needed. Hopefully, the plan will be finalized at the beginning of May, with a presentation to the public and the community at large following shortly thereafter.

Doug feels there should be a special DCC meeting to review the plan before the May 1 deadline. DCC agreed to meet on Thursday, April 23rd at 4pm at a special meeting for this purpose.

MS Office 365 software transition to the .gov emails is ongoing department-by-department, and you will receive an alert when you send emails to the “old” address that it has changed. The manager's office transition is scheduled for April 22nd.

Health Council - Rural Scholars – The final Rural Scholars presentation of the findings will be on Thursday, April 16th, 4-6 p.m., at the Tisbury Council on Aging.

Randy/Tristan moved to adjourn. Doug- yes, Randy- yes, Peter- yes, Tristan- yes, Christine- yes. Motion carries.
Meeting ended at 4:55pm

Certified by:

T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

