

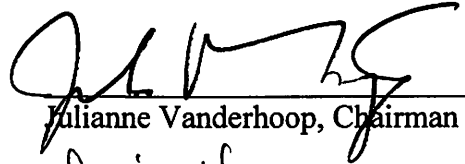
**PETITION PURSUANT TO M.G.L. c. 82, §2
TO DISCONTINUE A COUNTY HIGHWAY**

We, Juli Vanderhoop, Jim Newman, and Gary Haley, duly qualified and acting Selectmen of the Town of Aquinnah (the "Town"), hereby petition the County Commissioners to discontinue various County Highways in the Town. In support of this Petition, we state as follows:

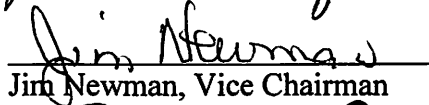
1. The roads located in the Town, currently referred to as Lighthouse Road, Moshup Trail (formerly known as Moshope Trail), Old South Road, Lobsterville Road, and Westward Spur, as shown on Layout Plans filed in the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Gay Head Case File Nos. 1, 2, and 4, and in Plan Book 3, Page 9, and Plan Book 5, Page 2, attested copies of the which are attached as Exhibit A, are owned by Dukes County and are classified as County Highways (collectively the "County Highways").
1. The Town currently maintains and repairs the County Highways, and has for many years;
2. Dukes County lacks the funds to assist the Town in paying for expenses associated with maintaining and repairing the County Highways;
3. State grants are available under the Chapter 90 Fund to reimburse a town for maintaining, repairing and improving town accepted roads;
4. Because the County Highways are not owned by the Town, the Town is not eligible to receive state funds to reimburse it for the expense of repairing and maintaining the County Highways;
5. If the Town gains ownership of the County Highways, the Town will become eligible to receive state funds for the repair and maintenance of these Highways;
6. Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 82, §5, upon discontinuance of a county owned road, "the way or section of way so discontinued shall be a town way"; and
7. Common convenience and necessity require the discontinuance of the existing County Highways to allow the Town to obtain ownership of the County Highways;

WHEREFORE, the Town hereby petitions the County Commissioners to:

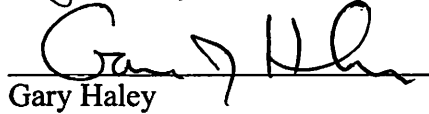
- a. discontinue the County Highways; and
- b. declare the same ways as Town Ways that will remain subject to public use.



Julianne Vanderhoop, Chairman



Jim Newman, Vice Chairman



Gary Haley

Dated: May 16, 2017