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September 8, 2010

Edgartown Highway Dept.
Oak Bluffs Highway Dept.
West Tisbury Highway Dept.
~~Chilmark Highway Dept.~~
Aquinnah Highway Dept.

RE: State Road Maintenance

Dear Dept. Directors,

Our Board of Selectmen and Mr. Bernard McCourt, District Engineer for the Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation, met on August 31st to discuss various maintenance and other DOT issues as they pertained to the Town of Tisbury.

Specific maintenance issues discussed included; timely striping of roads; Tahmoo Overlook brush trimming; timely road side brush and tree trimming etc..

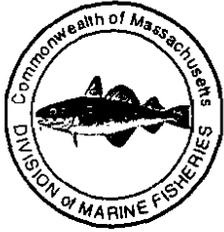
In the course of those discussions, Mr. McCourt proposed the consideration of turning over State Road maintenance to the individual towns and providing each town with monetary consideration for performing that maintenance, similar to what they have arranged in Nantucket. Our State Representative, Mr. Madden, participated in these discussions.

We informed Mr. McCourt that the Town of Tisbury is interested in considering this option since it would allow the Town to directly contract the maintenance work which would allow for more timely maintenance of State Road. He indicated that this proposal would only be viable if the entire Island would sign up.

To that end, I am forwarding this letter requesting your Town's feedback on such a proposal, understanding that many discussions and negotiations will be required before embarking in this direction.

Please let me know what you think.


Fred LaPiana
Director,
Tisbury Dept. of Public Works



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

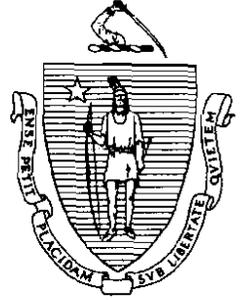
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Paul J. Diodati
Director

September 4, 2008

Selectboards of the following towns: Tisbury, West Tisbury, Aquinnah, Chilmark, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown

Ladies and Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 130, section 74A of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Division of Marine Fisheries has determined that the below-defined growing areas of Martha's Vineyard (V1-V35) no longer meet the requirements for an open status due to unacceptable water quality resulting from an extremely heavy continuous rain event from September 3-4, 2010.

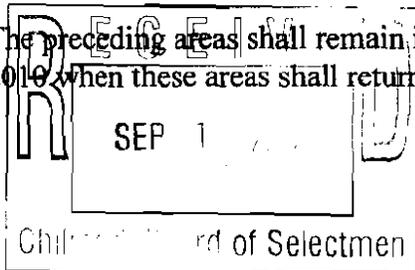
Therefore, the status of the below defined areas has been changed to "CLOSED TO SHELLFISHING" until such time as the Division determines that shellfish are safe for human consumption. Digging, harvesting or collecting and/or attempting to dig, harvest or collect shellfish and the possession of shellfish from the below defined areas is prohibited.

Under authority of 322 CMR 7.01 (7) all permits issued thereunder are hereby conditioned to prohibit the taking, selling or possession of shellfish from the below defined areas.

CLASSIFICATION: APPROVED AND CONDITIONALLY APPROVED
STATUS: Closed to Shellfishing until Sunrise on Wednesday September 8th, 2010

The waters and flats and all tributaries thereto of Martha's Vineyard (V1-V35) in the Towns of Tisbury, West Tisbury, Aquinnah, Chilmark, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown

The preceding areas shall remain in the closed status until sunrise on Wednesday September 8th, 2010 when these areas shall return to their status prior to this closure.



Sincerely,

Paul J. Diodati
Paul J. Diodati
Director

cc: A. Gross, J. Tulik, L. Roberts, E. Burns, DELE
D. McKiernan, M. Hickey, DMF
WPC.DEP
DPH
FDA

~~The Shellfish Constables of the following towns: Tisbury, West Tisbury, Aquinnah, Chilmark, Oak Bluffs, Edgartown~~



United States Department of the Interior



FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex
73 Weir Hill Road
Sudbury, MA 01776-1420
978-443-4661

September 8, 2010

Dear Friend,

You're invited! The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is thrilled to announce the grand opening of our new Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex (Complex) Visitor Center, at the Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge in Sudbury, Massachusetts. The Visitor Center will be a focal point for environmental education and interpretation, and will provide a meeting place for our conservation partners as well. It will also be a showcase for green building and design. We are grateful for the funding we received from the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, which allowed us to install both solar panels to complete the green component of the building and wildlife exhibits which both school children and adults will find to be enjoyable and educational.

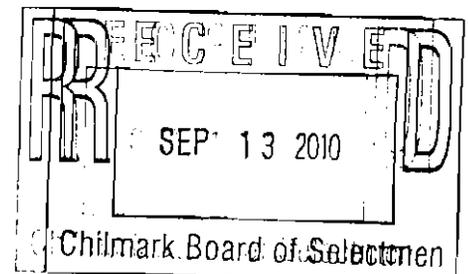
We will be celebrating the opening of the Visitor Center on Sunday, October 17, 2010, from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm and would love to have you attend. We are pleased to announce that U.S. Congresswoman Niki Tsongas will be our guest speaker this day! The event is open to the public, so please share information about the opening. The Visitor Center is located at 680 Hudson Road in Sudbury, MA.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Russo at Susan_J_Russo@fws.gov or 978-443-4661 x34. Thank you very much for your interest in and support of the National Wildlife Refuge System.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth A. Herland
Project Leader

Enclosure



About Us

Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge is part of the National Wildlife Refuge System (System). The System managed by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), is the world's premier system of public lands and waters set aside to conserve America's fish, wildlife and plants. Since President Theodore Roosevelt designated Florida's Pelican Island as the first wildlife refuge in 1903, the System has grown to more than 150 million acres, 550 national wildlife refuges and other units of the Refuge System, plus 37 wetland management districts.

The Assabet River National Wildlife Refuge (refuge) has a large wetland complex, several smaller wetlands and vernal pools, and large forested areas which are important feeding and breeding areas for migratory birds and other wildlife. It also has 15 miles of trails open to the public for the enjoyment of nature as well as the new visitor center located on Winterberry Way.

The refuge is located approximately 20 miles west of Boston in portions of the towns of Hudson, Maynard, Stow and Sudbury. The refuge consists of several separate pieces of land: a 1,900-acre northern section, a 300-acre southern section, and 91 acres scattered along the Assabet River in Stow. The main entrance to the refuge is at 680 Hudson Road in Sudbury.

The refuge is one of eight national wildlife refuges that compose the Eastern Massachusetts National Wildlife Refuge Complex. These eight ecologically diverse refuges include Assabet River, Great Meadows, Mashpee, Massasoit, Monomoy, Nantucket, Nomans Land Island and Oxbow. Information about the complex and these refuges is available at <http://www.fws.gov/northeast/easternmanwrcomplex>.

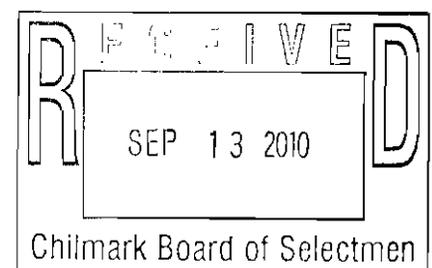
Getting There

From Route 2, take Exit 42 (Route 27) south towards Acton and through Maynard. Go straight through lights at junction with Route 117 in Maynard, following Route 27 south until you see Fairbank Road on the right. Take Fairbank Road to the end. Turn right off of Fairbank Road onto Hudson Road. Follow for about one mile, and main refuge entrance is on the right. This route is approximately eight miles.

From Hudson/Stow area, follow Route 62 East to Hudson Road. Main refuge entrance is on left after Department of Fire Services headquarters.

From the east, follow Route 27 north through the center of Sudbury. Bear left onto Hudson Road when Route 27 turns north towards Maynard. The main entrance to the refuge is approximately three miles from this intersection, on the right.

If using any navigation system, it is advised to use 680 Hudson Rd, Sudbury, MA.





**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
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August 31, 2010

To Whom It May Concern:

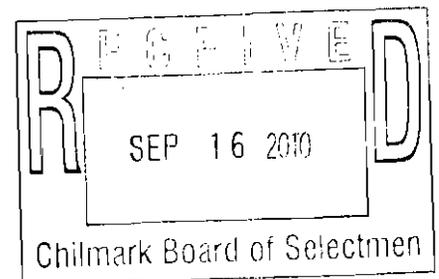
One of the responsibilities of the Department of Telecommunications and Cable is to engage in public outreach and inform consumers about matters that may affect them. Your organization serves people who may need to be aware of the wide variety of cable television services and the issues that may arise when selecting a cable provider.

Cable service is available in most Massachusetts communities through one or more providers and may be offered as part of a bundled service package. Bundled services refer to specially priced packages of services that include telephone, video and Internet.

This guide presents some of the issues that may arise when selecting a cable provider, or cable services and programming. Please feel free to copy and distribute it to anyone who may need it. Any questions can be directed to Catrice Williams, Department Secretary, at (617) 368-1120 or Catrice.Williams@MassMail.State.MA.US.

Sincerely,

Geoffrey Why
Commissioner



DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND CABLE

Introduction

Cable service is available in most communities through one or more providers and may be offered as part of a bundled services package. Bundled services refer to specially priced packages of services that include telephone, video and Internet. The cost of receiving cable service can be broken down into three main categories: (1) programming, promotions and pricing; (2) equipment and installation; and (3) taxes, fees and surcharges.

This guide presents some of the issues that may arise when selecting a cable provider, or cable services and programming. While this guide is meant to be thorough, it is by no means exhaustive. Use this guide as a reference to assist you in selecting a cable provider's services and programming.

I. Programming, Promotions & Pricing

Channels

Cable providers offer different programming packages with different channel combinations. The price of the programming packages increases as the number of channels and premium channels, such as movie networks, sports and international channels, increases. In addition, many cable providers allow access to video on demand programming.

- Request the channel line-ups for the programming package you are considering.
- Pay close attention to the number of video, music and pay-per view channels you will be getting **both during and after** an advertised promotion. Pay-per-view channels may be included in the channels advertised as part of a promotional package.
- Ask about the capabilities and limitations of any video on demand programming that is included with the package you are considering.

Promotions & Pricing

- Ask about other options or specials that might be available to you, such as more streamlined packages, fewer channels or fewer premium features. Those other options/specials might be better suited to your situation or programming tastes than the packages being promoted.
- Ask about bundled services pricing. Most people purchase cable as part of a bundled services package. Changes to the number of services in the bundle, or in the level of features of any of the services in that bundle, will almost certainly affect your monthly cost.
- Ask about coupons and vouchers, or other credits (e.g., installation).
- Ask specifically what price and contract terms will change when the promotion ends. This will help ensure that any channel changes resulting from the promotion ending will not affect the channels that you are interested in.
- Ask about receiving notice prior to the termination of the promotional period.
- If the cable provider makes any "guarantees," such as money-back guarantees if you are not satisfied, be sure to ask for details about how the guarantee would work and how you would be reimbursed if you are not satisfied with the your service.
- Prior to signing the contract, ask for the total monthly cost (including all fees, taxes, and surcharges) that you will be responsible for paying both during and after any promotional period.
- Ask about any additional conditions on which the promotional price depends, and any cost increases if those conditions are not met, such as "new customers only," time limitations for sign-up, and limitations on transferability.

II. Equipment & Installation

Equipment Charges

In order for you to receive their programming, cable providers usually require a converter box and/or a remote control. There is often an additional monthly rental charge for this equipment. There are different types of converter boxes including digital, high-definition (HD), and digital video recorder (DVR) boxes. Each box has a different monthly rental fee. Discuss with your sales rep whether the channels you are getting require the level of features on the suggested converter box.

- If a converter box or remote is necessary, ask about the cost of the equipment and whether you must rent and incur a monthly charge, or can buy the equipment.
- Ask what equipment is required to receive the programming you are interested in. For example, international programming may require additional equipment that is not otherwise required.
- In order to receive high-definition video or HDTV, a subscriber must have a television capable of receiving high definition programming **and** an HD converter box. Ask about the monthly fee and necessity of an HD converter box if you are interested in receiving HD programming.
- Cable companies also provide the option of renting equipment that will allow you to record cable programs. If you are interested in DVR service, ask about the cost of the digital box with DVR service. Also ask about DVR memory capacity. You might also consider purchasing your own DVR, which may have additional service features, with additional costs, that are more suited to your needs.

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Installation

In order to receive cable programming, the cable provider may need to install wiring and equipment at your location. Service technicians perform the installation work, which may take several hours to complete.

- Ask whether installation fees apply and the amount of the fees. In addition, you should ask what is included in the cost of the installation. For example, you should ask if installation requires drilling through exterior or interior walls and, if so, whether there is an additional charge.
- If you see "free installation," make sure that you find out what will be included in "free installation." For example, will other "installation" work be necessary in order to receive the service? You should also ask if "free" means through a credit or a redeemable coupon or voucher program, and exactly how that program will work.
- Ask whether someone else other than the provider will be doing the installation, and who will be responsible for that installation work. For example, if there are problems with the installation (e.g., shoddy workmanship, or damage done to your property), find out who will be responsible, and whether to direct any installation issues to your cable provider or the third party installer.

III. Taxes, Fees & Other Surcharges

Early Termination Fees ("ETFs")

Cable providers often charge early termination fees if you cancel or downgrade a service before a fixed contractual term, usually 12 to 24 months. ETFs can be quite substantial.

- Always ask about the amount of the ETFs. For example, while canceling service before the contract is up usually results in ETFs; find out if downgrading a service from a higher-priced plan to a lower-priced plan also results in ETFs.

- If you downgrade or eliminate a service bought in a bundle, ask whether the cost for the remainder of the services will change.
- If you purchase bundled services that are provided by different companies, make sure that you know what the contract terms are for each different company and if terms, such as early termination fees, will be different among those companies.

Fees, Taxes & Other Surcharges

In addition to programming, equipment and installation charges, cable providers may also assess certain taxes, surcharges and fees as part of consumers' monthly bills. These additional charges can add a significant amount to your monthly bill.

- Be sure to ask whether there are any other fees of any kind before entering into a contract.
- Cable providers may assess other fees such as "activation fees" to commence service or other fees that have not already been discussed.
- Cable providers are required by law to assess certain taxes and they are permitted to pass on other charges (such as franchise-related costs) to their customers. Some of these charges, such as franchise-related costs, differ in amount depending on where you live. Determine the taxes, fees and surcharges specific to your city or town.

For more information please visit our website at www.mass.gov/dte and click on Competition Division. You can also reach us at 800-392-6066 or email us at consumer.inquiry@state.ma.us.



CABLE SERVICES BUYING GUIDE



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Governor



Barbara Anthony
Undersecretary



September 10, 2010

Board of Selectmen
Town of Chilmark
401 Middle Road
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Dear Chairman and Members of the Board:

As part of Comcast's continuing effort to keep you informed of changes impacting our customers please be advised that effective September 1, 2010, a High-Definition Set-Top Box is available for \$2.25 per month per outlet, plus applicable fees and taxes, to customers subscribing to only the Basic level of video service.

Effective with September billing statements, a customer who subscribes to Basic Service only with a Comcast HD Digital Set-Top Box, will begin to be charged a Basic Service Only High Definition Set-Top Box charge of \$2.25 - plus .25 cents for the remote control as applicable - for each outlet having a Comcast HD digital set-top box instead of the HD Technology Fee as previously communicated.

Should residents contact you with questions, please do not hesitate to direct them to our toll free customer service number: 1-888-COMCAST. Our Customer Account Executives are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to answer any questions they may have regarding Comcast products, services and prices. If you have any questions about this or any other issue, please feel free to contact me directly at 508-477-7738.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary O'Keeffe".

Mary O'Keeffe
Senior Manager of Government & Community Relations

