

Dear Conservation Commission,

My name is Angela Luckey and I am writing to express my interest in the open Associate Member Position of the West Tisbury Conservation Commission. Growing up on the island, I acknowledge the intrinsic value of our wetland resources, and beyond that the need to preserve the integrity of these resources to safeguard the island. The Conservation Commissions is charged with the challenge of applying the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, finding consensus in protecting these resources without infringing upon individual property rights.

Currently, I am an online student of American Public University, pursuing my Master's in Environmental Management and Policy, with a focus in environmental planning. In my courses we have touched on the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act, though I am intrigued to learn more about it and its application. To be transparent, I am also a member of the Mill Brook Watershed Management Committee, though I feel that the initiatives of the two committees are in alignment.

When my husband and I moved back to the Vineyard a little over a year ago, my goal was to become more engaged with my local community, in a way that has a positive effect on the environment and the people that reside here. If given the opportunity to become an associate member of the Conservation Commission I would be a kind, dedicated, and active member. Conjoining the tools and ideologies from my schoolwork with the knowledge and experience of my fellow committee members, particularly in situations where it can be hard to strike a balance when people converge with our wetland resources.

I appreciate your time and consideration, feel free to contact me via email at George.angela@rocketmail.com or my cell at 508-627-0791.

Sincerely,

Angela Luckey