

## Timeline of Transportation on the Vineyard Miscellaneous Items

- 1850 North Road and Middle Road constructed
- 1871 Holmes Hole – Cottage City Road and bridge completed. <sup>i</sup>
- 1872 Rail extended to Woods Hole with support by OBLWC and shares to many people including Dr. Fisher. Erected new wharf; signed Western Union contract for cable to OB;
- 1872 Led Edgartown to propose beach road from OB built by town
- ~1873 *Highland Wharf – Campground Horse Railroad*<sup>ii</sup>. OB.
- 1874 *Cottage City – Edgartown Railroad*. Discontinued 1896.<sup>iii</sup>
- 1877 Railroad extended from Katama to South Beach.
- ~1888 *Cottage City – Lagoon Heights Electric Trolley*. OB – T.<sup>iv</sup>
- 1891 *Dukes County Street Railroad Company*. (P) Cottage City – Gay Head.<sup>v</sup>
- ~1900 *Oak Bluffs Harbor* developed from Lake Anthony.<sup>vi</sup>
- 1942 Naval Air Station. WT/E. >640 acres, one dozen buildings.<sup>vii</sup>
- 1950s Moshup Trail constructed.
- 1960s *Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road*. First Federal Highway on Island. <sup>viii</sup>
- 1966 West Basin Road built. Led to housing proposal.
- 1990s MV Airport Expansion. WT-E. New terminal and Business park.<sup>ix</sup>
- 1998 MV Airport 71,889 commercial emplanements 35,114 General aviation operations
- 2012 SSA carried >2.2m passengers

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<sup>i</sup> Hough 1936

<sup>ii</sup> MVCA www

<sup>iii</sup> Hough 1936. OBLWC (with shares to many people including Dr. Fisher) involved in extending RR to Woods Hole. Also brought telegraph cable to OB and built non-denominational chapel on Chapel Hill. RR ran to Edgartown, then extended to Katama and then South Beach. Edgartown an initial funder; sold stock in 1877 after losses (\$315 for \$15,000 investment). . Instigators, all whaling captains: Erastus Carpenter, Samuel Osborn, Nathaniel Jernegan, Jared Jernegan, Richard Holley, William Lewis, John Norton. Railton 2012

<sup>iv</sup> Built in 1895 according to MVCA www.

<sup>v</sup> Railton 2012. Investors: C.H. Emerson (Framingham), G.M. Clough (Somerville), Charles Strahan (Cottage City), H.L. Whiting (WT), M.F. Cunningham (Tisbury). Never built but on Eldridge map.

<sup>vi</sup> Hough 1936.

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[http://www.dukescounty.org/Pages/DukesCountyMA\\_Airport/DukesCountyMA\\_AirportImprove/1%20Airport%20History%20&%20Growth.pdf](http://www.dukescounty.org/Pages/DukesCountyMA_Airport/DukesCountyMA_AirportImprove/1%20Airport%20History%20&%20Growth.pdf)

<sup>viii</sup> Simon 1973

<sup>ix</sup> MV Airport Annual Report 2010. Cape Air 80% airline passengers.