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AIRPORT DIRECTOR TRANSITION

Martha's Vineyard, MA: Ann Richart, MVY Airport Director, and the Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission are announcing that Ms. Richart will be leaving the airport at the end of her 3 year contract on May 5, 2019. Ms. Richart intends to move to the West Coast to be closer to her elderly mother and family there. During her remaining time at MVY she will be working closely with the Commission and the staff to ensure a smooth transition.

Ms. Richart took over the management of the airport during a very turbulent time and working with the Commission and the staff has brought the airport back from the brink. Among her accomplishments are:

- Completing the new \$11M Airport Rescue and Fire Fighting building on time and on budget. This was the first major development project in almost 20 years.
- Securing over \$30M in federal and state grants to improve a crumbling infrastructure and bring the airport up to safety standards.
- Will complete the rehabilitation of the airport's main runway (6-24), an \$11M project.
- Establishing a good working relationship with the FAA, MassDOT, and our state and federal legislative staff.
- Establishing connections to the rest of the national airport community to share ideas and cooperative problem solving.
- Establishing a positive working environment for the employees.
- Holding regular staff and employee meetings and empowering employees.

Richart stated that she came to Martha's Vineyard to bring a professional management style and is proud of the impact she has had. She is pleased that the airport is poised for future growth and is confident the Airport will be left in good hands when she departs.

Bob Rosenbaum, the current chair of the Commission, said that he has enjoyed working with Ann and has learned a great deal from her. "Ann was effective from the day she arrived in bringing a professional and positive attitude to the airport. Several of the employees commented to me a month after Ann arrived that for the first time in years they looked forward to coming to work. It is important to keep the situation in perspective given some of the current issues that are in the news now that the airport is in an infinitely better place today than it was 3 years ago. I wish her well."

Martha's Vineyard Airport is managed by the Martha's Vineyard Airport Commission. It offers seasonal airline service by American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, and JetBlue and year 'round service by Cape Air in addition to robust general aviation facilities.

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