



Warrant for Annual Town Meeting

April 23, 2018

COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY, SS.

TO THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF CHILMARK,
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Chilmark, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble at the Chilmark Community Center 520 South Road in said Town of Chilmark on Monday, the twenty-third day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen A.D. at seven thirty o'clock in the evening 7:30 PM, there and then to act on the Articles in this Warrant, with the exception of Article One.

And to meet again in the Chilmark Community Center 520 South Road, in said Town of Chilmark on Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen A. D. 12 Noon, there and then to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of Town Officers and action on Questions on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will be open at 12:00 PM Noon, and shall close at eight o'clock in the evening, 8:00 PM.

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot:

One Member of the Board of Selectmen		for three
	years	
One Member of the Board of Assessors		for three
	years	
One Member of the Board of Health		for three
	years	
One Trustee of the Public Library		for three
	years	
Three Members of the Finance Advisory Committee		for three
	years	
One Member of the Cemetery Commission		for three
	years	
One Member of the Planning Board		for five years
One Fence Viewer		for three
	years	
One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark		for three
	years	
One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark		for one year
One Tree Warden		for one year
One Constable		for three
years		

One Member of the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission for three years

- Question 1. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$79,000** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget of the Tri Town Ambulance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No
- Question 2. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$35,000** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget of the Up Island Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No
- Question 3. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$9,184** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the CORE program under the supervision of the Up Island Council on Aging for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No
- Question 4. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$5,453** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Healthy Aging Task Force FIRST STOP for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No
- Question 5. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$8,163** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard Task Force for planning, community building and advocacy work for all Island elders for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No
- Question 6. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$5,740** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Dukes County Substance Use Disorder prevention programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No
- Question 7. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$6,264** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Dukes County Social Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No
- Question 8. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$22,332.76** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise such sums of money as will be necessary to defray town charges and to make the appropriations for the ensuing year, as printed under Departmental Budgets - Salaries and Expenses totals, provided that \$79,000 under the Tri Town Ambulance Budget (Dept 230), and \$35,000

under the Education Budget - Up Island Regional School District (Dept 300) shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override Proposition 2½, and that the amount set forth under the Community Preservation Committee (Dept. 179) shall be funded from the Community Preservation FY2019 Budgeted Reserve Fund Balance.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Not Present

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** and further appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to be received from the Chilmark Town Affairs Council, subject to receipt, which amounts are to be added to the maintenance account of the Chilmark Community Center.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$40,000.00** for a Reserve Fund to be administered by the Finance Advisory Committee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** to fund the Reserve Fund for the Future Payment of Accrued Liabilities for Compensated Absences.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$112,000.00 to the town's stabilizations funds as follows:

\$25,000.00 to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund,

\$25,000.00 to be placed in the Fire Department Stabilization Fund, with the intent that it be put towards the replacement costs for fire apparatus which is over twenty-five (25) years in age,

\$12,000.00 to be placed in the Police Vehicle Stabilization Fund,

\$50,000.00 to be placed in the Highway Stabilization Fund.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of

\$16,760.0

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the

Town's

share of

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expenses

of the All

Island
School
Committee's
contract
for Adult
and
Community
Education
in Fiscal
Year
2019.

- Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present
- ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$2,400.00** to do tree trimming and maintenance work around town buildings.
Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present
- ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$24,000.00** to do roof work at the Town Hall.
Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present
- ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** to replace the roofing on the North Road Fire Station.
Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present
- ARTICLE 12.** To see if the town will vote to fund the road reconstruction of the Menemsha Hill Triangle, including the payment of costs incidental and related thereto, and to fund this project transfer **\$80,000.00** from MassDOT Chapter 90 Highway funds.
Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present
- ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$2,500.00** to re-shingle a section of the sidewall at the Menemsha Schoolhouse (Police Station), including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.
Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present
- ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,184.00** to fund the CORE program under the supervision of the Up Island Council on Aging, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.
Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present
- ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,453.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2019 cost to fund the **Healthy Aging Task Force FIRST STOP**, based on the "50/50" formula, provided

that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,163.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2019 cost to fund the **Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard Task Force for planning, community building and advocacy work for all Island elders**, based on the "50/50" formula, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,740.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2019 cost to fund the **Dukes County Substance Use Disorder prevention programs**, based on the "50/50" formula, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,264.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2019 cost to fund the **Dukes County Social Services**, based on the "50/50" formula, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town of Chilmark will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds Twenty-Two-Thousand-Three-Hundred-Thirty-Two-Dollars-And-Seventy-Six-Cents (\$22,332.76), or fifty per cent (50%) of the Town's proportionate share of the fiscal year 2019 cost of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center, based on the volume of dispatches, tied to call origin, for all of the Town's agencies.

Submitted by petition of: Laurence Clancy, Alexandra Broyard, Prescott Walsh, Marshall Carroll, Katie Carroll, Scott McDowell, Jennifer Burkin, Andy Italiano, Robert Young, Tracy Thorpe, Margaret Orlando, Fallon Aiello, Emily Day, & Betty Martin.

NOT RECOMMENDED by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the General Stabilization account the sum of Two hundred twenty seven thousand five hundred dollars (**\$227,500**) to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's renovations

of the heating and ventilation systems at the Chilmark School providing design, procurement, installation, project management, and any costs incidental and relative thereto. Provided however the other two member Towns of the District approve in their share of the total project costs of \$284,375.

Submitted by: Up-Island Regional School District
NOT RECOMMENDED by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Not Present

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the General Stabilization account the sum of two thousand eight hundred fifty-eight dollars (**\$2,858**) to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's Phase III upgrade of the fire alarm system at the West Tisbury School providing design, procurement, installation, project management, and any costs incidental and relative thereto. Provided however the other two member Towns of the District approve in their share of the total project cost of \$21,440.

Submitted by: Up-Island Regional School District
Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment by the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District of a Stabilization Fund to be known as the "MVRHS Capital Stabilization Fund" to provide a fund for expenditures for capital improvements within the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District and for such other lawful purposes as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, c.71, §16G½ as it may be amended from time to time, or take any other action relative thereto.

NOT RECOMMENDED by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Not Present

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$41,000.00 to purchase a replacement boat for the harbor department, and to meet this appropriation transfer the sum of **\$35,000.00** from Waterways Improvement Fund and **\$6,000.00** from Article 6 of the Special Town meeting November 9, 2015.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$24,308.00** from Waterways Improvement Fund to pay for wood pilings in Menemsha Basin.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following request of the Community Preservation Committee: To see if the Town will vote to reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2019 estimated annual revenues up to the following amounts for community preservation projects: \$30,500.00 for the Reserve for Open Space; \$30,500.00 for the Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources; \$30,500.00 for the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing; and \$195,300.00 for the Community Preservation Budget Reserve.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Not Present

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to approve the following request of the **Community Preservation Committee**:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the fiscal year 2019 Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing Fund the sum of **\$34,260.00** to the Island Housing Trust (IHT) as Chilmark's contribution to fund the construction of up to 20 affordable housing apartments at Keune's Way in Tisbury. To date Chilmark has contributed a total of \$65,550 toward this project in 2015 and 2016. If approved, the funds will not be released until a permanent affordable housing deed restriction on the land is filed with the deed at the Registry of Deeds.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Not Present

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to approve the following request of the **Community Preservation Committee:**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the fiscal year 2019 Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space the sum of up to **\$70,550.00** for a Park & Recreation use. The Chilmark School will use the funds to rehabilitate the grammar school students' playground by installing a new 'Big Toy', a pre-school apparatus plus new climbing and spinning devices will also be installed. To fund this request **\$70,550.00** will be transferred from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund to the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Not Present

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$10,000.00** to fund portions of the Menemsha Traffic Plan by Bill Brewster and recommended by the Planning Board Master Plan subcommittee.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Not Present

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town would support changing the size of allowable guest houses in Chilmark to 1200 square feet from the existing allowable size of 800 square feet.

Submitted by petition of: James Langlois, Anne Palmer, Peter Cook, Wendy Weldon, Andy Palmer, Dinah Andrews, William Eddy, Clarissa Allen, Susan Heilbron, Andrew Goldman, Mitchell Posin, Nathaniel Posin, Kaila Posin, Susan Eddy, & Jane Kaplan.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Not Present

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in three public places in

said Town of Chilmark at least seven days before the time of said meeting, and to publish said warrant in one newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Chilmark during the week before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of March, A.D. 2018.
Chilmark Board of Selectmen

William N. Rossi, Chairman Warren M. Doty James M. Malkin

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Chilmark qualified to vote in town affairs, by posting three (3) attested copies of this warrant in three (3) public places and by publishing said warrant in one newspaper having general circulation in said Town of Chilmark and made due return of this warrant at the time and place of said meeting. God save the Commonwealth.

Posted:

By: _____

Constable Marshall E. Carroll, III