Warrant for Annual Town Meeting
April 23, 2007

County of Dukes County, ss.

To the Constables of the Town of Chilmark, Greeting:

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 in said Town of Chilmark on Monday, the twenty-third day of April in the year Two Thousand and Seven A.D. at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, 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, in said Chilmark on Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Seven A. D. at 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 o'clock noon, and shall close at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

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
Two Members of the Planning Board	for five years
Two Members of the Finance Advisory Committee	for two years
Two Members of the Finance Advisory Committee	for three years
One Member of the Cemetery Commission	for three years
One Treasurer	for three years
One Moderator	for three years
One Constable	for three years
One Fence Viewer	for three years
One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark	for two years
One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark	for three years
One Tree Warden	for one year
One Member of the Site Review Committee	for three years

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, per departmental Salaries and Expenses totals as printed, provided that the amount set forth under the Community Preservation Committee (Dept. 179) shall be funded from the Community Preservation FY2007 Budgeted Reserve.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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 FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of **$28,000.00** from the Overlay Surplus Account and raise and appropriate the sum of **$12,000.00** for a Reserve Fund to be administered by the Finance Advisory Committee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2007.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved fund the sum of **$30,790.03** to reduce the FY2008 Tri-Town Ambulance operating budget cost to the towns of Aquinnah, Chilmark & West Tisbury.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of **$25,000.00** from available funds in the treasury to the "General Stabilization Fund".
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of **$120,000.00** from available funds in the treasury and transfer the sum of **$30,000.00** from the "Fire Department Stabilization Fund" to be added to the "Brush-breaker" capital purchase account 36-000-300-0221-3590.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **$5,000.00** to pay for the cost of a new PC server at the Police Station, including the payment of costs incidental and related thereto.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **$6,000.00** to enable the Police Department to participate in joint training with police departments and other emergency responders from other communities and the State Police on the island and to provide related emergency response equipment, aimed at improving our ability to respond in case of emergencies to situations exceeding the capabilities of a single municipality, or take any other action relative thereto.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **$10,000.00** to pay for replacement photocopier equipment at the Town Office, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **$12,000.00** to enroll the Tisbury Great Pond in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, this sum being the third year and one-third of the total cost to Chilmark for the project, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **$1,500.00** to transfer to the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council to supplement state funding.

RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to establish a **Shellfish Steering Committee** comprised of **five members**, three of whom shall be qualified by three years of prior experience in commercial shell fishing, the members shall serve in staggered terms with one expiring at the end of the first year, two expiring at the end of the second year and two expiring at the end of the third year, and all future appointments shall serve for three years, the committee shall advise the Selectmen on Shellfish Propagation and Enforcement and work with the Shellfish Department on shellfish propagation.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to establish the new position of **Shellfish Propagation Officer,** to place it on Grade 8 of the Employee Classification Plan, and to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **$50,306.00** to fund this position beginning June 1st 2007 through June 30th 2008.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **$15,000.00** to fund the first year of a five-year Shellfish Restoration Plan.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **$5,000.00** to fund upgrades to the septic system at the Menemsha Comfort Station, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **$50,000.00** to fund a property revaluation of the Town of Chilmark for Fiscal Year 2009, as mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$122,737.00** to pay for prior years' assessments for the Vineyard Transit Authority.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **$10,000.00** from the Landfill Capping Project (Capital Account 33-000-300-5100-3590) into the "General Stabilization Fund".
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to amend Section IX in the Up Island Regional School Agreement by: *Deleting the second paragraph of Sub-section A. in its entirety and replacing it with the words:*

> The town that owns the facility in question shall pay a total of 80% of the capital costs regardless of its enrollment in that facility. The remaining 20% of the capital costs shall be paid by the two other towns in the regional district, by dividing the balance of 20% between them, based on each to the other towns' share of their combined enrollment. The school census of October 1st of the fiscal year preceding the fiscal year for which the assessment is being determined shall be used to ascertain percentages. In any case, the total contribution of all members combined shall equal 100% of the capital costs.

Recommended by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to rescind Article 21 of the 1996 Annual Town Meeting in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

The Board of Selectmen shall annually in September adopt a regulation defining a commercial fisherman to enable the Town of Chilmark to create a list of fishermen who shall be entitled to certain privileges relating to town properties which support and enhance commercial fishing in the town and for other town affairs. The definition shall be reviewed annually by the Board of Selectmen, after a public meeting to take comments, to assure that it is realistic under the various federal, state and local regulations as they may be amended from time to time. The Board of Selectmen shall review annually the list of qualified fishermen under such definition and may grant exceptions or waivers for extenuating circumstances.

No Action Taken by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaws by inserting Section 1.2(a):

Paid town employees, unless otherwise stipulated in their appointment letter, are subject to annual reappointment by the Appointing Authority as established in the Town bylaw, adopted under the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Consistent with the merit principles and employee retention objectives set forth above, the Appointing Authority will be guided by the provisions of this Bylaw in the application of its authority to appoint and reappoint individual employees to budgeted positions.

No Action Taken by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to support the Selectmen appointing three representatives to an island-wide advisory group, with representation from Town Boards, to draft a nomination with proposed guidelines and regulations for an Energy District of Critical Planning Concern, provided, that any draft nomination, together with the draft guidelines and regulations, be submitted to a Chilmark Town Meeting for approval before it is sent to the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

No Action Taken by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 4 Ayes & 1 Abstension

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 13th day of March, A.D. 2007. Chilmark Board of Selectmen

Warren M. Doty Frank M. Fenner Jr. J.B. Riggs Parker, Chairman

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: Constable Daniel Bryant :_____