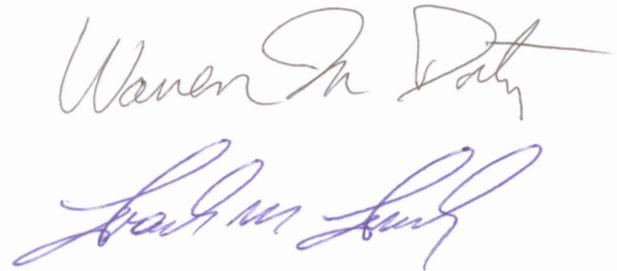


Town of Chilmark Press release:

September 26, 2007

The Chilmark Board of Selectmen are pleased to announce that after a few years of negotiations the Board has reached an agreement with the Hillman family and the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank that would result in a land swap that would create four, one acre perpetually affordable housing lots off South Road owned by the Town, for ground lease to four of the qualified Chilmark Housing committee applicants which initially may be chosen from the eligible field by the Hillman family. In addition it would give the Hillman family ownership of a parcel in the core of its property and move an access through their property to the edge of their property. The Land Bank would gain a trail head on South Road, better access trails from South Road to Middle Road and almost triple its conservation area from the present Engley site.

The intricate three way swap, negotiated on the Town's behalf by Selectman Frank Fenner will require Chilmark Town Meeting approval, Chilmark Planning Board approval and an act of the State Legislature because it involves the alteration of boundaries and use of land previously subject to Conservation restrictions. The Chilmark Board of Selectmen look forward to the completion of this creative effort for affordable housing and genuinely thank the Land Bank for their continued support and the Hillman family for their dedicated and generous participation.



Two handwritten signatures in blue ink. The top signature is "Warren J. Doherty" and the bottom signature is "Frank M. Fenner".

Turner Lots

Chilmark, MA

September 09, 2005

Legend:

- land bank trail easement
- ==== dirt road
- ▨ land bank fee simple

