



TOWN OF CHILMARK
CHILMARK, MASSACHUSETTS

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Representative Eric Turkington
Great and General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
473-F State House
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Senator Robert O'Leary
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416-A State House
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RE: Home Rule Petition

Gentlemen:

As the Board of Selectmen for the Town of Chilmark, authorized by unanimous vote of a special town meeting held on October 29th 2007, we petition the General Court to adopt legislation in substantially the following form:

An Act to authorize the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Chilmark (the "Town") to exchange a certain three (3) acre parcel known as 21 Sarah Brown Lane, or the Engley House, owned by the Town, for a four (4) acre portion of two parcels (Assessors Map 11, Parcels 45 and 46, the so-called "Turner Lots") located off South Road currently owned by Howard B. Hillman, and to exempt the Town and the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission (the "Land Bank") from any special acts or laws, including Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution, in order to effectuate the transactions contemplated by an Agreement dated October 1, 2007, by and among Howard B. Hillman, the Town, and the Land Bank.

Please find attached certified copies of the related Warrant Articles and Town Meeting votes. We have also attached articles from the local newspapers, a map and the Agreement referenced in the above Act.

This is an opportunity for our community to improve Open Space and create affordable housing. We thank you for your assistance and cooperation.

Sincerely,

Chilmark Board of Selectmen


Warren M. Doty, Chairman


Frank M. Fenner, Jr.


J. B. Riggs Parker