

November 18, 2014

The Honorable Dan Wolf, State Senator
State House, Room 511B
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Senator Wolf:

We are writing to formally ask for your assistance in forwarding a request to the Governor's office. We request that Governor Patrick file validating legislation on behalf of the Town of Chilmark (the "Town") in order to ratify a bond authorization of the Town passed under Article 9 of the warrant for the October 20, 2014 special town meeting, and excluded from the limitations of Proposition 2 ½ (so-called) by a vote of the Town passed at the State Election held on November 4, 2014 (Question 5).

The proposed corrective legislation (attached) was drafted by the Town's bond counsel, Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP. Bond counsel has explained that this legislation is necessary to address certain notice deficiencies relating to the vote of the Town passed at the State Election held on November 4, 2014 (Question 5).

As always, we appreciate your assistance. Since the Town needs to issue bonds or bond anticipation notes quickly to allow the projects involved to proceed in a timely manner, any efforts you can make to expedite this bill would be of tremendous help to the Town.

If you have any questions on this matter, please contact Tim Carroll, the Town's Executive Secretary, at (508) 645-2101.

Sincerely,

William Rossi
Chair, Chilmark Board of Selectmen

An Act Validating the State Election Held on November 4, 2014 in the Town of Chilmark.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to enable the Town of Chilmark to reconstruct, pave and make various repairs to Town roads, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any defect in the notice given by the Town of Chilmark regarding Question 5 of the State Election ballot, which was approved by the voters of the Town of Chilmark on November 4, 2014, and notwithstanding any general or special law, charter provision or Town by-law to the contrary, the approval of Question 5 by the Town of Chilmark at the State Election held on November 4, 2014 is hereby ratified, validated, approved and confirmed in all respects.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect immediately upon its passage