

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 28, 2007

MODERATOR: Everett Poole

TOWN CLERK: Margaret T. Orlando

REGISTRARS: Susan Heilbron and Judy G.L. Mayhew

TELLERS: Linda Continho and Elizabeth Picket Gray

The meeting was called to order at 7:33 p.m. by moderator, Everett H. Poole. Constable, Daniel Bryant read the return of the warrant. At the close of registration, June 18, 2007, there were (824) eight hundred and twenty-four qualified voters in the Town of Chilmark. This evening there were (63) sixty-three present.

Mr. Poole asked if there were any unregistered voters on the town meeting floor.

ARTICLE 1. Read by the moderator, moved and seconded. The article was opened for discussion. Warren Doty, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen stood to amend the article to add at the end:

Although not a condition to the Town's approval of the borrowing authorized by the Refuse District, the Town expects that Refuse District will use the land acquired with proceeds of this borrowing to undertake new initiatives to improve its recycling program, which initiatives are expected to include the development of a composting facility for processing organic waste and a center for recycling used building materials.

Mr. Doty asked the town to support the article as amended. Mr. Fenner stood to amend the amendment. Mr. Poole stated that we would need to vote the amendment before changing it.

The amendment put forth by Mr. Doty came to a vote and carried unanimously.

Frank Fenner, Selectman and representative to the Refuse District stood to amend the amendment by replacing the words expects and are expected to so that it would read:

*Although not a condition to the Town's approval of the borrowing authorized by the Refuse District, the Town **requests** that Refuse District will use the land acquired with proceeds of this borrowing to undertake new initiatives to improve its recycling program, which initiatives **could** include the development of a composting facility for processing organic waste and a center for recycling used building materials.*

Andrew Goldman asked if Mr. Doty approved the changes to the amendment. Mr. Doty did not. Richard William asked if the amendment would affect the outcome of the acquisition. Town Council Ronald Rappaport stated that because of the words "although

not a condition to the Town's approval of the borrowing" the amendment would be considered advisory. J.B. Riggs Parker stated that he supported the amendment because he felt we were not in a position to tell the experts at the Refuse District how to use this land.

The amendment to the amendment came to a vote. Mr. Poole said that it appeared to be carried. Barbara Murphy called for a standing count.

The amendment carried: In favor - 34
Opposed - 19

Article 1, as amended, came to a vote and passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. Read by the moderator, moved and seconded. Mr. Poole read the Finance Advisory Committee statement that they had voted to "reluctantly" recommend this new assessment on a "one-time-basis", with a request that the Selectmen work to correct this inequitable situation created by the Commonwealth through the implementation of the "statutory formula" in violation of our long standing regional high school agreement. The article was opened for discussion and Mr. Parker said that he also reluctantly supported this article because he felt we should not stand in the way of the school budgeting process.

Article 2 came to a vote and passed unanimously.

With no other business to come before this Town Meeting, Mr. Poole declared it dissolved at 7:50 p.m.

A true copy. Attest:

Margaret T. Orlando,
Town Clerk
June 29, 2007