

## Town of Chilmark Announces Agreement for Land Purchase

Public Safety Building Project

*Chilmark— December 20, 2018* — Today, after an Executive Session of the Board of Selectmen this morning, The

Town of Chilmark announced the completion of negotiations with Emmett & Kathie Carroll for the purchase of 399 Middle Road; the former lot belonging to the Chilmark Grange Society No. 255 located behind the Town Hall.

"This additional land will allow the town to pursue the replacement of the exiting Fire Station and the building of a home for the Tri Town Ambulance service." said Warren Doty, Chilmark Selectman and representative on the Tri Town Ambulance Committee.

The town has been searching for an acceptable location to build a new public safety building for 18 years. Many volunteer hours have been spent on this endeavor by committee members, firefighters, EMTs, and former Selectmen. This land acquisition will allow the design of public safety facilities adjacent to the existing fire station and town hall.

"Consultants and committee members have come to the conclusion that the best location for a fire station is at Beetlebung Corners, and this land acquisition will accomplish their recommendation" said James Malkin, Chilmark Selectman.

The Board of Selectmen will move ahead with modifying the preliminary designs for a joint public safety building to utilize the new property in addition to the Town Hall Lot. These plans will be presented to the Annual Town Meeting on Monday April 22<sup>nd</sup> 2019. The public is invited to attend all Board of Selectmen's meetings but especially those that review these draft plans before the Annual Town Meeting.

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For more information on Agreement for Land Purchase: as it becomes available <u>http://www.chilmarkma.gov/pages/ChilmarkMA\_Selectmen/projects/</u>