



The Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Chilmark



To: \_\_\_\_\_

We, the Select Board of the town of Chilmark, do hereby appoint you to the Committee/Board/Commission/Position of

\_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

For a term of \_\_\_\_\_ Years to expire on: \_\_\_\_\_

*William N. Rossi*

*James M. Malkin*

*Marie K. Larsen*

**Select Board**

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_ *Timothy R. Carroll- Town Administrator*

*Appointment shall not become effective until appointee has sworn to the faithful performance of their duties before the Town Clerk*

I hereby certify that the above named appointee has appeared before me and has been duly qualified for the performance of the duties of the office to which he/she was appointed by being sworn to the faithful performance of said duties on \_\_\_\_\_ and that the record of the appointment and oath have been duly entered in the records of the Town Clerk.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jennifer L. Christy  
Chilmark Town Clerk

By my signature below, I accept the appointment and I acknowledge that:

1. I have been sworn to the faithful and impartial performance of my appointed duties.
2. "I, A. B. do solemnly swear that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the constitution thereof. So help me God." OR
3. "I, A. B. do solemnly affirm that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the constitution thereof. This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury." Amendments, Arts. VI
4. I have received a copy of the MA **Open Meeting Law (OML)** (Ch. 39, S. 23B), the OML Guide and the OML Regulations
5. I have received a copy of the MA **Conflict of Interest Law Summary** and have been informed of the MA Conflict of Interest Law **On-line Training Requirement**.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Email:	
Home:	
Cell:	
Mailing:	

"The end of the institution, maintenance and administration of government, is to secure the existence of the body-politic, to protect it, and to furnish the individuals who compose it, with the power of enjoying in safety and tranquility their natural rights, and the blessings of life: And whenever these great objects are not obtained, the people have a right to alter the government, and to take measures necessary for their safety, prosperity and happiness.

The Body-Politic is formed by a voluntary association of individuals: It is a social compact, by which the whole people convenants with each Citizen, and each Citizen with the whole people, that all shall be governed by certain Laws for the Common good. It is the duty of the people, therefore, in framing a Constitution of Government, to provide for an equitable mode of making laws, as well as for an impartial interpretation, and a faithful execution of them; that every man may, at all times, find his security in them.

We, therefore, the people of Massachusetts, acknowledging, with grateful hearts, the goodness of the Great Legislator of the Universe, in affording us, in the course of His Providence, an opportunity, deliberately and peaceably, without fraud, violence or surprize, on entering into an Original, explicit, and Solemn Compact with each other; and of forming a new Constitution of Civil Government, for Ourselves and Posterity, and devoutly imploring His direction in so interesting a design, Do agree upon, ordain and establish, the following Declaration of Rights, and Frame of Government, as the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts."

#### **Article XVIII.**

A frequent recurrence to the fundamental principles of the constitution, and a constant adherence to those of piety, justice, moderation, temperance, industry, and frugality, are absolutely necessary to preserve the advantages of liberty, and to maintain a free government. The people ought, consequently, to have a particular attention to all those principles, in the choice of their officers and representatives: and they have a right to require of their lawgivers and magistrates, an exact and constant observance of them, in the formation and execution of the laws necessary for the good administration of the commonwealth.

#### Chapter VI, **OATHS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS.**

Article I. ...

And every person chosen to either of the places or offices aforesaid, as also any person appointed or commissioned to any judicial, executive, military, or other office under the government, shall, before he enters on the discharge of the business of his place or office, take and subscribe the following declaration, and oaths or affirmations, viz.--

"I, A. B., do truly and sincerely acknowledge, profess, testify and declare, that the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is, and of right ought to be, a free, sovereign and independent state; and I do swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the said commonwealth, and that I will defend the same against traitorous conspiracies and all hostile attempts whatsoever: and that I do renounce and abjure all allegiance, subjection and obedience to the king, queen, or government of Great Britain, (as the case may be) and every other foreign power whatsoever: and that no foreign prince, person, prelate, state or potentate, hath, or ought to have, any jurisdiction, superiority, pre-eminence, authority, dispensing or other power, in any matter, civil, ecclesiastical or spiritual, within this commonwealth, except the authority and power which is or may be vested by their constituents in the congress of the United States: and I do further testify and declare, that no man or body of men hath or can have any right to absolve or discharge me from the obligation of this oath, declaration, or affirmation; and that I do make this acknowledgment, profession, testimony, declaration, denial, renunciation and abjuration, heartily and truly, according to the common meaning and acceptation of the foregoing words, without any equivocation, mental evasion, or secret reservation whatsoever -- So help me, God.]"

"I, A. B., do solemnly swear and affirm, that I will faithfully and impartially discharge and perform all the duties incumbent on me as : according to the best of my abilities and understanding, agreeably, to the rules and regulations of the constitution, and the laws of this commonwealth -- So help me, God."

Provided always, that when any person chosen or appointed as aforesaid, shall be of the denomination of the people called Quakers, and shall decline taking the said oath[s], he shall make his affirmation in the foregoing form, and subscribe the same, omitting the words ["I do swear," "and abjure," "oath or," "and abjuration" in the first oath; and in the second oath, the words] "swear and," and [in each of them] the words "So help me, God;" subjoining instead thereof, "This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury." [See Amendments, Art. VI.]

#### **Article VI.**

**Instead of the oath of allegiance prescribed by the constitution, the following oath shall be taken and subscribed by every person chosen or appointed to any office, civil or military under the government of this commonwealth, before he shall enter on the duties of his office, to wit: >**

"I, A. B. do solemnly swear, that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and will support the constitution thereof. So help me God."

*Provided*, That when any person shall be of the denomination called Quakers, and shall decline taking said oath, he shall make his affirmation in the foregoing form, omitting the word "swear" and inserting instead thereof the word "affirm;" and omitting the words "So help me God," and subjoining, instead thereof, the words "This I do under the pains and penalties of perjury." [see Constitution, [Chapter VI, Art. I.](#)]