

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 24, 2000

To the Constables of the Town of Chilmark,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Chilmark, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble at the Chilmark Community Center in said Town of Chilmark on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of April in the year Two thousand A.D. at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, there and then to act on the Articles in this Warrant, with the exception of Article One.

And to meet again in the Chilmark Community Center, in said Chilmark on Wednesday, the twenty-sixth day of April in the year Two Thousand A. D. at 12 noon, there and then to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of Town Officers and action on Questions on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will be open at 12 o'clock noon, and shall close at eight o'clock in the afternoon.

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot:

One Member of the Board of Selectmen	for three years
One Member of the Board of Assessors	for three years
One Member of the Board of Health	for three years
One Trustee of the Public Library	for three years
One Member of the Planning Board	for three years
One Member of the Planning Board	for one year
Two Members of the Finance Advisory Committee	for three years
Two Members of the Finance Advisory Committee	for one year
One Member of the Cemetery Commission	for three years
One Fence Viewer	for three years
One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark	for three years
One Highway Surveyor	for one year
One Tree Warden	for one year
One Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commissioner	for three years

Answer YES or NO on the following questions:

- Question 1. Shall the town pay seventy-five percent (75%) of the premium costs payable by a retired employee for group life insurance and for group general or blanket hospital, surgical, medical, dental and other health insurance?
- Question 2. Shall the town vote to have its elected Tax Collector become an appointed Tax Collector of the town?
- Question 3. Shall the town vote to have its elected Town Clerk become an appointed Town Clerk of the town?

ARTICLE 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not to exceed \$96,437.88 to fund Chilmark's anticipated share of the Intermunicipal Agreement providing for common procurement of emergency medical services, subject to the terms of the agreement and vote of the Board of Selectmen, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of the voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held April 26, 2000 AD vote in the affirmative.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000.00 from the Cemetery Perpetual Care Account to pay for the laying out of new roads and the re-paving of existing roads at the Abel's Hill Cemetery.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 from the Cemetery Department's Sale of Lots Fund to pay for a survey and laying out of new lots in the Abel's Hill Cemetery.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,000.00 to pay for the town's one-third share of purchasing and originally equipping a new ambulance or chassis to replace one of the current ambulances.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

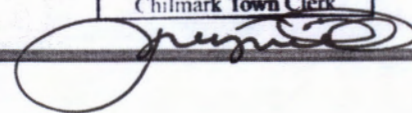
ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from the Overlay Surplus Account to pay for an Audit of the fiscal year 2000 financial books of the town.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 28. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$15,000.00 to purchase a replacement financial software package for the Town Accountant; including costs incidental and relating thereto.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$2,500.00 for repairs to the Squibnocket Beach parking lot and road; including the payment of costs incidental and related thereto.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Beach Committee consisting of five members with the responsibility of managing Menemsha Bathing Beach, Squibnocket Beach and Lucy Vincent Beach, the Squibnocket and Lucy Vincent parking lots, and those issues related to beach use.
NO ACTION TAKEN by the FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TRUE COPY ATTEST:
Jennifer L. Christy
Chilmark Town Clerk



ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 24, 2000

MODERATOR: Everett H. Poole
TOWN CLERK: Margaret T. Orlando
REGISTRARS: Elinor C. Littleton, Margaret T. Orlando
CONSTABLE: Daniel Bryant
TELLERS: Timothy Scott Mathiesen and Rev. William Jonen Meegan

With 149 of the 716 registered voters present, the moderator called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m. Constable Daniel Bryant read the return attestation of the posting of the Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Poole than asked if there were any non registered voters on the town meeting floor.

Mr. Poole said that it had been requested that the meeting be open for discussion of the ballot questions to be voted April 26, 2000 at the Annual Town Election.

Question 1: Ms. Jardin stood to say the Town of Chilmark was the only Island town that was not funding Health Insurance/Benefits for retirees. She said that it would only cost the town \$1989.00 for the year. Jay Lagemann and J.B. Riggs Parker questioned the wording and Town Council stated that the wording appeared as it does according to state statute and Ms. Jardin said that only the existing health coverage available to the town would be acceptable.

Question 2: No discussion.

Question 3: No discussion.

Question 4: Hela-Buchthal ask what the difference was between Highway Surveyor and the proposed title Superintendent of Streets. Selectman Alex Preston said it was simply a change in title.

Question 5: Katherine Upson asked if the monies in Question 5 and Question 6 were cumulative. (Yes) Selectman Warren Doty spoke to the need to keep the Island hospital strong. That this money was Chilmarks share for one year and that we were the first town to vote the funding and it was expected that the other towns to follow suite. After one year it will be discussed by a committee of Selectmen from the towns and other appointed members. It was asked if the amount was accessed from a percentage based on property values in each town and therefor Chilmarks share was higher even though we have a lower population. (Yes). Jay Lagemann criticized the hospitals handling of funds. Mr. Preston defended the hospital.

Question 6: Virginia Poole spoke to the Proposition 21/2 Override and asked about the town wide mailing she thought was required and stated that any vote would require a 2/3 vote.

ARTICLE 28. Read by the moderator, moved, seconded. Passed.

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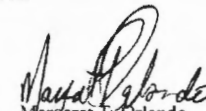
ARTICLE 30. Read by the moderator, moved and seconded. Jay Lagemann asked why there was a need for a Beach Committee. The response was that because of the increases of beach use in the last few years the Park & Recreation Committee needed to split the responsibilities to do the job efficiently. Article 30 came to a vote and was carried.

At this point Mr. Poole opened the meeting to an unofficial discussion of the proposed Radar Tower on Peaked Hill. He stated that the General Court had not come out of committee because there had been no agreement on Conservation Restrictions on the property. He asked if the Town Meeting was in agreement with the recommendation that there be only non-commercial use of the tower and the addition of a shielded, 45 watt red light on top of the 40 foot antenna. Mrs. Pease stated that she thought that the light would not be bright enough. Mr. Poole said that this was a straw poll and non binding.

Mr. Preston moved to accept the recommendations of the General Court and the Town Meeting was in agreement, except for one dissenting vote, with these stipulations.

The Moderator asked if there was any other business to come before the meeting. Without further discussion, at 10:10 p.m., the meeting was adjourned to the Chilmark Community Center at noon on Wednesday, April 26, 2000.

A true copy. Attest:


Margaret T. Orlando,
Town Clerk

TRUE COPY ATTEST:
Jennifer L. Christy
Chilmark Town Clerk

