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National Renewable Energy Laboratory  
Attn: Katrina Woodhams [Billy Boateng]  
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Re: Chilmark and Aquinnah, MA – ETIPP Renewable Energy Technical Assistance

Dear Ms. Woodhams:

Chilmark's Energy Committee enthusiastically supports our town's application for participation in the ETIPP technical assistance program.

For the past five years, our committee has led efforts to transform our municipal energy use through greater efficiency and the systematic reduction of fossil fuel use in our buildings and vehicles. We have successfully applied for participation in our state's Green Communities program, which required a number of policy and bylaw changes. Together with Aquinnah and other Island towns, our citizens voted in the spring of 2021 to adopt aggressive aspirational goals for climate change mitigation at the local level over the next two decades.

Our next step is to develop a long-range energy transformation plan for new and existing municipal buildings focused on solar PV and battery deployment as well as microgrid(s) for critical town buildings and services. This plan will include project prioritization, technical feasibility and an achievable financial roadmap. Importantly, once complete this plan will be incorporated into the town's overall Master Plan.

The ETIPP technical assistance program will be extremely helpful in this effort. Our joint application with Aquinnah reflects our common determination to move towards a more resilient and carbon-free future.

Sincerely,

Robert Hannemann  
Chair, Chilmark Energy Committee