

Date: November 6, 2020
To: Board of Selectmen
From: Chuck Hodgkinson
Subject: Time to pass the torch

It is with mixed feelings I submit this and let you know I have decided to retire from Town Hall effective April 1, 2021.

Words are too abstract to express my gratitude and honor of serving the Town of Chilmark since June 2004 when Dennis hired me as a seasonal Assistant Wharfinger—earning \$11.00/hour. It was a dream job for me. Town hall was undergoing renovations and I first met Tim as he surfaced from amongst ceiling-high piles of boxes and paper at the Menemsha Schoolhouse which was the temporary town hall facility. He asked if I was sworn in by the town clerk which was a new experience and I still have the original appointment letter.

The town and island have seen much change in the past 17 years. The most rewarding aspect I will miss is working with the town staff, volunteer Board members and town residents. Every day is an adventure.

My last day in town hall and working will most likely be sometime in early March as I have some unused vacation time. I will work out a succession plan with Tim. For planning purposes I would recommend restructuring my assignments however you see fit and having all of my replacement (s) in place and fully briefed by March 1, 2021.

Thank you again for the pleasure of serving.