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Town of Chilmark
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March 7, 2022

Select Board
Town of Chilmark
P.O. Box 119
Chilmark, MA 02535

RE: Security Cameras on Town Docks

Please read into the records.

Dear Selectpersons,

We, the undersigned, registered voters of the Town of Chilmark who attended the Town Meeting on May 24, 2021 would like to voice our concerns over the cement pedestal and tower that was erected on the West Dock to mount the camera on. This is not what we feel was portrayed at Town Meeting when the article was passed.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Waterways Improvement Fund to purchase and install security cameras on town docks in Menemsha, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Moderator Weidner read Article 32. The Article was moved and seconded. Mr. Tim Rich was recognized and inquired how the system would operate. Harbormaster Ryan Rossi was recognized, briefly described how the system would operate and informed voters of the state of the Menemsha Harbor area concerning theft and vandalizing. Harbormaster Rossi informed voters of a significant number of instances of theft and vandalizing and stated that the cameras would be most useful as a deterrent to violations. He stated that the camera footage would be monitored by both the Harbor Dept. and the Police Dept. Some voters were recognized and expressed reservations about adding a surveillance program to the Menemsha Harbor area. Two voters, Mr. Lewenberg and Mr. Goldman, spoke in favor of the Article. Harbormaster Rossi stated that the system would cover all docks in the area, but it would not include Menemsha Beach area or that parking lot. He also noted that the system would run all year long. Harbormaster Rossi responded to voter inquiries and stated that there would be an available procedure and policy for the system and its use and that the problem of theft and vandalizing has been happening for more than the past year. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

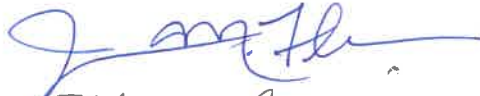







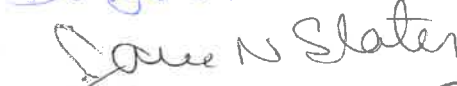
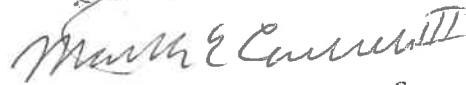



The Moderator declared ARTICLE 32 carried.

We are requesting a reconsideration of what may have been a mistake and should be considered further. The article referred to installing the cameras on town docks for security reasons. We do not believe there was any discussion about exact locations for the cameras. We were led to believe that the cameras would be installed on the docks, either on existing posts, telephone poles or buildings. We did not understand that there was to be a cement pedestal with a +/- 30 ft

tower installed on the West Dock. Also, we are unable to discover any review or approval process.

We would ask you to please have the pedestal and tower removed from middle of historic Menemsha Harbor and consider something more in keeping with the character of Menemsha for the camera. We also suggest that there be some review process before there is another installation.

Sincerely,

Voter Signature	Printed Name	Address
	Julianna M. Flanders	14 Menemsha Cross Rd.
	Thomas Ruimerman	481 North Rd
	Peter Ruimerman	481 North Road
	Susan M. Heilbron	53 Menemsha Inn Rd
	ANDREW GOLDMAN	53 MENEMSHA INN RD
	LAURISA RICH	11 SHOTNAIGER LANE
	Timothy S. RICH	11 Shotnaiser Lane.
	Barbara Armstrong	3 Creek Hill Rd Chilmark
	JANE N. SLATER	8 Baler Rd.
	Marshall Carroll	36 Bartlett
	Katherine Carroll	36 Bartlett Woods
	MATTHEW E. POOLE	14 WHIPPOORWILL RD.
	Jessica Campbell	39 R State Rd.

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ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Waterways Improvement Fund to purchase and install security cameras on town docks in Menemsha, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

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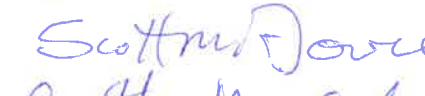
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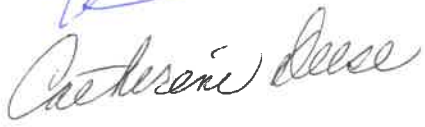

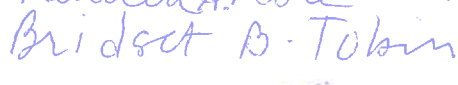



Sincerely,

Voter signature

Printed Name

Address

	Keith L. Ewin	14 FANNIES WAY
	Deborah Hancock	18 Creek Hill Road
	Clarissa Allen	421 South Rd Chilmark
	MARY E. LARSEN	20 STONEWALL RD.
	John H. Armstrong	3 CREEK ARC Chilmark
	24 Basin Rd Chilmark	
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<u>Voter Signature</u>	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
	Russell Malone	245 North Rd
	CATHERINE DEESE	1 NORTH RD.
	Patricia H. Poole	74 Whippoorwill Rd.
	Bridget B. Tobin	121 Tea Lane
	PATRICK K ECHLIN	18 CRICK HILL ROAD
	WALTER A JENKINSON	131 North Road
	JOAN W. JENKINSON	131 North Rd