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To: Honorable Select Board
From: Jennifer L. Christy, Admin. Asst. to the Chilmark Planning Board 
Re: Chilmark Town Master Plan
Date: May 2, 2024

In early 2023, the Planning Board discussed the need to update and revise the Town's Master Plan to reflect how the Town may adapt to new pressures and changing needs. In recognition of the Town's need for an updated Master Plan which would provide a reference point for various town boards and committees in their decision-making processes, the Planning Board tasked a subcommittee with beginning the process.

The Subcommittee members first met in May of 2023, developed a timeline, proposed an organizational plan to move forward and reached out for assistance from staff at the MV Commission. MV Commission staff members attended the meetings of the Subcommittee and helped determine the first steps to organize.

The Planning Board Subcommittee determined a first step would be to gather information from the Town's Boards, Committees and Departments. A Master Plan Survey for Town Boards, Committees and Departments was developed throughout the summer and early fall of 2023.

After approval from the Planning Board, the survey was sent in early October 2023 to 21 Town departments and 28 Town Boards or Committees. Many Town Boards, Committees and Departments responded to the survey, providing valuable insight into their goals, challenges and concerns for the future. The Subcommittee worked throughout the fall of 2023 and early 2024 to review responses to the survey and organize the responses to identify common topics.

Please see the attached report detailing the results and conclusions of this first step in the updating of the Town's Master Plan.

Members of the Planning Board look forward to attending the May 8, 2024 Select Board meeting to discuss this report.

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