



COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY

MARTHA'S VINEYARD & ELIZABETH ISLANDS

November 17, 2023

Select Boards of Towns in Dukes County

RE: Proposed Special Legislation to Change the Position of Dukes County Treasurer from Elected to Appointed and to Lift the Requirement of the Treasurer to Reside in Dukes County

Dear Members of the Select Board,

The Dukes County Commissioners met with the County Advisory Board (CAB) and approached the subject of proposed legislation affecting the Dukes County Treasurer's Office. To summarize, there are two proposals on the table: 1.) to change the position of County Treasurer from elected to appointed and 2.) to remove the requirement that the Treasurer is a resident of Dukes County.

The CAB was in favor of these efforts and recommended that we engage all Select Boards in Dukes County to gain the support of the individual towns. Please let us know when you will be able to place this important matter on your agenda. I will arrange for a County Commissioner to be at your meeting to address any concerns you may have.

It is meaningful to note that the majority of Towns in the Commonwealth and every town in Dukes County have a treasurer that is appointed. As you will see from the attached, these changes are necessary for the County to function effectively and manage its financial matters. Please know that we are available to answer any questions you may have.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Christine Todd, Chair
Dukes County Commissioners

Martina Thornton
Dukes County Manager