June 6, 2019

Dear Warren Doty, James Malkin, and William Rossi,

I would like to join the Chilmark Energy Committee and help support their efforts to explore how the Town of Chilmark can plan and facilitate the development of renewable energy facilities and programs while respecting the Town's particular needs and values.

As I wrote to Robert Hannemann, I am not an engineer nor a purveyor or expert on energy goods and services, but I am very good at understanding, thinking through, defining and refining systems. As an editor/producer/even yoga teacher, this is what my brain has been trained to do and is excels at. And, after several years of talking to people like Liz Durkee, members of the MV Commission, etc., I feel that what we need, more than anything else, as a community are thoughtfully developed systems and programs to support our future energy needs. So if you think my perspective might be valuable or my writing skills could add to the articulation of the planning and vision, then I am happy to offer my help.

I am a former Random House Editor, an award winning freelance writer, and a registered Chilmark voter. I am the Founder and Director of Yoga for The Yard on Martha's Vineyard and teach yoga around the world. Additionally, I am one of the Co-Founders of The Field Fund, Inc. a non-profit organization that supports field education and maintenance here on Martha's Vineyard. The Field Fund, Inc. has been awarded grants from private and public foundations and institutions around the country and is being recognized for the second year in a row at the Massachusetts Statehouse this month for our groundbreaking work with natural grass fields. We have demonstrated how fields, with regional maintenance, can be affordable, safe and a climate mitigation tool. Healthy soil sequesters carbon! Even with all our mowing, we are carbon negative.

So if you think my perspective and experience might be valuable, then I am happy to offer my help. If not, no worries.

Sincerely,

Mollie Doyle