

Due to the overwhelming year-round use of the Chilmark Tennis Court Complex, it is clear to the Chilmark residents who use these courts that there needs to also be a year-round approach to maintaining and supporting this play for adults and children's programming.

In years past, the Town relied on a summer operating entity of the Chilmark Town Affairs Council ("CTAC"), expressed in the 2018 Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU"), to offer this support to the Town. But because this is only a 7-week operation, it does not have the overall view of programming, play, maintenance and after school programming needs for the year-round community in mind.

Citizens of the Town of Chilmark respectfully submit this Warrant to see if the Town will vote to amend Section III of the Town's General Bylaws by adding the following two new subsections so that A: there is a healthy year-round governing entity to support the play. And B: will create revolving funds account to ensure that run properly this entity will place extremely limited, if any, financial burden on the Chilmark taxpayers for the regular operations of the courts.

We believe it is in everyone's interests, the Town foremost, to hear this case as soon as possible (130+ Chilmark voters have requested this be heard at the Jan 22 Special Town Meeting (STM), but notwithstanding submission 17 day prior to the STM apparently are too late). Therefore, we request a Special Town Meeting be held to hear this matter at the earliest possible date (and we would also request it not conflict with the February school break), and of course, we are asking the Select Board to vote to authorize same. An appropriate amount of time in advance of

summer is necessary for the Tennis Committee to set forth good programming and to initiate this change (anything at the Annual Town meeting would require sign off by the state which has 90 days and would be smack in the middle of July and becomes highly impractical). Further we believe this issue could be contained to just the Tennis aspect of the CCC, and not evolve into something much greater. Lastly, as a purely practical matter, a Citizens' Petition with 200 signatures (just 60+ more than we have already submitted) would effectuate a STM within 45 days of its submission, therefore reducing matter of the timing of the hearing to whether the Select Board authorizes it or the requirement to add 60 signatures would effectuate the same.