

Town of Chilmark
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
June 8, 2020

MODERATOR: Everett H. Poole
TOWN CLERK: Jennifer L. Christy
REGISTRARS: Kimberly Cottrill, Linda Coutinho (Appointed temporarily)
CONSTABLE: Marshall E. Carroll, III
ASST. CONSTABLES: Bret Stearns, Tim Rich, Brian Kennedy, Jesse Burton

At the close of voter registration on May 19, 2020 there were nine hundred and eighty-two (982) registered voters in the Town of Chilmark. With eighty-four (84) voters present at the Annual Town Meeting, approximately 9% of the total number of registered voters, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 5:31p.m., on the outdoor basketball court at the Chilmark Community Center at 520 South Road. The evening was sunny, breezy and about 70 degrees F in temperature. Constable Marshall E. Carroll, III attested to the posting of the warrant.

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot:

One Member of the Board of Selectmen	for three years
One Member of the Board of Assessors	for three years
One Member of the Board of Health	for three years
One Trustee of the Public Library	for three years
Two Members of the Finance Advisory Committee	for three years
One Member of the Cemetery Commission	for three years
One Member of the Planning Board	for five years
One Fence Viewer	for three years
One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark	for three years
One Tree Warden	for one year

Question 1. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional \$169,136.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the replacement of windows at the Chilmark Elementary School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020? Yes No

Question 2. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional \$5,216.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the installation of a dust collection system at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020? Yes No

The Moderator postponed action on Article 1 until June 10, 2020 at 12:00 noon.

ARTICLE 2. To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.
The Moderator read Article 2 and inquired if there were any Town Officers or members of Committees who wished to present a report. No reports were offered.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the town will vote to raise such sums of money as will be necessary to defray town charges and to make the appropriations for the ensuing year, as printed under Departmental Budgets - Salaries and Expenses totals, and that the amount set forth under the Community Preservation Committee (Dept. 179) shall be funded from the Community Preservation FY2021 Budgeted Reserve Fund Balance.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 3. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator asked the voters if he should read the printed budget. The voters said no. The Moderator asked if there was any discussion on Article 3. Tim Carroll was recognized and offered an amendment. **Mr. Carroll proposed to amend the article to reduce the FY2021 proposed MVRHS District Assessment budget amount from \$1,038,490.79 to \$1,028,577.61 for a total reduction in this line of \$9,913.18.** The amendment was moved and seconded. The Moderator read Article 3, as amended. The Moderator asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the amendment to a vote. The amendment was passed unanimously. **Mr. Carroll was again recognized and further proposed to amend Article 3 to reduce the FY2021 proposed Up-Island District Assessment budget amount from \$2,603,471.89 to \$2,597,975.41 for a total reduction in this line of \$5,496.48.** The amendment was moved and seconded. The Moderator read Article 3, as amended. The Moderator asked if there was any discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the amendment to a vote. The amendment was passed unanimously. The Moderator read Article 3, as amended. It was moved and seconded. The Moderator asked if there was any more discussion. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought Article 3, as amended, to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 3, AS AMENDED, IS PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** and further appropriate the sum of **\$5,000.00** to be received from the Chilmark Town Affairs Council, subject to receipt, which amounts are to be added to the maintenance account of the Chilmark Community Center.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 4. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 4 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$40,000.00** for a Reserve Fund to be administered by the Finance Advisory Committee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 5. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 5 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$15,000.00** to fund the Reserve Fund for the Future Payment of Accrued Liabilities for Compensated Absences.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 6. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 6 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$280,000.00** to the town's stabilizations funds as follows:

\$130,000.00 to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund,

\$25,000.00 to be placed in the Fire Department Stabilization Fund, with the intent that it be put towards the replacement costs for fire apparatus which is over twenty-five (25) years in age,

\$25,000.00 to be placed in the Police Vehicle Stabilization Fund,

\$100,000.00 to be placed in the Highway Stabilization Fund.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 7. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 7 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$8,990** to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's roofing design project at the West Tisbury School providing for an Owner's Project Manager, designer fees, and any costs incidental and relative thereto. Provided, however, the other two member Towns of the District approve in their share of the total project costs of \$69,316.

Submitted by: Up-Island Regional School District

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 8. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 8 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$169,136.00** to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's Phase 1 window replacement project at the Chilmark School providing design, procurement, installation, project management, and any costs incidental and relative thereto, provided that this appropriation be contingent on the approval of a Proposition 2½ capital outlay expenditure exclusion under General Laws Chapter 59, § 21C(i½). Further provided, however, the other two member Towns of the District approve in their share of the total project costs of \$211,420.00

Submitted by: Up-Island Regional School District

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 9. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 9 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$21,560.00** to fund the FY2021 costs for two school programs:

- **\$10,780.00** to fund the Town's share of the administrative expenses of the All Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education in Fiscal Year 2021.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

- **\$10,780.00** to pay to the MV School Superintendent Union as the Town's appropriate share (11.4%) of 50 % of the net cost of the Martha's Vineyard Youth Task Force, to collaborate with police, schools, parents, providers and businesses in a community wide youth substance abuse prevention program for fiscal year 2021.

Submitted by MV Superintendent's Office, ACE-MV, and MV Youth Task Force

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 10. The Article was moved and seconded. Tim Carroll was recognized and made a motion to amend the Article by striking the second part of Article 10 (payment of \$10,780.00 to the MV Youth Task Force). The amendment was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the amendment to Article 10 to a vote. The amendment was passed unanimously. The Moderator read the Article, as amended. The Article, as amended, was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. There was no discussion.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 10, as amended, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,216** to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the replacement of the dust collection system in

Building Trades, including without limitation design, engineering, installation, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; further provided that this appropriation be contingent on the approval of a Proposition 2½ capital outlay expenditure exclusion under General Laws Chapter 59, § 21C(i½), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 11. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 11 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$32,828.00** to pay the **FY2021 operating costs of five regional services provided through Dukes County:**

- **\$5,539.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2021 cost to fund the **Dukes County Social Services**, based on the "50/50" formula.
- **\$8,624.00** to fund the **CORE** program under the supervision of the Up Island Council on Aging.
- **\$12,057.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2021 cost to fund the **Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard** for planning, community building and advocacy work for all Island elders, based on the "50/50" formula.
- **\$3,234.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2021 cost to fund the **Dukes County Substance Use Disorder** prevention programs, based on the "50/50" formula.
- **\$3,374.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2021 cost to fund the Healthy Aging Task Force **FIRST STOP**, based on the "50/50" formula.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 12. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 12 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,276** to cover the County of Dukes County FY2021 budget shortfall.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 13. The Article was moved and seconded. Selectman William Rossi was recognized and made a motion to amend the Article to reduce the sum to \$4,638.00. The amendment was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. A voter questioned the reason for the reduction. Mr. Rossi stated that County realized there was a lesser need than at first expected. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the amendment to Article 13 to a vote. The amendment was passed unanimously. The Moderator read the Article, as amended. The Article, as amended, was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article, as amended, to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 13, as amended, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 14. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$6,000.00** to pay bills of a prior fiscal year.-

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 14. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The

Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 14 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town of Chilmark will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$33,470.79** of the Town's proportionate share of the fiscal year 2021 maintenance cost of the State-funded development and upgrades of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center and Radio System, such share based on 50% call volume per town and 50% 1/6th equal share of the total request; provided that no funds shall be expended hereunder unless and until all six towns appropriate for this request.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 15. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 15 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$1,700.00** to restore the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Recycling Dividend Grant.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 16. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 16 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$9,900.00** to fund the purchase of (3) three firefighting personal protective equipment sets.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

The Moderator read Article 17. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 17 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following four requests of the Community Preservation Committee:

- (1) To see if the Town will vote to reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2021 estimated annual revenues up to the following amounts for community preservation projects: **\$36,000.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space; **\$36,000.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources; **\$36,000.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing; and **\$252,000.00** for the Community Preservation Budget Reserve.
- (2) To see if the Town will vote to approve the following request of the Community Preservation Committee: To see if the Town will vote to approve the following request of the Community Preservation Committee: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the existing Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space and park and recreation use the sum of **\$25,000.00** to the Field Fund, Inc. for the purpose of restoring the baseball field at the Chilmark School. The final installation and maintenance plan shall be approved by the Chilmark Community Center Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen before any work begins.
- (3) To see if the Town will vote to approve the following request of the Community Preservation Committee: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the FY 2021 Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing the sum of **\$50,000.00** as Chilmark's share toward the acquisition of future housing for homeless residents earning up to approximately 30 percent county median income. The home will be purchased by the Island Housing Trust and leased to Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard, Inc. for its exclusive use to serve homeless

individuals. The funds shall not be released until a closing date is scheduled for the property. An appropriate affordable housing deed restriction shall also be filed with the deed to the property. If the property is sold or its use changes, 100 percent of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of Chilmark Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing. If the Town has repealed the CPA the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town's Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust. To fund this request \$50,000 will be transferred from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund to the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing.

- (4) To see if the Town will vote to reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2019 estimated annual revenues up to the following additional amounts for community preservation projects: **\$6,449.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space; **\$6,449.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources; **\$6,449.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing. Our state matching amount was slightly higher than estimated and budgeted. This will bring the total FY 2019 reserve amounts to the minimum 10 percent of total FY 2019 CPA revenue as required by the Community Preservation Act.

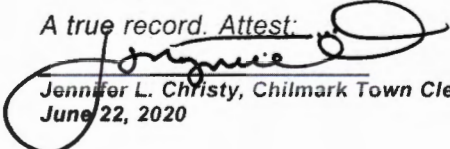
NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 7 Ayes - 0 Nays

The Moderator read Article 18. The Article was moved and seconded. Selectman William Rossi was recognized and made a motion to amend the Article by striking out section (4) due to the fact that it was included in the warrant in error. The Moderator stated that an amendment to remove section (4) did not need to be a motion if it was included in error, it may just be struck from the Article. Selectman William Rossi was again recognized and made a motion to amend the Article by adding to the end of section (2), "Final Plans to be approved by the Board of Selectmen." The motion to amend was moved and seconded. The Moderator inquired if there was any discussion on the amendment. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the amendment to Article 18 to a vote. The amendment was passed unanimously. The Moderator read the Article, as amended. The Article, as amended, was moved and seconded. The Moderator called for any discussion. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article, as amended, to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 18, as amended, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Moderator inquired if there was any more business to come before the Town Meeting. There was none. The Moderator declared the meeting adjourned, at 6:05PM, until 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, June 10, 2020.

A true record. Attest:


Jennifer L. Christy, Chilmark Town Clerk
June 22, 2020