

ARTICLE # 3 Annual Budget

FY22



TOWN OF CHILMARK PROPOSED BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2022

DEPT	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY21 APPROVED BUDGET	FY22 PROPOSED BUDGET
114	MODERATOR EXPENSE	\$100.00	\$100.00
122	SELECTMEN SALARIES	\$239,538.54	\$327,749.31
	(Select People \$1,500/year)		
	(Board Administrators now aggregated in this dept) (\$127,376.38 FY21)		(\$86,023.51 32% reduction)
122	SELECTMEN EXPENSES	\$12,110.00	\$12,710.00
131	FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$450.00	\$450.00
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT SALARIES	\$104,496.57	\$104,608.80
135	TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES	\$8,928.67	\$8,970.67
136	AUDIT	\$22,000.00	\$22,000.00
141	ASSESSOR SALARIES	\$111,559.34	\$113,049.73
	(Assessors \$500/year)		
141	ASSESSOR EXPENSES	\$28,467.00	\$28,467.00
145	TREASURER SALARIES	\$109,983.73	\$111,532.19
145	TREASURER'S EXPENSES	\$11,773.00	\$11,773.00
146	TAX COLLECTOR SALARIES	\$101,107.62	\$102,531.11
146	TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSES	\$20,442.17	\$20,442.17
151	LEGAL EXPENSES	\$55,180.00	\$55,180.00
152	HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD SALARIES	\$5,209.98	
152	HUMAN RESOURCES BOARD EXPENSES	\$525.00	\$525.00
161	TOWN CLERK SALARIES	\$54,704.87	\$82,024.89
161	TOWN CLERK EXPENSES	\$12,752.90	\$10,082.40
171	CONSERVATION AGENT	\$45,843.47	\$5,000.00
171	CONSERVATION EXPENSES	\$1,395.00	\$2,123.00
175	PLANNING BOARD SALARIES	\$36,469.92	\$27,341.63
175	PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES	\$6,180.00	\$6,180.00
176	ZONING BOARD of APPEALS SALARIES	\$46,289.27	
176	ZONING BOARD of APPEALS EXPENSES	\$5,600.00	\$5,600.00
179	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION SALARIES	\$13,614.49	
179	COMMUNITY PRESERVATION EXPENSES	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00
185	HOUSING COMMITTEE SALARIES	\$6,668.55	
185	HOUSING COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$41,157.00	\$41,733.00
192	BUILDING MAINTENANCE SALARIES	\$106,803.74	\$108,295.10
192	TOWN OFFICES / BLDG MAINTENANCE	\$92,760.00	\$99,760.00
194	COMMUNITY CENTER EXPENSES	\$26,350.00	\$27,650.00

DEPT	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY21 APPROVED BUDGET	FY22 PROPOSED BUDGET
196	SELECTMEN UNCLASSIFIED EXPENSES	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
198	TOWN OWNED PROPERTY	\$32,533.00	\$32,900.00
199	COMFORT STATION EXPENSES	\$98,700.00	\$102,800.00
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		\$1,512,443.83	\$1,524,329.00
PUBLIC SAFETY			
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT SALARIES	\$733,433.87	\$795,508.33
210	POLICE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	\$99,439.04	\$102,978.00
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT SALARIES	\$150,139.89	\$168,781.36
220	FIRE DEPARTMENT EXPENSES	\$80,400.00	\$85,100.00
230	AMBULANCE SERVICE EXPENSE	\$385,519.11	\$390,621.73
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR SALARIES	\$74,028.32	\$74,679.86
241	BUILDING INSPECTOR EXPENSES	\$3,200.00	\$3,200.00
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SALARIES	\$3,030.00	\$3,030.00
291	EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT EXPENSES	\$7,130.00	\$12,130.00
292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER SALARIES	\$18,190.51	\$18,414.56
292	ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER EXPENSES	\$460.00	\$460.00
295	HARBORMASTER SALARIES	\$132,378.06	\$144,911.44
295	HARBOR EXPENSES	\$88,325.00	\$91,325.00
296	ANIMAL INSPECTOR EXPENSE	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
299	SHELLFISH SALARIES	\$130,364.28	\$134,611.48
299	SHELLFISH EXPENSES	\$62,975.00	\$62,975.00
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$1,971,013.08	\$2,090,726.76
EDUCATION			
300	EDUCATION EXPENSES		
5694	M.V.R.H.S. District Assessment	\$1,028,577.61	\$1,090,426.08
5695	Up-Island District Assessment	\$2,597,975.41	\$2,733,178.46
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$3,626,553.02	\$3,823,604.54
PUBLIC WORKS			
422	HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE SALARIES	\$131,608.48	\$132,984.89
422	HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE EXPENSES	\$84,564.00	\$84,564.00
423	SNOW AND ICE EXPENSES	\$30,000.00	\$30,000.00
430	WASTE COLLECTION/DISPOSAL EXPENSES	\$171,521.44	\$175,317.61
491	CEMETERY SALARIES	\$13,389.17	\$8,607.68
491	CEMETERY EXPENSES	\$22,400.00	\$23,950.00

DEPT	GENERAL GOVERNMENT	FY21 APPROVED BUDGET	FY22 PROPOSED BUDGET
	TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS	\$453,483.09	\$455,424.18
	HUMAN SERVICES		
510	BOARD OF HEALTH SALARIES (Board of Health \$500/year)	\$70,476.19	\$71,435.73
510	BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES	\$21,413.00	\$21,750.50
541	SOCIAL SERVICES EXPENSES	\$263,433.74	\$260,545.44
	TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES	\$355,322.93	\$353,731.67
	CULTURE AND RECREATION		
610	LIBRARY SALARIES	\$326,990.71	\$336,222.45
610	LIBRARY EXPENSES	\$106,325.00	\$109,975.00
630	BEACH SALARIES	\$218,040.48	\$220,457.99
630	BEACH EXPENSES	\$42,800.00	\$42,800.00
650	PARKS AND RECREATION EXPENSES	\$200.00	\$200.00
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION SALARIES	\$1,361.45	
691	HISTORICAL COMMISSION EXPENSES	\$1,350.00	\$1,350.00
699	CULTURAL COUNCIL EXPENSES	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00
	TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION	\$700,567.64	\$714,505.44
	DEBT SERVICE		
710	RETIREMENT OF DEBT	\$435,000.00	\$435,000.00
751	INTEREST ON LONG-TERM DEBT	\$29,850.00	\$19,150.00
752	INTEREST ON SHORT- TERM DEBT	\$42,850.00	\$23,600.00
	TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$507,700.00	\$477,750.00
	OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL		
840	OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$190,241.00	\$187,142.00
	TOTAL OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL	\$190,241.00	\$187,142.00
	MISCELLANEOUS		
910	EMPLOYEE BENEFITS EXPENSES	\$1,212,506.47	\$1,333,446.12
945	PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE	\$215,500.00	\$215,500.00
	TOTAL BENEFITS & INSURANCE	\$1,428,006.47	\$1,548,946.12
	BUDGET TOTALS	\$10,745,331.05	\$11,176,159.71
	<i>Less CPC funds:</i>	(\$16,364.49)	(\$11,999.84)
	BUDGET TOTALS	10,728,966.56	11,164,159.87
			430,828.66
			4.01%



Explanations & Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting May 24, 2021

ARTICLE 1. *To elect the officers and vote on questions on the Official Ballot: Wednesday 12 – 8 PM*

ARTICLE 2 To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

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 FY2022 Budgeted Reserve Fund Balance, further provided that the amount of \$36,200 set forth under the Up Island Regional School District and \$70,300 set forth under the MV Regional High School District in Department 300 Education shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on May 26th 2021 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

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

This asks for your permission to fund the annual operating budget of the town. These amounts are printed on the first three pages of this handout. The Salary & Expense totals are shown, and not all the detailed line items. They are available on the town website.

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

This is our annual contribution to a maintenance and upgrade account for the Community Center that is jointly funded by the Chilmark Town Affairs Council in lieu of rent for the summer program.

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, 2021.

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

This is a \$40,000 Reserve Fund that is controlled by the FINCOM to pay for emergency or unanticipated expenses during the fiscal year. It is created each April at ATM for the ensuing budget cycle starting July 1st.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,000.00** 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

This would continue funding the liability carried on our books for the paid sick time and vacation for benefitted employees. Doing this supports our AAA bond rating.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$281,000.00 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,
\$26,000.00 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

This is our annual contribution to the Town's general savings account for major expenses. It has been used for capping the landfill, building projects, replace old fire engines, and roads. Once put into the Stabilization Fund, a two-thirds vote is required to spend these funds. This is a practice that helps to stabilize the tax rate and maintain our high (AAA) bond rating. This article requires a two-thirds vote.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$52,202.12** to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to replacing Doors in or on the Chilmark School building, including 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 of \$65,252.66; or to take any other action relative thereto, 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).

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

This would replace doors at the Chilmark School entrances that are approximately 23 years old and not functioning properly.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$153,376.07** to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's 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).

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

This would complete the funding for the replacement of windows at the Chilmark School. The other two regional district towns have already appropriated their shares of this project.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$9,547.17** to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment, machinery and materials related to replacing a Walk-In Cafeteria Refrigerator/Freezer in or on the West Tisbury School facility, including 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 of \$74,704.00; or to take any other action relative thereto, 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).

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

This would provide a working freezer and refrigerator for the WT school food program that also supports the Chilmark School food program.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$5,779.82** to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to replacing the elevator in the West Tisbury School building, including 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 of \$45,225.54; or to take any other action relative thereto, 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).

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

This would provide a chairlift for the WT school stage.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$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 2022.

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

This article would continue our support of the ACE MV program.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$41,151.60** to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to replacing a portion of the Roof in or on the West Tisbury School building, including 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 of \$322,000.00; or to take any other action relative thereto, 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).

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

This article would continue capital repairs to our regional schools.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$16,398.10** for the purpose of further reducing the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability, such sum to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the total cost of this supplemental OPEB liability payment; if approved, these funds will be placed in, and result in an increase to, the budget line item Education--Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District for OPEB contributions of the District's fiscal year 2022 budget for this purpose; 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 supplemental OPEB liability payment of \$302,501.72; or to take any

other action relative thereto.

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

The Superintendent of Schools requests that this article be **indefinitely postponed**. One town did not support this request at this time and it requires all six towns to approve.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$14,178.00** 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 purchase of two electric school buses and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, including, if costs and funding permit, associated equipment and fueling infrastructure costs, 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; or to take any other action relative thereto, 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).

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

This would begin a program to switch our school buses from fossil fuel to electric.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,626.25** as the Town's share of the costs of a capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, and materials related to replacing exterior shingling at the Superintendent's Office Building located at 4 Pine Street, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, such sum to be paid to and used by the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District for such purpose; 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; or to take any other action relative thereto.

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

This is a small repair project at the Superintendent's main office in Tisbury.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$35,590.60** 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 purchase and installation of services, supplies, machinery, equipment and materials related to upgrading and replacing the technology infrastructure in or on the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School buildings, including without limitation, network, wiring and wireless infrastructure, voice infrastructure, physical security infrastructure, server and backup infrastructure, data cabling infrastructure, design, engineering, and 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 of \$656,552.90; or to take any other action relative thereto, 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).

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

The MVRHS original building is near 60 years old and in need of major upgrades. This would replace telephone systems, data networks, security cameras, access control, and other wiring.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate up to the sum of **\$11,100,000.00** to pay costs of constructing and originally equipping the new Fire Station at 3 Menemsha Cross Road and the EMS building at 399 Middle Road, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

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

The Public Safety Building Committee has been working on the replacement of the Cross Road Fire Station since 2014. They have successfully found building sites, worked with an architect to design two buildings to house the Fire Department and the Tri Town Ambulance service, and now they are seeking your approval for the funding of the Construction Phase of this project. The other two towns of Tri Town Ambulance have agreed to pay 1/3 shares for the costs of the dedicated EMS space in the new building. Please see the posters and the committee's HANDOUT for details.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to transfer **\$29,238.17** from Article 3 of the November 2017 STM (#141-9012) and transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$10,761.83** (totaling \$40,000) to conduct property revaluation of the Town of Chilmark for Fiscal Year 2023, as well as required interim adjustments FY2024, 2025 & 2026 as mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

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

This would fund the revaluation of real estate in town for the Assessors. It is a periodic requirement of the state.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$15,000.00** for budget software, departmental and bills-payable modules to town systems, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

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

During COVID-19 we held two budget hearing cycles via remote participation and operated for 14 months almost entirely online or electronically. Luckily we have strong financial controls in place and a talented financial team. They were able to make it all work. However, the importance of access to real time budget information by department managers, boards and the public, without the extra effort of manual reports became obvious. This article would fund additional software that provides user access to current budget information, budgeting tools, and financial forecasting.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$34,172.00** to pay the FY2022 operating costs of five regional services provided through Dukes County:

- **\$4,822.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2022 cost to fund the **Dukes County Social Services**, based on the "50/50" formula.
- **\$10,935.00** to fund the **CORE** program under the supervision of the Up Island Council on Aging.
- **\$11,442.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2022 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.
- **\$5,972.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2022 cost to fund the **Dukes County Substance Use Disorder** prevention programs, based on the "50/50" formula.
- **\$1001.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2022 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

This combines funding for Dukes County Social Services. Chilmark has funded First Stop, Healthy Aging, and CORE for a number of years, and SUD and Dukes County Social Service for three years.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$7,792.00** to fund the Dukes County Stabilization Fund.

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

This was funded by other island towns last year and but Chilmark didn't fund new items last year during the start of the pandemic. This would bring Chilmark current with the other towns.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town of Chilmark will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$28,254.00** being the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2022 new maintenance costs of \$166,188, new operational costs of \$47,420 and new capital costs of \$36,674, totaling \$250,282; as related to the State-funded development and upgrades of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center and Radio System, such share based on the apportionment formula equal to an average of 16.67% fixed share of Island-wide new costs of \$250,282 plus 5.91% variable share of such costs based on dispatch volume, for an average share of 11.29% for the annual payment of such costs under the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such new costs in Fiscal Year 2022 according to their agreed upon proportionate shares.

Submitted by Sheriff Robert Ogden

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 4 Ayes - 2 Nays - 1 Absent

The Dukes County Sheriff operates the Island's Regional 911 center and emergency dispatch. Since its change to a state agency, the Sheriff has been seeking funding to bridge a budget gap to operate this service. The town has refused to pay operating costs, but has agreed to a formula to share maintenance costs. This is contingent on all six towns approval. The first new digital radios were delivered to Chilmark May 19th by the Sheriff's department.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$9,000.00** to purchase Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for firefighters, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

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

The new Fire Chief has brought new recruits to the department. This would purchase safety gear for three members of the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$13,490.00** to purchase replacement hoses for Engine 122, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

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

The new Fire Chief is seeking to replace twenty-three year old fire hoses that are no longer safe to use.

ARTICLE 26. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$12,750.00** to fund the purchase of a replacement outboard engine and fuel system for the Shellfish Department boat, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

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

The town can no longer justify the cost to repair the existing engine on the Shellfish Department boat. The boat is critical to the operations of the department.

ARTICLE 27. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$2,500.00** for the funding of PCR (Polymerase Chain Reaction) tests to be performed on water samples from Stonewall, Chilmark and Tisbury Great Ponds by the University of New Hampshire to determine what possible sources are contributing to the high fecal coliform bacterial contamination in the above mentioned water bodies.

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

Tests developed by the University of New Hampshire will allow us to determine more accurately the sources of extra nitrogen in the pond. This project will use genetic tracing to determine the source of the bacteria (i.e. bird, horse, human, etc.) so that we can concentrate efforts to reduce bacterial inputs from the watershed.

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following requests of the Community Preservation Committee:

- (1) To see if the Town will vote to reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2022 estimated annual revenues up to the following amounts for community preservation projects: **\$40,000.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space; **\$40,000.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources; **\$40,000.00** for the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing; and **\$280,000.00** 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 appropriate from the FY 2022 Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing the sum of **\$15,000.00** as Chilmark's share toward the acquisition of future housing for homeless female

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.

- (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 existing Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources the sum of **\$2,500.00** as Chilmark's share to the Martha's Vineyard Agricultural Society for the purpose of restoring the ox cart, historic artifacts and records and to build a case for the Ag Hall model.
- (4) 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 2022 Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing the sum of **\$15,000.00** for a mixed use of housing and park & recreation to the Island Autism Group. The request is Chilmark's share of CPA funds being raised to partially fund the acquisition of 7.5-acres at 515 Lambert's Cove Rd. in West Tisbury. Three of the 7.5-acres will be dedicated to housing eligible people with autism needs preferably from the island and earning less than 100% AMI. A permanent deed restriction will be placed on the affordable housing portion of land. The remaining 4.5-acres will be used as a farm-based autism center and is the Open Space, Park & Recreation use.
- (5) 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 2022 Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources the sum of **\$15,000.00** to the Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association. The request is Chilmark's share of CPA funds being raised to restore the roof on the historic Tabernacle in Oak Bluffs. This structure is listed in the National Registry of historic places.
- (6) 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 2022 Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space Park & Recreation the sum of up to **\$30,000.00** to fund a feasibility study to reconstruct the commercial dock, fuel dock and Dutcher dock in Menemsha Basin and plan for rising sea levels.
- (7) 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 Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund the sum of **\$100,000.00** to replenish Chilmark's rent subsidy program. This program has been in existence since 2002 and is managed by the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority. A transfer of \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to the Affordable Housing Reserve Fund would be required to fund this appropriation.

No Action Taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

(8) 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 2022 Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources the sum of up to **\$29,795.00** to fund the restoration and repair of the Menemsha Schoolhouse bell tower and roof.

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

This would allocate FY2022 CPA revenues, support creating housing for homeless residents, seek climate adaption for the harbor, and help restore historical structures/artifacts. These were recommended by the relevant committees and subject to a public hearing. This does not affect the tax rate as it spends the CPA Sur-Tax.

ARTICLE 29. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$30,000.00** to add to Article 18 of the 2019 ATM (194-9109) to replace the backup generator at the Chilmark Community Center, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

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

Over a year ago the town was given approval for a \$75,000 FEMA Grant to replace the existing generator and add a solar battery backup at the town's emergency shelter. We were cited as a role model application by the state emergency agency. During the early months of the pandemic FEMA changed the rules and we no longer qualified. This would help cover the loss of the grant to replace the failed generator.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$13,000** from the Waterways Improvement Fund to rebuild the bulkhead behind the Charter Dock in Menemsha, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

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

This would repair the section of bulkhead between the commercial fishing dock bulkhead and the bridge into Menemsha Beach park area. This wooden section has failed and needs to be replaced.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$5,000** from the Waterways Improvement Fund to replace the parking lot lights on the West Dock in Menemsha, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

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

The Harbor Master was able to secure a state grant to fund this project. He requests that this article be **indefinitely postponed**.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$20,000** from the Waterways Improvement Fund to purchase and install security cameras on town docks in Menemsha, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

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

This would pay for the work to create a video security system at Menemsha Basin.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$30,556.57** from existing warrant articles:

12-2013	#5	Chain Anchor Dock	9032	\$2,358.75
04-2015	#31	West Dock Parking Repair	9033	\$7,392.65
11-2017	#6	Harbor Electrical System Replace	9062	\$6,210.33
04-2019	#13	UIRSD/CHMK School Flooring	9098	\$7,680.00
04-2019	#25	UIRSD/WT Roofing Project	9119	\$6,914.84

to the Finance Committee's FY2021 Reserve Fund.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Absent

This article is much simpler than it appears. Due to the delay in holding this annual town meeting from April, the Finance Advisory Committee decided to allow the Harbor Department to do maintenance and repairs in the harbor that had to be accomplished before today using their Reserve Fund. Since the pandemic has required the town to expend funds in various areas and the regular budget may need to access the Reserve Fund at the end of June, you are being asked to transfer the funds from five old articles that were going to be closed out anyway, to the Reserve Fund of this current fiscal year.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$731,800.00**, subject to receipt, that being a portion of the proceeds of the sale of the parcel at 4 North Ridge Road, to the Town's Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust Fund.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Absent

This would move the receipts from the sale of a tax title parcel from the general fund into the affordable housing trust for future town projects. It would leave \$100,000 to cover the unpaid taxes and most of the expenses incurred by the town at the time this warrant was issued.

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to enact special legislation to re-name the executive body of the town of Chilmark, previously known as the board of selectmen, to be known as the select board of the town of Chilmark, which shall have all of the powers and authority of a board of selectmen under any general law, special law, or by-law, and providing that the members of the select board, previously known as selectmen, shall be known as select board members, or to take any other action relative thereto, provided that the General Court may make clerical or editorial amendments to the form of said proposed Special Act, and provided further that the Selectmen shall have the authority to approve and accept any such amendments.

No Action Taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Absent

This would start the legal process to rename the town's board of chief elected officers.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following non-binding, aspirational goals in response to the developing climate change crisis:

- Reduce fossil fuel use on the Island (from a 2018 baseline):
 - 50% by 2030
 - 100% by 2040
- Increase the fraction of our electricity use that is renewable:
 - To 50% by 2030
 - To 100% by 2040

- Foster biosphere carbon capture through:
 - Adoption of regenerative agriculture and landscaping
 - Protection and expansion of wetlands
 - Preservation of woodland resources;and further, to request that the Town Energy Committee annually monitor progress toward the achievement of these goals.

No Action by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

ARTICLE 37. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$ **7,420.00** to pay a bill of a prior fiscal year to City Hall Systems for the processing of beach stickers.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 5 Ayes - 0 Nays - 2 Absent

This pays an invoice submitted after the town's deadline for the fiscal year. Vendors are asked to have all bills into the Town accountant by July 15th every year. This requires a 4/5ths vote tonight.

Thank you for participating in the 2021 Annual Town Meeting!

We appreciate your patience and cooperation during our second

Outdoor meeting under COVID-19 protocols.

The Select Board will be making committee appointments in June for the ensuing year. If you would like to serve on a town committee, please write townadministrator@chilmarkma.gov

**If your appointment to a committee is expiring this year,
please write the Select Board's Office with a request to be reappointed ASAP.**

Please send your suggestions for improvements to the Town Meeting process or this hand out to townadministrator@chilmarkma.gov or give us a call at 645-2101.

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