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**Town of Chilmark Announces the Third Community Meeting on  
the Town-owned Peaked Hill Pastures Property**

The Town of Chilmark is holding the third planned community meeting to discuss housing development strategies for the Peaked Hill Pastures property on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. This site is owned by the Town of Chilmark and includes 16.67 acres off Pasture Road. This meeting will help the Town move closer towards a specific development approach that best addresses local needs and priorities.

The first community meeting, held on June 14<sup>th</sup>, focused on a review of the work to date by the Planning Board's Project Subcommittee, an update of housing needs, recommendations by the Peaked Hill Pastures Proposal Committee, and a description of the basic characteristics of the site. Most of the session was importantly devoted to questions and observations by the 40+ participants in the Webinar.

A second community meeting followed on July 26<sup>th</sup> which focused on considerations related to homeownership vs. rental, turnkey vs. "you build" approaches, as well as options for financing and permitting. The session also reviewed diverse development models, both on and off Island. The meeting was then opened up to questions and comments, enabling residents to weigh-in on project planning.

Janet Weidner, Chair of the Planning Board Subcommittee, stated, “The previous two community meetings have demonstrated a strong interest in seeing the Peaked Hill Pastures property developed to create much-needed housing diversity, affordability, and accessibility in Chilmark. This next meeting will provide another opportunity for us to hear from the Chilmark community on more specific development recommendations that will help the Town move forward towards some greater agreement on a development approach.”

The Planning Board invites all those interested in this project to join it on Monday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. to provide further guidance on developing the property. The Consultant, Karen Sunnarborg, will present some more specific project parameters for participants to review and provide comments. The Planning Board will in turn consider these remarks in making recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on the terms and conditions for development, ultimately to be included in a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a developer.

This meeting will be held virtually as an interactive Zoom Meeting and you can participate by joining the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/97551539655> . If you cannot attend, the meeting will be recorded and available at the Town’s website at <https://www.chilmarkma.gov/planning-board/pages/peaked-hill-pastures>. Recordings of the previous meetings will also be available at this link. Residents will also have the opportunity for further input by contacting the following link: <https://www.chilmarkma.gov/user/1251/contact>.