

To: Board of Selectman  
FR: Mary Breslauer  
RE: MV Center for Living  
DT: Feb. 19, 2020

I want to thank you for your confidence in appointing me to serve as the Chilmark representative to the Center for Living. I feel that in my 15 months there I have made a contribution, particularly in instituting some basic governance measures as well as improvements in budget reporting to the board.

There is now a terrific F/T director of the day program who is expanding the Center's outreach to town libraries, COA's and elsewhere and I feel the organization is on solid footing.

Additionally, we have shown creativity in our \$600K trust which has strict limitations in place. We are tapping it not only to fund a necessary redesign of the kitchen to more commercial standards given its use, but also established a small, annual "scholarship" for those seniors and their families who want to attend or expand their attendance but without some help, can't make it work. That money goes directly back into the working budget.

There have been some growing pains as the program moved out of the COA universe into its own agency, but I believe Leslie Clapp, the executive director, and the board have a solid grasp on client and staff needs as well as budgetary responsibility.

As a result, this seems to be a good time for me bow out. I just simply find myself too busy with pro bono work and the hands-on effort required for positions on the Permanent Endowment and MV Community Services boards. And I feel both those boards tap much more of my skill set.

I talked to Bill Rossi about my decision and he asked that I stay on for a couple of months until you can find a replacement which I'm happy to do. FWIW, you have two slots on the Center board, not one, as I understand it.

Again, many thanks. And I hope to be of service to the town in the future.

Best regards,  
Mary Breslauer