

***Town of Chilmark***  
**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**May 24, 2021**

MODERATOR: Janet L. Weidner, Temporary Moderator

TOWN CLERK: Jennifer L. Christy

REGISTRARS: Kimberly Cottrill, Susan Heilbron, Judy G.L. Mayhew

CONSTABLE: Marshall E. Carroll, III

ASST. CONSTABLE: Timothy S. Rich

At the close of voter registration on May 4, 2021 there were one thousand sixty-six (1066) registered voters in the Town of Chilmark. With one hundred thirty-five (135) voters present at the Annual Town Meeting, approximately 12% of the total number of registered voters, the Town Clerk called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m., on the outdoor basketball court at the Chilmark Community Center at 520 South Road. The evening was sunny, lightly breezy and about 55 degrees F in temperature. The Town Clerk noted there was a quorum present and stated the first order of business was to elect a temporary Moderator. The Town Clerk asked the voters for nominations from the floor. Selectman Warren M. Doty was recognized and made a motion to nominate Janet L. Weidner as the temporary Moderator. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations made for temporary Moderator. The Town Clerk asked if there was a motion to close the nominations. This motion was so moved and seconded. The motion to close nominations passed unanimously. The Town Clerk asked if there was a motion to vote to elect the one person nominated for temporary Moderator. This motion was moved and seconded. The vote to elect Janet L. Weidner, temporary Moderator, was unanimous. Janet L. Weidner, temporary Moderator, stood and approached the front of the meeting and made her oath of office, took the podium and requested the Constable Marshall E. Carroll, III to give the return of service. Constable Carroll attested to the posting of the warrant. Moderator Weidner notified all in attendance that only registered voters eligible to vote at the Annual Town Meeting may remain on the basketball court of the Chilmark Community Center at 520 South Road.

**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
One Member of the Cemetery Commission	for three years
One Constable	for three years
Three Members of the Finance Advisory Committee	for three years
Three Members of the Planning Board	for five years
One Member of the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Commission	for three 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 exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to pay costs of architectural services and construction of the Fire Station at 3 Menemsha Cross Road and the EMS building at 399 Middle Road, and for the payment of any and all other costs incidental and related thereto? Yes No

Question 2. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$36,200** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget of the Up Island

Regional School District (UIRSD) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021? Yes No

Question 3. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$70,300** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District (MVRHSD) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021? Yes No

Question 4. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$41,151.60** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the UIRSD Roof Construction at the West Tisbury School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021? Yes No

Question 5. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$9,547.17** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the repair and replacement of the UIRSD West Tisbury School Walk-In Freezer-Refrigerator for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021? Yes No

Question 6. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$5,779.82** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the UIRSD West Tisbury School Elevator for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021? Yes No

Question 7. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$153,376.07** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the UIRSD Chilmark School Phase III Window Replacements for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021? Yes No

Question 8. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$52,202.12** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the UIRSD Chilmark School Replacement of Exterior Doors for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021? Yes No

Question 9. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$14,178.00** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the MVRHS purchase of Electric School Buses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021? Yes No

Question 10. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **\$35,590.60** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the replacement and installation of technology infrastructure at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021? Yes No

*The Temporary Moderator, Janet L. Weidner, noted that Article 1 will be postponed until the voters convene again at 12NOON on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at the Chilmark Community Center for the Annual Town Election to elect the officers in the offices and questions listed above. Moderator Weidner recognized Selectman James Malkin who stood and gave thanks and grateful recognition for the long service to the Town of the former Town Moderator, Everett Poole. The Town Meeting applauded the statement.*

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

*The Temporary Moderator, Janet L. Weidner, read Article 2 and asked if there were any reports. There were no reports.*

**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 26<sup>th</sup> 2021 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

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

*The Temporary Moderator, Janet L. Weidner, read Article 3. The Article was moved and seconded. Moderator Weidner proceeded to read the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget amounts for each department, salaries and expenses noted separately. Tim Carroll, Town Administrator, asked for a "check" on dept. 541, "Social Services Expenses". At the conclusion of reading the proposed Fiscal Year 2022 budget amounts for each department, salaries and expenses noted separately, Moderator Weidner asked for someone to speak to the reason for a "check" on Dept. 541. Selectman William N. Rossi was recognized and moved to amend the Article 3 FY22 proposed budget for Dept. 541, "Social Services Expenses", to read \$263,358.44 and noted the changes to the total budget amounts that this increase would effect: Total Human Services would be \$356,544.67 and the BUDGET TOTAL would be \$11,178,972.71. The motion to amend was seconded and Moderator Weidner inquired if there was any discussion on the amendment to this Article. There was no discussion. The motion to amend Article 3 was brought to a vote and passed unanimously. The Moderator asked if there was any discussion on Article 3, as amended. There was no more discussion on Article 3. A motion was made to approve Article 3, as amended. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion.*

**ARTICLE 3, as amended, 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

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

**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, 2021.

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

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

**ARTICLE 5 passed unanimously.**

**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

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

**ARTICLE 6 passed unanimously.**

**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

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

**ARTICLE 7 passed unanimously.**

**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

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

**ARTICLE 8 passed unanimously.**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to 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

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

**ARTICLE 9 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 10. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 10 passed unanimously.**

**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

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

**ARTICLE 11 passed unanimously.**

**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

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

**ARTICLE 12 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 13. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

***ARTICLE 13 passed unanimously.***

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 14. Tim Carroll made a motion to indefinitely postpone Article 14. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the motion to indefinitely postpone Article 14 to a vote. The vote was unanimous to indefinitely postpone.*

***The Moderator declared ARTICLE 14 indefinitely postponed.***

**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

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

***ARTICLE 15 passed unanimously.***

**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

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

**ARTICLE 16 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 17. The Article was moved and seconded. Selectman Warren M. Doty was recognized and gave appreciation to teachers, school staff and school committee members for their tireless work during the past year on behalf of the students of the island. There was applause from the voters. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 17 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 18. The Moderator stated this article will require a 2/3rds vote to pass. The Article was moved and seconded. Selectman Rossi was recognized and stated a new firehouse is very much needed, that the current structure was built in 1965, has asbestos in the ceiling area and is in need of repair. Selectmen Rossi noted that Chilmark is part of the TriTown Ambulance service, the land at 399 Middle Road was purchased by the Town for the purpose of providing a space for the construction of an emergency services building. Selectman Rossi continued and stated that he has been the Chairperson of a committee to develop a plan for a new firehouse and emergency services building for 2 years and noted the committee members: Jim Newman, Skipper Manter, Jeremy Bradshaw, Ben Retmeir, Tim Rich and Will Parry. Selectman Rossi also noted the contributions of Chuck Hodgkinson, former administrative assistant in Chilmark, who assisted the committee. Selectman Rossi noted that the cost of the project*

would represent approximately \$150 per \$1,000,000 in property valuation and also noted that the Town has retired most of its debt service and the Town will maintain its AAA bond rating. Selectman Rossi urged a yes vote on Article 18. There was general discussion from voters regarding the environmental impact of the buildings and the surrounding vegetation and landscape. Selectman Rossi stated that the buildings would be “solar-ready” and that there is a plan to place electric charging stations in a parking area. He also noted that a major part of the proposal is natural landscaping to reduce the visual impact of the structures. Robert Hannemann, chairperson of the Chilmark Energy Committee, was recognized and stated that it was his understanding that the structures are proposed to meet high environmental standards. Marie Larsen stood in support of the project. There was very brief additional discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

**ARTICLE 18 passed unanimously.**

**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

Moderator Weidner read Article 19. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

**ARTICLE 19 passed unanimously.**

**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

Moderator Weidner read Article 20. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

**ARTICLE 20 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 21. The Article was moved and seconded. Tim Carroll was recognized and move to amend the article to read "Dukes County Homelessness Prevention Program" instead of "Dukes County Substance Use Disorder". The amendment to Article 21 was seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the amendment to Article 21 to a vote. The amendment passed unanimously. The Moderator asked if there was discussion on Article 21, as amended. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought Article 21, as amended to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 21 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 22. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 22 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 23. The Article was moved and seconded. Ms. Shweder asked if the proportionate share is based on the number of emergency calls. Tim Carroll stated it is. Ms. Sarah Kuh asked for an explanation of why there were 2 Nays from the Finance Advisory Committee. Ms. Vicki Divoll, Finance Committee member, stood and described the change in the way that maintenance work was defined and that this was the reason for two Nays. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 23 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 24. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 24 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 25. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 25 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 26. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 26 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 27. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 27 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner stated she would prefer not to read Article 28. There was no objection to this preference. The Article was moved and seconded. The Moderator asked if there are any questions from voters from any of the separate paragraphs. Ms. Caitlin Cook requested an explanation of CPC funds and how the expenditures are made. Selectman Rossi explained the CPA process and history. Mr. Chris Murphy inquired about the affordable housing expenditure required by the CPA. Selectman Rossi stated that it was his understanding that approximately 65-70% of CPA monies have been spent on affordable housing by the Town currently, but noted that the upcoming Peaked Hill Pastures affordable housing project would provide an opportunity to increase the percentage of CPA monies the Town spends on affordable housing to the higher 80% level. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 28 passed unanimously.**

- 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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 29. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 29 passed unanimously.**

- 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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 30. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 30 passed unanimously.**

- 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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 31. Tim Carroll made a motion to indefinitely postpone Article 31. The*

motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the motion to indefinitely postpone Article 31 to a vote. The vote was unanimous to indefinitely postpone.

**The Moderator declared ARTICLE 31 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

Moderator Weidner read Article 32. The Article was moved and seconded. Mr. Tim Rich was recognized and inquired how the system would operate. Harbormaster Ryan Rossi was recognized, briefly described how the system would operate and informed voters of the state of the Menemsha harbor area concerning theft and vandalizing. Harbormaster Rossi informed voters of a significant number of instances of theft and vandalizing and stated that cameras would be most useful as a deterrent to violations. He stated that the camera footage would be monitored by both the Harbor Dept. and the Police Dept. Some voters were recognized and expressed reservations about adding a surveillance program to the Menemsha Harbor area. Two voters, Mr. Lewenberg and Mr. Goldman, spoke in favor of the Article. Harbormaster Rossi stated that the system would cover all docks in the area, but it would not include Menemsha beach area or that parking lot. He also noted that the system would run all year long. Harbormaster Rossi responded to voter inquiries and stated that there would be an available procedure and policy for the system and its use and that the problem of theft and vandalizing has been happening for more than the past year. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

**The Moderator declared ARTICLE 32 carried.**

**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 - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Absent

Moderator Weidner read Article 33. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

**ARTICLE 33 passed unanimously.**

**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.

Moderator Weidner read Article 34. The Article was moved and seconded. Selectman Doty was recognized and described the recent sale of 4 North Ridge Road and noted that the proceeds of the sale would most likely benefit the future Peaked Hill Pastures housing project that is hoped to be completed in the near future. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

**ARTICLE 34 passed unanimously.**

**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.

*Moderator Weidner read Article 35. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 35 passed unanimously.**

**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

*Moderator Weidner read Article 36. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

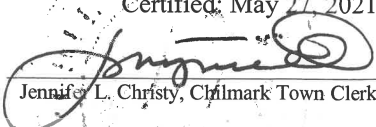
**The Moderator declared ARTICLE 36 carried.**

**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.

*Moderator Weidner read Article 37. The Moderator stated this article would require a 4/5ths vote. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.*

**ARTICLE 37 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 6:58PM, until 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 26, 2021.*

Certified: May 27, 2021  
  
Jennifer L. Christy, Chilmark Town Clerk