

TO: Chilmark Voters
FR: Tim Carroll, Town Administrator

DT: **April 22, 2019**
RE: [ATM Warrant](#) Explanations

Article 1. This is the election of officers for the ensuing year. (Page 260)

Wednesday April 24th 12 Noon – 8 PM CCC

Article 2. This is the time for town committees to make oral reports to the Town Meeting. Their written reports are printed in your [2018 Chilmark Town Report](#) which has a purple color cover this year.

Article 3. This asks for your permission to fund the annual operating budget of the town. These amounts are printed in the Town Report on pages 230 – 233. This year the Salary & Expense totals are shown and not all the detailed line items. They are available on the town website. From the main web page click on [BUDGET PROCESS](#) and then FY2020 Budget Process.

Please see the [FINCOM handout](#) for additional information.

Here is the address as a [link](#) :

[http://www.chilmarkma.gov/Pages/ChilmarkMA Budget/FY2020%20Budget%20Process/FY20CTHProposed%20BUDGET.xlsx](http://www.chilmarkma.gov/Pages/ChilmarkMA%20Budget/FY2020%20Budget%20Process/FY20CTHProposed%20BUDGET.xlsx)

Article 4. 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. 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. 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. 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. School children ask you to prohibit the release of balloons.

Article 9. School children ask you to join West Tisbury in the prohibition of plastic bottles.

Article 10. This article continues the replacement of the original windows at the Chilmark School. It is contingent upon Aquinnah and WT funding their shares of this project, and Chilmark voters excluding this as a capital outlay at a town election.

Article 11. This article would authorize the MVRHS District to use \$312,267.99 in E&D funds (those amounts left over "excess" at the end of the regional school district's fiscal year) and a \$49,335 from the town to conduct the next step in assessing the complete high

school facility improvement needs. It is contingent upon a general override vote by Chilmark voters at the town election, and approval by the other island Town Meetings.

Article 12. This article would continue our support of the ACE MV program and pick up funding for the MV Youth Task Force.

Article 13. This article funds repairs to the Chilmark School flooring, repairs to the WT School egress decking, and the design of a new parking lot/traffic plan at the WT School. It is contingent upon Aquinnah and WT funding their shares.

Article 14. This would authorize the Selectmen to purchase the old Chilmark Grange Society (1906) lot behind the Town Hall from Emmett & Kathie Carroll. It would be used to site an EMS building and parking for the Beetlebung Town Campus. There are [posters](#) on [display](#) in the lobby that show the parcel and its [intended](#) use. The town's consultant has determined that the programmatic needs of the EMS & Fire departments can be accomplished on the space drawn. This is from a feasibility study by Pacheco-Ross, developed during the Planning Stage. The design is part of Article 15 that follows.

This is the result of committee work since 2014 that has searched for the best site to locate a public safety building and then worked to acquire a site. The town has attempted and failed to purchase land adjacent to the Community Center, the old MV National Bank, and Beetlebung Farm. The town has negotiated or evaluated other parcels in the area without success.

A recent Town Meeting agreed to establish a fire training area at the lot behind the town landfill on Middle Line Road. This allowed the consideration of much smaller building sites for the EMS/Fire building itself. The lack of suitable sites led the town to consider the Town Hall lot. That concept was to build a shared EMS/Fire facility on the Town Hall lot. When this was determined to be unfeasible, agreement was reached on the suitability of the site if we built the EMS facility and parking on the lot behind the town hall.

Article 15. This would fund the completion of the Planning Stage, with the funding of an Owner's Project Manager (OPM), and an architect up through the Design stage for the EMS and Fire facilities on the 401 & 399 Middle Road combined site. If this article is approved, the Selectmen will seek members for building committee, advertise and hire the OPM, conduct a Designer Selection Process, and contract with an architect.

The Design stage is conducted in three phases: Preliminary/schematic design, Design Development, and Preparation of construction documents. We have completed the first phase. Chilmark has been stopping before the last phase, preparation of construction documents, to seek Town Meeting approval to fund a specific design. At that time you will be asked to fund the completion of the project design and building the new facility. This is expected to be at the 2020 ATM.

Article 16. This pays invoices 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.

- Article 17.** The Community Center Advisory Committee and the Chilmark Town Affairs Council have discussed the need for Air Conditioning at the CCC for many years. Evening functions at the CCC can be uncomfortable during July and August. The wood floors have had recurring warping issues that have been addressed in many ways. This new system will reduce the relative humidity in the building and improve the floors. This engineered proposal was funded by the Cape Light Compact and proposes to use new technology in heat pumps to heat and cool the CCC. This will allow us to use the electricity generated by our PV panels to heat and cool the building.
- Article 18.** The CCC generator has reached the end of its useful life and replacement parts have become difficult to obtain.
- Article 19.** The Town Hall HVAC has been incrementally upgraded as repairs have been necessary.
- Article 20.** This supports a 5 year cycle of maintaining the physical servers on which the virtual file, application, and email servers at the town hall operate.
- Article 21.** 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 two years. If approved at this town meeting, they will likely be included in the town's operating budget next year.
- Article 22.** The county is seeking to fund its OPEB obligations as a fiscal best practice.
- Article 23.** 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 an override vote, all six towns funding, and a management agreement.
- Article 24.** This article will upgrade the jaws of life and put aside money for the expected upgrade to public safety radios.
- Article 25.** This contributes to the roof project at the WT School. It is contingent upon Aquinnah and WT approval.
- Article 26.** This would replace either, a 2010 Ford Explorer with 115,000 miles, or a 2013 Ford Interceptor with 99,000 miles a replaced engine, manifold, and exhaust, with a marked white 2019 Ford Police Interceptor SUV. The police cruiser not replaced this July would likely be replaced at a Special Town Meeting in the Fall.
- Article 27.** This would transfer money received from ambulance runs insurance receipts to replace and upgrade the Semiautomatic Cardiac Defibrillators we have located around Aquinnah, Chilmark & WT. There is one here at the CCC, the Town Hall, the Library,

the School, and on Police Cars and Fire engines.

- Article 28.** This would allocate FY2020 CPA revenues, support elderly housing, create housing for homeless residents, and balance the FY2019 CPA revenue allocations. This does not affect the tax rate as it spends the CPA Sur-Tax.
- Article 29.** This will start a home rule process to seek the state's permission to control the use of herbicides.
- Article 30.** Adoption of this code is required to become a Green Community. It increases the cost of new construction a small amount by requiring energy efficiency measures.
- Article 31.** Adoption of this zoning bylaw will meet another condition to become a Green Community. This requires a two-thirds vote.
- Article 32.** This is the recommended alternative of the Finance Advisory Committee and Board of Selectmen to the Housing Bank proposals defeated in Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, & Tisbury, and partially adopted in WT.
- Article 33.** This was submitted by petition.
- Article 34.** This was submitted by the proponents of Article 33.
- Article 35.** This article will be Indefinitely Postponed. The MASS DOR advised us that the article would not be lawful if approved.
- Article 36.** This is an amendment to the zoning bylaws. It requires a 2/3rd vote for approval.

Thank you for participating in the 2019 Annual Town Meeting!

*The Board of Selectmen will be making committee appointments May 21st 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 Selectmen's Office with a request to be reappointed ASAP.**

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