

Town of Chilmark
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
April 24, 2017

MODERATOR: Everett H. Poole
TOWN CLERK: Jennifer L. Christy
REGISTRARS: Susan M. Heilbron, Judy G.L. Mayhew, Laurisa D. Rich
CONSTABLE: Marshall E. Carroll, III
TELLERS: Linda Coutinho, Sarah Kuh

At the close of voter registration on April 4, 2017 there were nine hundred and eighty-four (984) registered voters in the Town of Chilmark. With two-hundred and seventy four (274) voters present at the Annual Town Meeting, 28% of the total number of registered voters, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m., in the Chilmark Community Center at 520 South Road. Constable Marshall E. Carroll, III attested to the posting of the warrant.

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
Two Members of the Finance Advisory Committee	for three years
One Member of the Cemetery Commission	for three years
One Members of the Planning Board	for five years
One Fence Viewer	for three years
One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark	for three years
One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark	for two years
One Tree Warden	for one year

NON-BINDING QUESTION 1. "Are you in favor of eliminating rental mopeds from Martha's Vineyard? Yes or No"

NON-BINDING QUESTION 2. "Are you in favor of establishing a regional housing bank, to address the critical housing needs on the Vineyard? Yes or No"

Article 1 was postponed by the Moderator until the Annual Town Election at the Chilmark Community Center at 12PM, Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

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

The Moderator inquired if there were any reports from Town Officers or committees. There were no reports from Town Officers or Committees.

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, provided that the amount set forth under the Community Preservation Committee (Dept. 179) shall be funded from the Community Preservation FY2018 Budgeted Reserve Balance.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. The Moderator read the total proposed fiscal year 2018 budget numbers for each department in the budget as printed in the Chilmark Annual Town Report for 2016. There was no discussion. The Article was brought to a vote.

Article 3 was declared passed unanimously.

Anne Cook was recognized and stood to ask the Moderator to reconsider a delay of the Special Town Meeting until the end of the Annual Town Meeting. Brief discussion occurred. The Moderator asked for those in favor of recessing the Annual Town Meeting in order to return and re-open the Special Town Meeting to please stand. The tellers counted those standing in favor. 74 voters stood in favor of returning to the Special Town Meeting. The Moderator asked for those opposed to recessing the Annual Town Meeting and returning to the Special Town Meeting to please stand. 113 voters stood to oppose the recess of the Annual Town Meeting and returning to the Special Town Meeting. The Moderator declared the motion to recess the Annual Town Meeting and return to the Special Town Meeting is defeated, 74-113

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the \$16,383 FY 2017 administration expense from the FY 2017 Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund balance and vote the same amount from the FY 2017 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve fund balance of \$226,007.

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

Article 4 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. 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 - Unanimously

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

Article 5 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000.00** and further appropriate **\$20,000.00** from Overlay Surplus for a

Reserve Fund to be administered by the Finance Advisory Committee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 6 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,000.00** to fund the Reserve Fund for the Future Payment of Accrued Liabilities for Compensated Absences.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 7 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$197,000.00 to the town's stabilizations funds as follows:

\$50,000.00 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,

\$12,000.00 to be placed in the Police Vehicle Stabilization Fund,

\$10,000.00 to be placed in the Ambulance Stabilization Fund,

\$100,000.00 to be placed in the Highway Stabilization Fund.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 8 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$2,005.00** to pay bills of a prior fiscal year as follows:

Beetlebung Tree Care \$217.50 & Araujo Brothers \$787.50, and \$1,000.00 for future "bills of a prior fiscal year".

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

Article 9 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$11,130.00** 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 2018.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 10 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11. Shall the Board of Selectmen be authorized to petition the State Legislature to allow the Town of Chilmark to issue not more than five annual or seasonal licenses under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 138, section 12 for the sale of wine and malt beverages to be drunk on the premises of restaurants with seating capacities of not less than 50 persons and to be consumed with meals only notwithstanding any limitations imposed by Sections 11, 11A and 17 of Chapter 138 of the General Laws

or any other special or general law to the contrary.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 7 Ayes - 0 Nays

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. Jenna Petersiel was recognized and stood to deliver a written statement in favor of the Article:

Good evening. For those of you who don't know me, I am Jenna Petersiel, and I lease and operate Chilmark Tavern at the Cornerway. I am here tonight asking you to vote yes on the sale of beer and wine with a meal, in full service restaurants. I would like to address a rumor regarding what many refer to as the "open container" policy in Chilmark. A yes vote on beer and wine in restaurants will not effect that freedom. The two issues are completely separate. After I speak, I would like to refer town counsel or Chief Klaren to explain this in greater detail if possible. I recently spoke with the police chiefs in West Tisbury and Aquinnah. Both chiefs indicated that there has not been an increase in drinking in either town and that they have noticed less consumption with the control now placed in the hands of the restaurants. Chief Rossi of West Tisbury stated "there have been no issues to date since this passed in 2012". Chief Belain of Aquinnah said "there have been no changes, no issues, it hasn't changed a thing". I can only imagine that the same would hold true for Chilmark if we pass Article 11 tonight. People keep mentioning that they want Chilmark to stay a dry town; Chilmark is not a dry town, Chilmark is a BYOB town, and this little BYOB town sure consumes a whole lot of booze. A yes vote on Article 11 will temper the amount of alcohol that is consumed in Chilmark, not increase it. A yes vote on Article 11 would give us the responsibility of making sure everyone who dines in our establishment is safe and properly served. If you vote yes on Article 11, I will do my very best to open earlier and stay open later in the season to serve the year-round population of Chilmark. The sale of beer and wine would take away some of the pressure of rising costs, allowing us to offer a broader menu with more choices at various price points, help us avoid raising prices, lower the break-even pressure, and make it easier to pay quality staff, pay for quality ingredients and accept the risk of opening at all. The cost of doing business up-island has risen so significantly that soon, there may no longer be the means to make ends meet. As you know, housing is at a premium, transportation is limited, and the cost of goods is very high. Add into the mix a tight tank septic system, which needs to be pumped twice a week to the tune of \$50,000 per season and the math just doesn't work anymore. Our mission is to serve locally grown and thoughtfully raised and produced food in a fun and inviting environment to the greater community. I am proud to support our local farmers, fishermen, and artisan producers but this type of sourcing, which embraces the core values of Chilmark, is very expensive. Five years ago, it cost \$85 to do \$100 of business. In 2016, that number rose to \$98. A business such as Chilmark Tavern cannot survive on a 2% profit margin. The sale of beer and wine would help reverse these shrinking margins. We are not here tonight voting yes or no on whether or not restaurant owners and operators in Chilmark can "make a fortune" on the sale of beer and wine, we are here tonight voting on the survivability of sit down restaurants in the town of Chilmark. The Cornerway building has been a gathering space for more than 100 years, and maintaining community gathering spaces is valuable to Chilmark. We are at risk of losing this. I am fortunate that my landlords have not raised my rent in the past few years, as I have shared details with them about the struggle to make this work. We have recently discussed that if I cannot make Chilmark Tavern work here, they will no longer have a restaurant at the Cornerway, as it is clearly not sustainable in the current economic climate with the current restrictions. What a shame that would be for the community. Having a place to gather, dine, laugh, network and connect has value, and it always will. A yes vote on Article 11 will bring with it very little change. The volume of business in the restaurants that adopt the policy will remain the same, we will

have the same number of seats and same rules and regulations as to hours of operation. The legislation that will be written by our selectman for the sale of beer and wine will be strict, as to protect the integrity of the town and the safety of patrons and neighbors. The sale of beer and wine must be accompanied by a meal, and our selectmen will have the say as to what constitutes a meal. They will establish the rules and we will make sure we honor those rules as we wouldn't want to lose a license we fought so hard for. We can be naked on our beaches, we can purchase and smoke weed legally, isn't it time that we are able to buy a glass of wine with our dinner in Chilmark? I employ 25 people each season. Forty percent of my staff are year-round community members, and many of them have been with me since 2010. It is a place for these year-round island residents to come and work, to interact with others, to foster relationships with customers, and earn money to supplement their lives and support their families. They work their tails off for, and with me, and I want to be here for them for as long as I can. They are my extended family, and a yes vote tonight would help ensure that I can continue to take care of my family. Just to tie this up, and for those of you who haven't been listening the last 4.5 minutes, if we vote yes on beer and wine tonight, you will still be able to bring a bottle to the beach in Menemsha, or any other place in town, except in restaurants that adopt a beer and wine policy. Chilmark will continue to be a safe, clean and unchanged community, even more safe since there will no longer be unmonitored consumption of alcohol in restaurants; cleaner as there will be fewer bottles around; and unchanged as we have witnessed in Aquinnah and West Tisbury. We can ensure good paying jobs for year-round islanders for many years to come and promise continued support of our local farmers and fisherman who we value so deeply, we will continue to have quality sit-down restaurants for locals and visitors to frequent, Chilmark will maintain its character and charm, and yes, if we vote yes on beer and wine tonight, the sun will continue to set over the Menemsha sky. I am graciously asking you, the Chilmark community, to please support the continued success of our restaurants by granting us the opportunity to serve beer and wine to our customers so WE may continue to provide great jobs and support our friends, families, and farmers. Thank you!

Kevin Oliver was recognized and stated his fear that the permission of sale of hard liquor in addition to beer and wine would be eventually allowed if the Town voted yes on Article 11. Mr. Oliver stated there is an important character of the Town that needs to be preserved. He further noted that the issue of beer and wine has been debated since the 1800s, he would not change the vote of the generations of Chilmarkers and he urged a no vote on the Article. Abbie Rabinovitz stood and stated she did not think the Town was in danger of losing its character due to the sale of beer and wine and urged support of the Article. A number of voters were recognized and stated they were in favor of the Article and a number were recognized and stated they were opposed to the Article. Merrily Fenner stood in opposition to the Article and urged voters to consider those who live and work in Menemsha. Jane Slater was recognized and stood to deliver a written statement in opposition to the Article:

Chilmark, you are all here because you chose to be. Some of you are first generation Chilmark and most of you paid plenty to be here. You must have known when you bought that we were a dry town. Did you think we were waiting for you to get here to pop the cork? And the local newspaper is wrong when it suggests we are rubes who don't know how to manage the 21st century. Chilmarkers have been drinking successfully for three hundred years, what, where and when they want to and mostly, legally. What you fail to see is that we are a three hundred year old town successfully run by a volunteer form of government that is very aware of the fragile nature of our economic and environmental situation at this rural end of a small island. The unfortunate smell that we live with in Menemsha during the summer months tells us we have reached some limits. Remaining "dry" this gives us some control over factors we see as being threatening to a healthy balance. We are accused in a local paper of favoring our storybook town. To the contrary, we are fighting in every way to keep our commercial fishing village from becoming "story book". Our planning board has been working for almost a year on the various problems of Menemsha, most of it being parking but if this passes they will need to start the process over again as the concerns will shift. A lot about Chilmark is unique but not quaint and we are not dozing in the sun, we are fighting every day to preserve what we inherited and to protect what we have and to make sure our future provides a safe home for our young. Beer and wine ... nice words with such good vibes, who could vote against such? Well, let me say that I suspect this has little to do with taste and much more to do with money. We, as citizens of Chilmark, are being manipulated to vote for a privilege that very few of us will be able to enjoy because the two restaurants that qualify for the license will only be open from 4th

of July to Labor Day and will require reservations for admittance. We are also being manipulated into believing that, as voters, we need to support the larger restaurants in town. This is not true. We do not support other businesses and they come and go and will continue to ... that's the business way. We are being asked to vote for this bill that will only serve to increase the profit line for two restaurant owners. There is no benefit to the town of Chilmark. Now, let's be clear, we are not talking about the profits they make on a few bottles of beer and wine in the short season of 4th of July to Labor Day, this is not about beer and wine, this is about real estate value. A yes vote will make these restaurants much more valuable real estate holdings. The goal of business owners is to move their businesses into viable resale positions. The renters of such restaurants can anticipate increases in the rent and the neighbors can anticipate new neighbors. I ask you not be manipulated into using your town meeting vote to increase the profits of just two businesses and, in doing so, will add greatly to the problems Chilmark is dealing with daily. A restaurant with a beer and wine permit is real estate worth many times more money ... and is much easier to sell. Let's not put ourselves in the position of having to welcome the likes of Legal Seafoods to Chilmark.

Mr. Skydell stood and urged a yes vote on the Article. He noted the increased economic vitality for the Town if the Town votes to pass the Article. After further discussion, the Moderator informed the Town that a request for an Australian ballot had been made. The Moderator asked for all those in favor of a secret ballot to please stand. The tellers counted 53 who stood in favor of a secret ballot. The Moderator asked for all those opposed to a secret ballot to please stand. 138 stood in opposition to a secret ballot. The Moderator called for a standing vote. The tellers counted the voters who stood in favor of Article 11. 93 stood in favor of the Article. Those opposed were asked to stand by the Moderator. 162 stood in opposition to Article 11. The Moderator declared Article 11 is defeated.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$6,185.00** to fund the CORE program at the MV Community Services under the supervision of the Up Island Council on Aging.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 12 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$10,152.00**, as the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2018 cost to fund the **Healthy Aging Task Force FIRST STOP** operated by the MV Community Services, based on the "50/50" formula.

Not Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. Susan Murphy stood and described the reason why the Finance Committee did not support the Article. Ms. Murphy stated the First Stop initiative was redundant. There was brief discussion and Julie Fay, a non-voter and Executive Director of the Martha's Vineyard Community Services, was allowed to speak by the Town and described how the funds for updating and maintaining the First Stop website would be utilized. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

Article 13 was declared carried.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of **\$41,532** for the purpose of reducing the Up-Island Regional School District's Other Post

Employment Benefits (**OPEB**) liability. If approved, these funds will be placed in the budget line item Education-Expenses #300-5695 Up-Island District Assessment, of the fiscal year 2017-2018 budget for this purpose. Provided however that the other two member Towns of the District approve their proportionate share of the total of \$208,286.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee – 6 Ayes & 1 Abstention

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

Article 14 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$5,670.14** to buyout compensatory time unable to be used in the fiscal year by a police department employee.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 15 was declared passed.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$30,000.00** to purchase and install municipal accounting, tax collections, and permit tracking software.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 16 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$9,000.00** to purchase and install a new swim line and boat exclusion area buoys off Menemsha Beach, and various other buoys in Menemsha Pond, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 17 was declared passed.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the sum of **\$200,000.00** from **“Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation”** account to purchase a replacement ambulance and three powered ambulance cots, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 18 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$5,600.00** to purchase compressed air bottles for the Fire Department self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA), including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 19 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$10,000.00** to update the mobile radios for the Fire Department, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 20 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary steps to effectuate a boundary line adjustment with the Town of Aquinnah, as provided for by a special act of the Legislature entitled, "An Act Changing the Boundary Line Between the Towns of Aquinnah and Chilmark," Chapter 452 of the Acts of 2016 (the "special act"), by: i) conveying by deed Lot 1 shown on a "Plan of Land in Aquinnah and Chilmark, Mass. Showing a Town Line Change Scale 1" = 20' April 5, 2016, Revised February 7, 2017 Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc." (the "Plan"), to the Town of Aquinnah; and ii) accepting a conveyance by deed of Lot 2 shown on the Plan from the Town of Aquinnah. The Act provides for no other consideration, and the conveyance authorized in part "i" of this Article is contingent upon the Town of Aquinnah granting its Board of Selectmen reciprocal authority to effectuate the terms of the special act. The Plan is available for review in the office of the Executive Secretary during the usual Town Hall hours.

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

Article 21 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$4,800.00** to fund repairs at the Town Hall, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 22 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$10,000.00**, to fund the layout of improvements to the town owned lot on Middle Line Road, behind the landfill, and authorize the use of this land for general municipal purposes.

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. There was brief discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

Article 23 was declared passed.

ARTICLE 24. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$12,000.00** to fund exterior painting of over half of the Chilmark Free Public Library, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 24 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 25. 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 reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2018 estimated annual revenues up to the following amounts for community preservation projects: **\$32,500.00** for Open Space Preservation; **\$32,500.00** for Historic Resources Preservation; **\$32,500.00** for Community Housing; and **\$227,500.00** for the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 7 Ayes - 0 Nays

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. There was brief discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

Article 25 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 26. 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 re-appropriate from the Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources Fund the sum of **\$31,512.00** for the MV Museum as Chilmark's share of the estimated \$600,000 project to install a new roof, rebuild the chimneys and install the associated building support structures needed for this project. The work will be done on the Museum's historic 1895 Marine Hospital Building in Tisbury. If the property is sold within ten years (before April 24, 2027) 100 percent of the Town's CPA funds shall be returned.

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

Article 26 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 27. 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 Reserve for Community Housing Fund the sum of **\$32,500.00** to the Island Housing Trust (IHT) as Chilmark's contribution to fund the construction of up to 20 affordable housing apartments at Keune's Way in Tisbury. A transfer of \$30,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund to the Reserve for Community Housing Fund would be required to fund this appropriation. If approved, the funds would not be released until a permanent affordable housing deed restriction on the land is filed with the deed at the Registry of Deeds.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 7 Ayes - 0 Nays

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

Article 27 was declared passed.

ARTICLE 28. 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 Reserve for Community Housing Fund the sum of **\$82,600.00** for The Resource, Inc. (TRI) to fund the Preserving Affordability through Loan Support (P.A.L.S.) program. It provides interest-free loans for structural house repairs for Chilmark residents earning less than 100 % county median income. \$70,000 of this appropriation will be used for the interest-free loans. \$12,600 will be used for administration of the program. A transfer of \$70,000 from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund to the Reserve for Community Housing Fund would be required to fund this appropriation.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 7 Ayes - 0 Nays

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

Article 28 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 29. 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 Reserve for Open Space Preservation Fund the sum of \$10,000.00 as Chilmark's contribution to help re-build the old basketball court that is on school grounds behind the West Tisbury School. A small portion of the funds will also help fund improvements to the grass soccer field.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 7 Ayes - 0 Nays

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

Article 29 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 30. 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 Reserve for Historic Resources Preservation Fund the sum of **\$5,200.00** to pay for the restoration of the Town's 19th-century official weights & measures cabinet and contents. When the restoration is completed this will be displayed in the Town Hall for all to enjoy.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 7 Ayes - 0 Nays

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

Article 30 was declared passed.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to approve a sum of up to the \$2,500,000.00 borrowing authorized by vote of the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District for the purpose of financing the cost of capital improvements toward the restructuring of traffic flow and Residential Drop-Off at the Edgartown Transfer Station, or to take any action relative thereto.

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. There was brief discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

Article 31 was declared carried.

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen to authorize law enforcement and all Town officials to refrain from using Town funds and/or resources to enforce federal immigration laws, in keeping with current practice, unless presented with a criminal warrant or other evidence of probable cause, as required by the Fourth Amendment of the United States.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 7 Ayes - 0 Nays

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

Article 32 was declared passed.

ARTICLE 33. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$3,000.00** to fund, implement and train on a Multi-Hazard Emergency Plan for the Chilmark Elementary School in cooperation with the Superintendent of Schools and all town departments, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - Unanimously

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

Article 33 was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to increase the cost of an annual Common Victuallers permit from \$50 to \$100, pursuant to MGL Chapter 140 section 2.

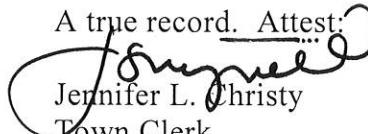
NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 7 Ayes - 0 Nays

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

Article 34 was 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 10:06PM, until 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, April 26, 2017.

A true record. Attest:


Jennifer L. Christy
Town Clerk
May 4, 2017