

Town of Chilmark
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

April 23, 2012

MODERATOR: Everett H. Poole
TOWN CLERK: Jennifer L. Christy
REGISTRARS: Susan M. Heilbron, Laurisa D. Rich
CONSTABLE: Marshall E. Carroll, III
TELLERS: Jane N. Slater, Catherine Thompson

At the close of voter registration on April 3, 2012 there were eight hundred and seventy-eight (878) registered voters in the Town of Chilmark. With one-hundred and thirty-five (135) voters present at the Annual Town Meeting, 15% of the total number of registered voters, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Constable Marshall E. Carroll, III attested to the posting of the warrant. The cub scouts and their leaders led the town in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Warren Doty was recognized and stood to honor Selectman Frank M. Fenner, Jr.'s dedicated four terms in service to the Town of Chilmark. Mr. Fenner was presented with a certificate from the Massachusetts House of Representatives in honor of his service to the town. Mr. Fenner stood to thank his fellow selectmen, town employees, counsel and the people of Chilmark.

ARTICLE 1. Article 1 was postponed by the Moderator until the Annual Town Election at noon, Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

ARTICLE 2. Read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. Selectman Warren Doty stood and reported on the Tea Lane/Silva Farm project. Mr. Doty noted the 5 members of Tea Lane Farm Committee. Mr. Doty stated there were 13 farm plans submitted to the committee and the committee selected 6 semi-finalists. Three finalists have been selected by the Tea Lane Farm Committee: Allen Healy, Krishana Collins, Rusty Gorden & Sarah Crittenden. The committee hopes to select a farmer by June 1.

Selectman Fenner stood and reported on the visit of the selectmen to the Seaport Council to receive grant money for harbor improvements. Mr. Fenner described the phases of the improvements to be made. The council awarded the town \$629,026.00 for harbor repairs.

The Moderator asked if there were any other reports from Town Officers or committees. No other reports were made.

ARTICLE 3. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. Moderator stated he would not read the departmental budgets. Moderator asked that anyone with questions about the budget to rise and be recognized. Judie Jardin stood and inquired about legal expenses. Ms. Jardin was concerned with the amount budgeted for the

coming year and whether it was sufficient. Selectman Doty responded the budgeted amount for legal expenses seemed sufficient. No other discussion.

The Moderator brought Article 3 to a vote.

Article 3 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 4. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.

Article 4 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 5. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.

Article 5 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 6. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.

Article 6 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 7. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.

Article 7 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 8. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.

Article 8 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 9. Moderator noted that this article would require a 2/3rds vote to pass because it involved funds from the Stabilization Fund. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.

Article 9 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 10. Moderator noted that this article would require a 2/3rds vote to pass because it involved funds from the Stabilization Fund. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.

Article 10 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 11. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.

Article 11 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 12. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. Mr. Doty was recognized and explained the transfers to which this article referred. No other discussion.

Article 12 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 13. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. Ms. Jardin was recognized and inquired whether the article was written before the grant money for Menemsha was received. Mr. Fenner stood and explained that this article funds general maintenance in Menemsha while the grant money funds new improvements. Ms. Jardin further asked whether the town will approve the improvements the grant money will fund. Mr. Doty stood and stated the Selectmen could bring the design of improvements to the town. No further discussion.

Article 13 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 14. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.
Article 14 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 15. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.
Article 15 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 16. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.
Article 16 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 17. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.
Article 17 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 18. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.
Article 18 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 19. Read by the Town Clerk, moved and seconded. No discussion.
Article 18 passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 20. Read by the Town Clerk. Moved and seconded. Wendy Weldon stood to amend the article to change the amount to read \$14,792.00 instead of \$31,767.00. Moderator brought the amendment to a vote.

Amendment passed unanimously.

The Town Clerk read article as amended. Moved and seconded. Mr. Allen Healy stood and asked for clarification of the Massachusetts Estuaries Project studies. Ms. Weldon provided a description of the project and what it will provide to the town. There was discussion about whether the studies the MEP will do are worthwhile due to the length of time it takes to receive a finished study and whether there is a reason to conduct studies to ascertain the health of the ponds. People spoke against, but overwhelmingly for, the article. Mr. Fenner stood and noted the matching funds available for this study.

Article 20 passed.

ARTICLE 21. Read by the Town Clerk. Moved and seconded. Mr. Steven Lewenberg, a resident on Chilmark Pond and a commissioner on the Chilmark Pond Committee, was recognized and noted the topic was not discussed by his committee and that the executive committee does not take any position on it.

Article 21 passed.

Moderator was informed of an error in Article 16 by Town Counsel Ron Rappaport. The article should have referenced FY2013, not FY2012. Moderator asks for a motion to change the FY to 2013. Moved and seconded. No discussion.

Article 16, as amended, was passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 22. Read by the Town Clerk. Moved and seconded. No discussion.
Article 22 passed.

Moderator Everett Poole asked if there was any further business. There was none. Mr. Poole adjourned meeting until 12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, 2012.

A true record. Attest:

Jennifer L. Christy
Town Clerk
April 26, 2012