

Town of Chilmark
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 27, 2017

MODERATOR: Everett H. Poole
TOWN CLERK: Jennifer L. Christy
REGISTRARS: Susan M. Heilbron, Judy G.L. Mayhew
CONSTABLE: Marshall E. Carroll, III
TELLERS: Jonathan Boyd, Dennis DaRosa

At the close of voter registration on November 17, 2017 there were nine hundred and ninety-eight (998) registered voters in the Town of Chilmark. With and (102) voters present at the Annual Town Meeting, 10% of the total number of registered voters, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 see if the town will vote to authorize the acceptance of perpetual rights to both the existing Leasehold Area known as Squibnocket Beach, being an area of land shown on Chilmark Assessor's Map 35 as Parcels 21, 22 and 23, and the additional land which was conveyed by the Vineyard Open Land Foundation ("VOLF") to Squibnocket Farm, Inc. ("Squibnocket Farm") by deed dated September 26, 2017 and recorded in Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Book 1448, Page 1004 in place of the existing ninety-nine (99) year lease of same; and to grant to Squibnocket Farm, VOLF, and any other third parties who own or have a possessory interest in property to the south of the premises, a permanent appurtenant, non-exclusive easement in the land described in the deed from Anthony G. Orphanos and Wendy Jeffers, Trustees of Blacksmith Ridge Valley Trust to the Town of Chilmark dated April 13, 2015 and registered in the Land Court as Document No. 80649 and in a deed from Harold L. Pratt and Thomas E. Bator, Trustees of The Osprey Ridge Realty Trust, to the Town of Chilmark dated May 13, 2015 and registered in the Land Court as Document No. 80651, upon such terms and conditions as the Selectmen may determine.

Town Meeting Action on Article 1:

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. Ms. Wendy Jeffers was recognized and stood to confirm with Town Counsel that the terms or restrictions of the deed, when the title was transferred to the Town, will remain in effect. Town Counsel stated, "Yes." There was no more discussion. The Article was brought to a vote.

Article 1 passed unanimously.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$3,000.00** to purchase and install records storage shelving and containers in the basement of the Chilmark Free Public Library for various town departments and committees, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 2:

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

Article 2 passed unanimously.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$7,500.00** to pay costs of the fiscal year 2018 revaluation process, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 3:

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. Ms. Linda Coutinho was recognized and stood to ask for clarification on where the available funds come from and why there is so much and how much more does the Town have. Mr. Doty was recognized and clarified that there are more available funds at the end of the budget year than the Town has had in the past, over \$900,000, and he stated that the Town likes to go into the winter with \$200,000-\$300,000 in available reserve funds. He further stated that the funds are called surplus funds while the state calls them free cash and they are separate from the stabilization funds. Mr. Doty stated that the funds were accumulated in a number of ways, the Town underspent in a number of departments and the Town received some refunds. Mr. Doty finished by stating that it is an unusually high amount of surplus funds at this time in the fiscal year.

There was no more discussion. The Article was brought to a vote.

Article 3 passed unanimously.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$4,000.00** to be added to the Police Department Building Maintenance FY2018 budget line 5241, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 4:

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

Article 4 passed unanimously.

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$10,000.00** to fund the removal of dead trees and dangerous tree limbs along town roads, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 5:

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

Article 5 passed unanimously.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$350,000.00** to replace the main electrical system for the Commercial Fishing Bulkhead, Dutcher Dock, and the feed lines to the transient Yacht Dock, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 6:

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

Article 6 passed unanimously.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$126,000.00** to replace 42 pilings at town docks in Menemsha Basin, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 7:

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

Article 7 passed unanimously.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$3,000.00** to hire an electrical lighting consultant for planned Community Center improvements, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 8:

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

Article 8 passed unanimously.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Pay Classification scale recommended by the Human Resource Board for Fiscal Year 2018

New Wage Scale FY 2018

Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1	\$11.72	\$12.13	\$12.55	\$12.99	\$13.45	\$13.92	\$14.41	\$14.91
2	\$13.36	\$13.83	\$14.31	\$14.81	\$15.33	\$15.87	\$16.42	\$17.00
3	\$15.23	\$15.76	\$16.32	\$16.89	\$17.48	\$18.09	\$18.72	\$19.38
4	\$17.36	\$17.97	\$18.60	\$19.25	\$19.93	\$20.62	\$21.34	\$22.09
5	\$19.79	\$20.49	\$21.20	\$21.95	\$22.71	\$23.51	\$24.33	\$25.18
6	\$22.57	\$23.36	\$24.17	\$25.02	\$25.89	\$26.80	\$27.74	\$28.71
7	\$25.05	\$25.92	\$26.83	\$27.77	\$28.74	\$29.75	\$30.79	\$31.87
8	\$27.80	\$28.78	\$29.78	\$30.83	\$31.91	\$33.02	\$34.18	\$35.37
9	\$30.86	\$31.94	\$33.06	\$34.22	\$35.41	\$36.65	\$37.94	\$39.26
10	\$34.26	\$35.46	\$36.70	\$37.98	\$39.31	\$40.69	\$42.11	\$43.58
11	\$38.02	\$39.36	\$40.73	\$42.16	\$43.63	\$45.16	\$46.74	\$48.38
12	\$42.21	\$43.68	\$45.21	\$46.80	\$48.43	\$50.13	\$51.88	\$53.70

Town Meeting Action on Article 9:

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

Article 9 passed unanimously.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to pay from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$130,000.00** to fund the increases to FY2018 salaries and fringe benefits in Departmental Budgets, or take any other action relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 10:

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

Article 10 passed unanimously.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to execute and enter into the necessary agreements to acquire or to grant easements in the vicinity of Basin and Crick Hill Roads in order to install a sidewalk in order to promote the safe passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the area. A plan of the proposed sidewalk and easements to be granted or exchanged is available for viewing in the Selectmen's Office during normal business hours.

Town Meeting Action on Article 11:

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

Article 11 passed unanimously.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to execute and enter into the necessary agreements to acquire or to grant easements in the vicinity of North and Basin Roads in order to install a sidewalk in order to promote the safe passage of pedestrian and vehicular traffic in the area. A plan of the proposed sidewalk and easements to be granted or exchanged is available for viewing in the Selectmen's Office during normal business hours.

Town Meeting Action on Article 12:

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

Article 12 passed unanimously.

Article 13. 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 Open Space for Park & Recreation use the sum of \$100,000.00 to supplement the existing and approximate \$343,000 construction budget to restore the Town beach and parking area at Squibnocket. This will bring the total available funds for construction and related costs to approximately \$443,000. To fund this request \$50,000 will be transferred from the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space and \$50,000 will be transferred from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund to the Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space.

Town Meeting Action on Article 13:

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

Article 13 passed unanimously.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$25,000.00** to make improvements to the Menemsha Shuttle lot, Menemsha signage, line painting of parking along North Road across from the Homeport, and screening vegetation in connection with a sidewalk easement, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 14:

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

Article 14 passed unanimously.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$15,000.00** to permit and construct an expanded parking area at the Menemsha Shuttle Lot atop the Tabor House capped landfill, and improve a driveway along the south side of the landfill to access the future fire training area/fishermen storage lots, including costs incidental and relative thereto.

Town Meeting Action on Article 15:

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

Article 15 passed unanimously.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of **\$3,718.20** to fund the following bills of the prior fiscal year:

Associated Elevator	\$2,275.00
William Solon	\$840.00
Richard Steves	\$1,363.20

Town Meeting Action on Article 16:

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. Mr. Tim Carroll was recognized and stood to amend the Article. He moved to amend the amount from \$3718.20 down to \$2948.20. The motion was seconded. There was no discussion. The amendment to Article 16 was brought to a vote.

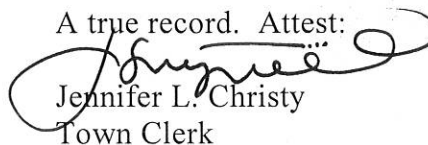
Amendment to Article 16 passed unanimously.

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

Article 16, as amended, passed unanimously.

The Moderator inquired if there was any more business to come before the Special Town Meeting. There was none. The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 7:47 p.m.

A true record. Attest:


Jennifer L. Christy
Town Clerk

November 28, 2017