

Town of Chilmark
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

June 17, 2019

MODERATOR: Everett H. Poole

TOWN CLERK: Jennifer L. Christy

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

CONSTABLE: Marshall E. Carroll, III

TELLERS:

At the close of voter registration on June 7, 2019 there were nine hundred and forty-three (943) registered voters in the Town of Chilmark. With forty-nine (49) voters present at the Special Town Meeting, 5% of the total number of registered voters, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, pursuant to 603 CMR 41.05 (5) Amendments to Approved Budgets, to approve the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District School Committee's vote to use two hundred twenty nine thousand seven hundred and thirty dollars (\$229,730) of Excess & Deficiency funds to fund anticipated deficits in their FY2019 budget for the areas of heating oil, building maintenance, and transportation.

The Moderator read Article 1. The Article was moved and seconded. Selectman James Malkin was recognized, briefly described Excess & Deficiency funds and urged a no vote on the Article. Up Island Regional School District Committee member Mr. Robert Lionette was recognized and stood to urge a no vote on the Article. Mr. Robert Hannemann, chairperson of the Finance Committee, was recognized and stated the Finance Committee supported the Town's Up Island Regional School District Committee elected representative, Mr. Lionette, and stated the Finance Committee is therefore not in favor of the Article. Selectman Warren Doty requested that Martha's Vineyard Regional High School principal, Sara Dingley, be recognized and allowed to speak to the voters of the Town. The Moderator asked for the feeling of the Town and the Town expressed positive interest in hearing from Ms. Dingley. Ms. Dingley was recognized and spoke of the efforts the school has made to organize the budgeting process. Ms. Dingley also noted that the areas of corrective maintenance of the high school facility and fuel costs were the two main areas of overage in this fiscal year. Mr. Doty stood to express his support of the school and of the school principal, but stated that in his twenty years as Selectman he has not seen the Town have a deficit at the end of the fiscal year or has seen the Town need to use reserve funds to cover a deficit. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 1 IS DEFEATED

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 71, Section 16(d) and Chapter 44, Section 21(c) of the General Laws of Massachusetts, to approve the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District School Committee's vote, of May 6, 2019, to enter into a 5 year lease-purchase financing agreement for a new 2020 Blue Bird Vision 77-Passenger School Bus.

The Moderator read Article 2. The Article was moved and seconded. Selectman James Malkin was recognized and noted his support of the school and of the high school principal, but also

urged a no vote on Article 2. Mr. Lionette was recognized and described his opposition to the leasing of a bus. There was no more discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 2 IS DEFEATED

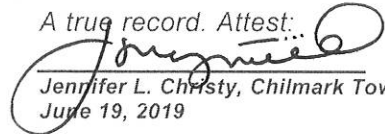
Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$45.00 to pay Bruno's Rolloff, Inc. for recycling services in June 2018 at the Town Hall.

The Moderator read Article 3. The Article was moved and seconded. There was no discussion. The Moderator brought the Article to a vote.

MODERATOR DECLARED ARTICLE 3 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

The Moderator dissolved the Special Town Meeting at 7:49PM.

A true record. Attest:


Jennifer L. Christy, Chilmark Town Clerk
June 19, 2019