Town of Chilmark SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

December 5, 2016

MODERATOR: Everett H. Poole TOWN CLERK: Jennifer L. Christy

REGISTRARS: Laurisa D. Rich, Judy G.L. Mayhew

CONSTABLE: Marshall E. Carroll, III

TELLERS: Catherine A. Thompson, Linda Coutinho

At the close of voter registration on November 25, 2016 there were nine hundred and seventy (970) registered voters in the Town of Chilmark. With fifty-five (55) voters present at the Special Town Meeting, approximately 6% of the total number of registered voters, the Moderator called the meeting to order at 7:31PM at the Chilmark Community Center at 520 South Road.

Constable Marshall E. Carroll, III attested to the posting of the warrant.

The Moderator asked for a moment of silence to remember the highly esteemed and friend to all town children Kristin H. Maloney, former Assistant Library Director and Youth Services Librarian, who passed away on October 21, 2016.

<u>Article 1.</u> To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$50,000.00 to conduct property revaluation of the Town of Chilmark for Fiscal Year 2018, as mandated by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. The Moderator called for discussion. There was no discussion. The Article was brought to a vote. The Moderator declared Article 1 was passed unanimously.

Article 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$7,372.00, to pay for temporary coverage of the Youth Services position at the library during July & August of 2016, including all costs incidental and related thereto. The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. The Moderator called for discussion. There was no discussion. The Article was brought to a vote. The Moderator declared Article 2 was passed unanimously.

<u>Article 3.</u> To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$7,650.00, to pay for adding a repeater channel to the public safety radios at Peaked Hill, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. The Moderator called for discussion. There was no discussion. The Article was brought to a vote. The Moderator declared Article 3 was passed unanimously.

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$9,600.00, to purchase and equip an electric low speed vehicle or UTV for the Police Department's use in Menemsha, including all costs incidental and related thereto. The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. The Moderator called for discussion. Police Chief Brian Cioffi summarized the department's need for an electric low speed vehicle or UTV. He noted the benefits of being able to transport officers to and within Menemsha without the use of large police cruiser vehicles and the possible benefits of having a vehicle that can traverse the beach surface. He further noted the department was still evaluating the two types of vehicles in order to select a vehicle that is as well-suited to the purpose and area as possible. There was no more discussion. The Article was brought to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 4 was passed unanimously.

<u>Article 5.</u> To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$50,000.00, to pay for the relocation of revetment stones and the installation of pilings to anchor the temporary tie-up floating dock, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. The Moderator called for discussion. There was no discussion. The Article was brought to a vote. The Moderator declared Article 5 was passed unanimously.

Article 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$15,000.00, to pay for the improvements to the Menemsha Park & Ride parking lot at Tabor House Road, including all costs incidental and related thereto. The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. The Moderator called for discussion. Ms. Shweder inquired about the data on usage of the lot off Tabor House Road. Mr. Doty noted there were 2000 riders in August 2016 and a bit less in July 2016. He also noted usage is increasing year-to-year. Ms. Weidner stood and summarized the work of the subcommittee of the Planning Board that has been working on plans to improve the automobile, bus and pedestrian usage of Menemsha. Ms. Slater asked for an itemization of the \$15,000 cost. Mr. Doty stated the lighting, lot layout and bus shelter construction were the primary items that would represent the bulk of the cost. There was no more discussion. The Article was brought to a vote. The Moderator declared Article 6 was passed unanimously.

<u>Article 7.</u> To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$3,000.00, to pay for improved signage, pavement markings, and vegetation management along town roads in Menemsha, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. The Moderator called for discussion. Mr. Shweder asked about the Town's long-term plan for signage. Ms. Malkin, a member of the Planning Board subcommittee, stood and stated the subcommittee is carefully considering the amount and effect of more signage in Town. Mr. Carroll stated the Article would address the upkeep of existing signage rather than the installation of new signage. There was no more discussion. The Article was brought to a vote.

The Moderator declared Article 7 was passed unanimously.

<u>Article 8.</u> To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$8,000.00, to pay for the repair or replacement of the chimney on the Town Hall, including all costs incidental and related thereto.

The Article was read by the Moderator, moved and seconded. The Moderator called for discussion. There was no discussion. The Article was brought to a vote. The Moderator declared Article 8 was passed unanimously.

The Moderator inquired if there was any more business before the Town. There was no more business.

The Moderator declared the meeting dissolved at 7:47PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer L. Christy, Town Clerk

December 12, 2016