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From:Caitlin Cook [caitlinbc@earthlink.net]Sent:Friday, October 14, 2011 11:51 AMTo:tcarroll@chilmarkma.govCc:ddeblase@chilmarkma.govSubject:proposals

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Dear Selectmen,

I am writing to propose offering a two dance/movement classes at the CCC for preschool age children and adults. I am a Chilmark resident and my daughter, Maeve attends the Chilmark Preschool. I moved to Chilmark 4 years ago from New York City where I was a professional dancer and Pilates teacher.

In the Preschool class I will teach children to work with rhythm structures, differences in movement qualities and physicality's. I have been a dancer since I was 4 years old and it has been a great experience for me. I believe dance is a great way to focus the amazing amounts of energy children have, helping them to gain confidence, balance and grace that extends into their daily activities. I would like to offer the class on Thursdays from 3-3:45 p.m. for an 8 week trial period. If the attendance is good then the session could continue thru the school year potentially with a small performance at the end so parents and the community can see what joy dance can bring! The class we would be offered in the main hall, using the entry for stowing belongings and so the parents can observe if they choose. I have a CD player so I would not need to use the sound system.

In the adult class, I would love to teach a Pilates based stretch and strengthen class that would be by donation only. I have been a Pilates teacher since 1994 and presently teach at Vineyard Pilates. There are many people who live and work in Chilmark that say they would love to take a class up-island. I would like to offer the class on Wednesdays 9-10 am. I would need use of the main hall and again have my own CD player if music is necessary. I am thinking it would be great to have this class continue through the school year if attendance is good.

I respectfully ask that the rental fee for use of the center be waved so that I can keep the price of the sessions affordable for participants. Thank you so much for looking at my proposals!

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