



# County of Dukes County

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Chilmark Selectman  
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December 20, 2011

Dear Selectman,

Please find below the warrant articles we are asking you to put on the annual town meeting warrant. The first two are in keeping with the agreement with the towns for the sharing of the cost of the Integrated Pest Management Program (IPM) and the Vineyard Health Care Access Program (VHCAP). The third warrant article is being sent to you at the request of the VHCAP as has been done in previous years.

When a town votes into the IPM program it receives two benefits. First is that all the town buildings and properties (docks etc.) can avail themselves to the program at no additional cost. Secondly, residents of the town can use the service at a reduced rate. The schools are required to have a pest management program by the state and the County will work with them to develop a program at an annual contract cost. (The program addresses rodents and insects but not skunks or raccoons.)

The VHCAP assists individuals trying to obtain Mass Health and access to other social service programs. The program is housed at the New York Ave. property belonging to the County. The building and the director's salary are under the County. The remaining cost of the program is covered by grants they have obtained and the third warrant article below.

It is my opinion that the IPM program provides services at a financial cost savings when compared to each community buying these services singularly. It is also my opinion, that the VHCAP addresses needs in the community that otherwise would go completely unaddressed.

Sincerely,

Russell H. Smith  
Dukes County Manager

The wording for the first Article (IPM):

“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,550.59 to fund Chilmark’s share of the County Pest Management program based on the county tax formula and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the County of Dukes County to provide Integrated Pest Management Program.”

Submitted by the Dukes County Commission

The wording for the second Article (VHCAP):

“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,085.01 to fund Chilmark’s share of the Vineyard Health Care Access program based on the county tax formula and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the County of Dukes County to provide a Health Care Access Program.”

Submitted by the Dukes County Commission

The wording for the third Article (VHCAP #2):

“To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,177.87 to fund Chilmark’s proportionate share of the Dukes County Health Care Access program, based 50% on the county tax formula and 50% on population, to continue providing the FY2011 level of services to residents in need of assistance.”

Submitted by the Vineyard Health Care Access Program