To The Selectmen Of Chilmark, 9/11/15

On behalf of Swordfish Enterprises, Inc. representing both the Home Port Restaurant and the Beach Plum Restaurant, we would like to ask that we be put on the agenda for the upcoming selectmen’s meeting September 15, 2015 regarding an exploration into attaining liquor licenses for both properties. More specific wording regarding this request and a petition with 10 signatures to be delivered by Tuesday 9/15/15.

Sincerely,

Josh Aronie

Chapter 138 State Biennial Ballot or Home Rule Petition for Special Legislation

Section 11. …..Except as hereinafter provided, upon receipt of a petition signed by the registered voters of any city or town equal in number to at least ten per cent of the number of voters registered therein at the last preceding city or town election, requesting the insertion on the ballot at a biennial state election of the following subdivision, the state secretary shall cause to be placed on the ballot at the next succeeding biennial state election held not less than sixty days subsequent to the filing of such petition and at each biennial state election thereafter, the following subdivision:

E. Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of alcoholic beverages by restaurants and function rooms having a seating capacity of not less than one hundred person?

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Section 11A. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the city council of any city and the selectmen of any town shall, upon the filing with the city or town clerk of a petition signed by registered voters of such city or town equal in number to at least one per cent of the whole number of registered voters therein and conforming to the provisions of section thirty-eight of chapter forty-three relative to initiative petitions, requesting that the question of licensing the sale in such city or town of alcoholic beverages in taverns be submitted to the voters thereof, call a special election to be held within a period of sixty days from the filing of such petition, and cause to be so submitted thereat the following question:—

“Shall licenses be granted in this city (or town) for the sale therein of alcoholic beverages in taverns?”

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Except as otherwise provided in this section, in any city or town wherein a regular election is about to be held, the city council or selectmen, upon the filing of such a petition at least thirty days before such election, shall cause said question to be submitted to the voters thereof at such election. The foregoing question shall not be submitted to the voters of any city or town under this section oftener than once in two years.

If a majority of the votes cast in such a city or town in answer to the question hereinbefore set forth are in the affirmative, such city or town shall be taken to have authorized the sale therein in taverns of such alcoholic beverages, if any, as are from time to time lawfully authorized to be sold in such city or town, subject in all respects to the provisions of this chapter, but only pending the taking under this section of the next succeeding vote, if any, on such question.