**Warrant for Annual Town Meeting**

April 23, 2018

County of Dukes County, ss.

To the Constables of the Town of Chilmark, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Chilmark, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to assemble at the Chilmark Community Center 520 South Road in said Town of Chilmark on Monday, the twenty-third day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen A.D. at 7:30 o'clock in the evening, there and then to act on the Articles in this Warrant, with the exception of Article One.

And to meet again in the Chilmark Community Center 520 South Road, in said Town of Chilmark on Wednesday, the twenty-fifth day of April in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen A. D. 12 Noon, there and then to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of Town Officers and action on Questions on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will be open at 12:00 PM Noon, and shall close at eight o'clock in the afternoon, 8:00 PM.

**ARTICLE 1.** To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot:

One Member of the Board of Selectmen for three years

One Member of the Board of Assessors for three years

One Member of the Board of Health for three years

One Trustee of the Public Library for three years

Three Members of the Finance Advisory Committee for three years

One Member of the Cemetery Commission for three years

One Member of the Planning Board for five years

One Fence Viewer for three years

One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark for three years

One Surveyor of Wood, Lumber and Bark for one year

One Tree Warden for one year

One Constable for three years

One Member of the Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank Commission for three years

Question 1. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **$79,000** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget of the Tri Town Ambulance for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No

Question 2. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **$35,000** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the operating budget of the Up Island Regional School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No

Question 3. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **$9,184** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the CORE program under the supervision of the Up Island Council on Aging for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No

Question 4. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **$5,453** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Healthy Aging Task Force FIRST STOP for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No

Question 5. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **$8,163** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Healthy Aging Martha’s Vineyard Task Force for planning, community building and advocacy work of for all Island elders for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No

Question 6. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **$5,740** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Dukes County Substance Use Disorder prevention programs for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No

Question 7. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **$6,264** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Dukes County Social Services for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No

Question 8. Shall the Town of Chilmark be allowed to assess an additional **$22,332.76** in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of funding the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018? Yes No

**ARTICLE 2.** To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise such sums of money as will be necessary to defray town charges and to make the appropriations for the ensuing year, as printed under Departmental Budgets - Salaries and Expenses totals**,** provided that $79,000 under the Tri Town Ambulance Budget (Dept 230), and $35,000 under the Education Budget - Up Island Regional School District (Dept 300) shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override Proposition 2½, and that the amount set forth under the Community Preservation Committee (Dept. 179) shall be funded from the Community Preservation FY2019 Undesignated Fund Balance.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$5,000.00** and further appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be received from the Chilmark Town Affairs Council, subject to receipt, which amounts are to be added to the maintenance account of the Chilmark Community Center.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **$40,000.00** for a Reserve Fund to be administered by the Finance Advisory Committee, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$10,000.00** to fund the Reserve Fund for the Future Payment of Accrued Liabilities for Compensated Absences.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of $112,000.00 to the town’s stabilizations funds as follows:

**$25,000.00** to be placed in the General Stabilization Fund,

**$25,000.00** to be placed in the Fire Department Stabilization Fund, with the intent that it be put towards the replacement costs for fire apparatus which is over twenty-five (25) years in age,

**$12,000.00** to be placed in the Police Vehicle Stabilization Fund,

**$50,000.00** to be placed in the Highway Stabilization Fund.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

2/3 vote required

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$16,760.00** to fund the Town’s share of the administrative expenses of the All Island School Committee’s contract for Adult and Community Education in Fiscal Year 2019.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sumof **$2,400.00** to do tree trimming and maintenance work around town buildings.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sumof **$24,000.00** to do roof work at the Town Hall.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 11.**To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sumof **$15,000.00** to replace the roofing on the North Road Fire Station.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 12.**  To see if the town will vote to fund the road reconstruction of the Menemsha Hill Triangle, including the payment of costs incidental and related thereto, and to fund this project transfer **$80,000.00** from MassDOT Chapter 90 Highway funds.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of **$2,500.00** to re-shingle a section of the sidewall at the Menemsha Schoolhouse (Police Station), including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$9,184.00** to fund the CORE program under the supervision of the Up Island Council on Aging, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$5,453.00**, as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2019 cost to fund the **Healthy Aging Task Force FIRST STOP**, based on the “50/50” formula, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$8,163.00**, as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2019 cost to fund the **Healthy Aging Martha’s Vineyard Task Force for planning, community building and advocacy work of for all Island elders**, based on the “50/50” formula, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$5,740.00**, as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2019 cost to fund the **Dukes County Substance Use Disorder prevention programs**, based on the “50/50” formula, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$6,264.00**, as the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2019 cost to fund the **Dukes County Social Services**, based on the “50/50” formula, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2018 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the Town of Chilmark will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds Twenty-Two-Thousand-Three-Hundred-Thirty-Two-Dollars-And-Seventy-Six-Cents ($22,332.76), or fifty per cent (50%) of the Town’s proportionate share of the fiscal year 2019 cost of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center, based on the volume of dispatches, tied to call origin, for all of the Town’s agencies.

**Submitted by petition of**: Laurence Clancy, Alexandra Broyard, Prescott Walsh, Marshall Carroll, Katie Carroll, Scott McDowell, Jennifer Burkin, Andy Italiano, Robert Young, Tracy Thorpe, Margaret Orlando, Fallon Aiello, Emily Day, & Betty Martin.

NOT RECOMMENDED by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two hundred twenty seven thousand five hundred dollars (**$227,500**) to pay the Town’s share of the Up-Island Regional School District’s renovations of the heating and ventilation systems at the Chilmark School providing design, procurement, installation, project management, and any costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that the other two member Towns of the District approve their share of the total project costs of $284,375.

Submitted by: Up-Island Regional School District

~~Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present~~

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two thousand eight hundred fifty-eight dollars ($**2,858**) to pay the Town’s share of the Up-Island Regional School District’s Phase III upgrade of the fire alarm system at the West Tisbury School providing design, procurement, installation, project management, and any costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that the other two member Towns of the District approve their share of the total project cost of $21,440.

Submitted by: Up-Island Regional School District

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 22.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment by the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School District of a Stabilization Fund to be known as the “MVRHS Capital Stabilization Fund” to provide a fund for expenditures for capital improvements within the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School District and for such other lawful purposes as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, c. 71, §16G½ as it may be amended from time to time, or take any other action relative thereto.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

I think this a 2/3 vote by the dept of ed has not provided an opinion yet.

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the town will vote to appropriate $41,000.00 to purchase a replacement boat for the harbor department, and to meet this appropriation transfer the sumof **$35,000.00** from Waterways Improvement Fund and **$6,000.00** from Article 6 of the Special Town meeting November 9, 2015.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 24.** To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of **$24,308.00** from Waterways Improvement Fund to pay for wood pilings in Menemsha Basin.

Recommended by the Finance Advisory Committee - 6 Ayes - 0 Nays - 1 Not Present

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the following request of the Community Preservation Committee: To see if the Town will vote to reserve from the Community Preservation Fund FY 2018 estimated annual revenues up to the following amounts for community preservation projects: $30,500.00 for the Reserve for Open Space; $30,500.00 for the Community Preservation Reserve for Historic Resources; $30,500.00 for the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing; and $195,300.00 for the Community Preservation Budget Reserve.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee

**ARTICLE 26.** To see if the town will vote to approve the following request of the **Community Preservation Committee**:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the fiscal year 2019 Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing Fund the sum of $34,260.00 to the Island Housing Trust (IHT) as Chilmark’s contribution to fund the construction of up to 20 affordable housing apartments at Keune’s Way in Tisbury. To date Chilmark has contributed a total of $65,550 toward this project in 2015 and 2016. If approved, the funds will not be released until a permanent affordable housing restriction on the land is filed with the deed at the Registry of Deeds.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee

**ARTICLE 27.** To see if the town will vote to approve the following request of the **Community Preservation Committee**:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the fiscal year 2019 Community Preservation Reserve for Open Space the sum of up to $70,550.00 for a Park & Recreation use. The Chilmark School will use the funds to rehabilitate the grammar school students’ playground by installing a new ‘Big Toy”; a pre-school apparatus plus new climbing and spinning devices will also be installed. To fund this request $50,000 will be transferred from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund to the Community Preservation Reserve for Community Housing.

NO ACTION taken by the Finance Advisory Committee

You are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies in three public places in said Town of Chilmark at least seven days before the time of said meeting, and to publish said warrant in one newspaper having general circulation in the Town of Chilmark during the week before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20th day of March, A.D. 2018.

Chilmark Board of Selectmen

William N. Rossi, Chairman Warren M. Doty James M. Malkin

I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Chilmark qualified to vote in town affairs, by posting three (3) attested copies of this warrant in three (3) public places and by publishing said warrant in one newspaper having general circulation in said Town of Chilmark and made due return of this warrant at the time and place of said meeting. God save the Commonwealth.

Posted: By:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Constable Marshall E. Carroll, III