

To Selectmen

From Committee on Utilization of Town Owned Property in
Town Center

In June, 2018 the Selectmen appointed Jane Slater, Chairman and Andy Goldman and Alexandra London-Thompson to an ad hoc Committee to evaluate whether the fees being charged at the Chilmark Community Center (“Center”) accurately reflect actual wear and tear and are appropriate relative to other similar rentals of like spaces across the Island.

The Committee reviewed the current rental fees of such like properties in West Tisbury, Oak Bluffs and Edgartown.

The Committee also interviewed David Norton (Chilmark Fire Chief), Brian Ditchfield (The Martha’s Vineyard Film Festival Art Director), Tim Carroll (Chilmark Town Administrator) and Rodney Bunker (Chilmark Custodian).

Conclusions and recommendations follow

Sponsors:

Every rental must be secured by a Chilmark resident who will be called the Sponsor. The Sponsor will be responsible for any unpaid balance of returnable fee of \$250.00 for maintenance and custodial expenses not paid by the lessee and any other unfunded obligation of the Lessee.

The refundable fee will be held until the Town custodian completes his after-the-event inspection and notifies Town Hall of returns, if any, to be made.

Events and Fees:

1. Memorial events of one day must be sponsored and required to deposit a refundable fee of \$250.00 for maintenance and custodial costs.

There will be no further charges or rental fees for such memorial events of one day.

2. Non commercial and/or private events such as Boy Scouts, school events, community sing-alongs etc. will be required to have a sponsor and put up a returnable maintenance and custodial deposit of \$250.00 in addition to a one day rental fee of \$100.00

3. Events charging entrance fees and/or offering items for sale such as, for example, a flea market, will require a sponsor and required to deposit a refundable event fee of \$250.00 for maintenance and custodial costs.

Such events will require a one day rental fee of \$1,500 for each day of said event and an additional \$500 per day if additional days are required for set up and breakdown. No additional deposit fee will be required.

4, Weddings will require a sponsor and a returnable deposit fee of \$250.00 for maintenance and custodial costs.

Weddings will also pay a rental fee of \$1,500 for one day. Rehearsal dinner the night before the wedding or a breakfast the morning after will pay an additional rental fee of \$500.00 with no additional deposit fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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