



# COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY

## Martha's Vineyard & Elizabeth Islands



November 9, 2018

### Board of Selectmen

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Please be advised that the Dukes County Commissioners at their meeting on November 7<sup>th</sup> approved a new policy. The County will now charge a 5 % administrative fee for all non-mandated services and grants administered by the county. This will help balance the county budget after a loss of approx. \$130K in revenue from the county alarm fees to the Sheriff's Department.

Over the past years, several non-profit organizations and programs use the county as a lead agency and a fiscal agent to collect funding from the towns, state and federal grants to provide services on regional basis. This need for a "central clearing house" seems to be increasing. The Dukes County Commissioners and staff see these services as beneficial to the county residents; however it does represent an additional work load for county administration and treasury. We feel that a 5% administrative fee is a reasonable charge for the services provided.

The County commissioners are scheduled to meet on Wednesday November 14<sup>th</sup> at 2pm to approve the FY2020 budget. The meeting will be followed by a public hearing on priorities of the County at 4pm.

The County Advisory Board on Expenditures is meeting on Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm. Both meetings are held at the Dukes County Administration Building at 9 Airport Road, Edgartown, MA. Feel free to attend these meetings.

Sincerely,

Martina Thornton  
Dukes County Manager  
On behalf of the Dukes County Commissioners

Cc: Paddy Moore, Healthy Aging MV  
Julie Fay, MV Community Services  
Leslie Clapp, MV Center for Living