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Chilmark Community Center Advisory Committee Recommendations to Selectmen

Fee Schedule Recommendations for CCC

December 4, 2018

What is the purpose of the CCC?

Over the years since the CCC was built, it has been used for 10 months of the year as a gathering place for local community events - traditions such as pot lucks, song fests, birthday parties, anniversary parties, memorial events, Chilmark School events, elections, weddings, etc.

During July and August the Town Affairs Council summer program continues, hosting larger events, such as summer camp, Book Festival, Film Festival, MV Chamber Music Society, Lecture Series, Chilmark Road Race, etc.

Gradually the use of this building has grown beyond local town use. The summer program includes Island-wide children. The year round use includes Island-wide groups.

The proposed fees take in consideration these growing changes in use and reflect a need to keep the CCC traditionally town-centered, while opening the building to other user groups.

CCCAC Considerations:

- All members of the CCCAC agree that it's time to revise fees in general for the CCC.
- We are not in full agreement about the scale of the newly proposed fee structure.
- Some members of this committee feel that raises in fees should be phased in over a period of time, so community members can more readily adjust to the new fees.
- We recommend combining new fees and information with the current CCC rules and regulations.
- Our Building Superintendent has had positive experiences with current user groups 95% of the time.

Fee Structure Recommendations:

- In reviewing the fee structure, the Town will honor the community spirit of the CCC.
- The CCCAC will regularly review existing CCC rules and general information each September.

- Continue the policy of no commercial events.
- Private, public, Chilmark town or town-related events: fee structures vary.
- We propose raising fees for larger events, with a representative of the Town present for the event.
- Certain community events that are free and open to the public may not be charged a fee, at the discretion of the selectmen.
- Waivers may be requested from the Selectmen.

Sponsors are required for all events:

- Every rental is sponsored by a Chilmark resident or taxpayer.
- The Sponsor is:
 - 1) Responsible for the event and attending it
 - 2) Expected to formally sign a commitment to attend the event on the application
 - 3) Responsible for any balance due above the refundable deposit fee at the end of the event, as necessary.
- The refundable deposit fee will be held until the Building Superintendent completes his after-the-event inspection and notifies Town Hall of appropriate refunds to be made.
- Sponsors are Chilmark residents or immediate family members who are included on the Street Census List. Sponsors are also Chilmark taxpayers.

Fee Recommendations

Deposits:

- Smaller events require a \$250 cleaning deposit. Larger events require a \$500 cleaning deposit. All deposits are refundable. The refundable deposit fee will be held until the Building Superintendent completes an after-the-event inspection and notifies Town Hall of appropriate refunds to be made.

Public Events: Sponsor Required

- Certain community events that are free and open to the public will not be charged a fee, at the discretion of the selectmen.

- Fundraisers are limited to those with relationships to the community and are held at the discretion of the selectmen.
- Large events charging ticket or entrance fees:
Currently the fee is \$400

Recommendations vary from CCCAC members. Suggestions range from requiring a fee of \$600 a day, to \$800 a day to \$1000 a day to \$1500 per day.

Chilmark resident/taxpayer: One-day rental fee (TBD per day by selectmen) and an additional \$250 each day if additional days are required for set-up and breakdown.

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Town and Town-Related Events: Sponsor Required

- Chilmark School events: no fee, \$250 refundable deposit required.
- Up-Island School District, MV Public Charter School and MVRHS: \$50 fee, \$250 refundable deposit required.

Memorial Events: Sponsor Required

- One day event.
- Local residents or at the discretion of the selectmen
- A refundable fee of \$250 required for cleaning.

Private Events: Sponsor Required

- One day party, anniversaries, retirements, adult birthdays, private holiday events.
\$200 fee, \$250 refundable deposit.
- Small group birthday parties for kids (30 or less) with adult supervision.
\$50 with \$250 refundable deposit.
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Weddings: Sponsor Required

The CCC is not a wedding venue, it is a community center. It is traditionally available for weddings for Chilmark residents and taxpayers. Weddings are sponsored by Chilmark residents and taxpayers.

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- *Chilmark resident/taxpayer:*
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Recommendations vary from CCCAS members. Suggestions for the General Public range between \$1,000-\$2000 for a one-day rental fee.

- *General Public:*
One day rental fee \$2000 and an additional \$500 for each additional day required for set-up and take-down.

Comparative Venues:

Sailing Camp (owned by town of Oak Bluffs)

No heat, open May 1 – Oct 31

\$2000 includes day and a half

10pm noise curfew, 11pm out

Park, beach, walking trails

Commercial kitchen

Staff person on site

100 people max for sit-down supper

Plenty of Parking

Grange Hall (Vineyard Trust)

\$2000 day

8:30pm noise curfew

Commercial kitchen

2 floors, fireplace, stage

Staff person on site

Plenty of Parking

PA Club

\$200 old room

\$300 new room

1am end

Staff person on site

Plenty of Parking