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Mr. James Malkin  
Select Board Chair  
Town of Chilmark  
P.O. Box 119  
Chilmark, MA 02535

Dear Mr. Malkin,

The Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund (the Fund) was created when Governor Baker signed the short-term rentals bill (Chapter 337 of the Acts of 2018) on December 28, 2018. The Fund was created to help cover the cost to Cape residents of implementing Cape Cod's 208 Area Wide Water Quality Management Plan and to offer Dukes County and Nantucket County communities a financial tool to help with their wastewater abatement plans. The Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund is a dedicated fund within the state's Clean Water Trust and is administered by the Clean Water Trust. To ensure there is local oversight of the Fund, the legislation established the Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund Management Board.

Chapter 337 stipulates that the management board duties include 1) determining the method for subsidy allocation, including but not limited to, an equitable distribution among participating municipalities; and 2) ensuring that money from the Water Protection Fund is spent only for purposes identified in the Act.

The Board of Selectmen or Town Council in a town that is a member of the Fund (as of passage of the Act all 15 Barnstable County towns are members) shall appoint one member to the management board. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, each appointee shall be a member of the respective appointing authority, a town manager, town administrator or other municipally employed professional staff. Each member of the management board shall serve for a term of 3 years. All towns within Barnstable County, Dukes County and Nantucket County are invited to attend meetings of the Management Board, regardless of having determined if they'll join the Fund.

The Act calls for the Cape Cod Commission, in consultation with the Martha's Vineyard Commission, to provide administrative and technical support to the management board. Please identify a point of contact for the Town of Chilmark and forward his/her contact information directly to me by April 5, 2019. Attached please find a copy of the signed legislation and a Cape Cod and Islands Water Protection Fund Frequently Asked Questions document prepared by Senator Julian Cyr's office.