

To: Chilmark Board of Selectmen

The 43rd Chilmark Women's Symposium is scheduled for April 27, 2019 at the Chilmark Community Center for 9-12 AM. We are requesting a waiver of the rental fee as has been previously granted to us. We hope the Selectman will consider the Symposium a worthy community enrichment event and will make a policy decision to grant a waiver henceforward so that we do not have to request the waiver for each of the twice-yearly events in the future.

The Chilmark Women's Symposium was founded in 1998 by a small group of Chilmark women who wished to create a safe place for Island women (originally Chilmark, now Island wide) to get to know each other through sharing stories and meaningful conversation in deeper ways than most social interactions offer. The Symposium is run entirely by Chilmark volunteers and has no formal structure, board or nonprofit status. We charge no fees but accept donations. After covering our expenses (food given to attendees at no charge, supplies and equipment, help with setup and break down), we make contributions to local charities. Recent donations went to the Red Stocking Fund and to the Food Pantry.

It is our hope that this request for a waiver for this spring's and future Symposiums will be honored in order for us to continue holding them.

Thank you.

For the Chilmark Women's Symposium,


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