

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to transfer from General Fund Account 198-9272-5700 the sum of **\$10,000.00** and further appropriate the sum of **\$1,700.00** to be received from the Chilmark Volunteer Firemen's Association, subject to receipt, to purchase Personal Protective Equipment for the Fire Department
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **\$31,767.00** and further appropriate any donations from any source, to enroll the Menemsha, Squibnocket, Nashaquitsa, and Stonewall Ponds in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2012 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2 ½.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of up to **\$54,500.00** and further appropriate any donations from any source, to enroll the Chilmark Pond in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project, including the payment of costs incidental and relative thereto, provided that the amount set forth shall be raised and appropriated only if a majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 25th 2012 vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2½.
RECOMMENDED by FINANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 22. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to communicate to the Massachusetts State Senate and House the support of the citizens of the town of Chilmark for Senate Bill 772, Restoring Free Speech, which is as follows:

WHEREAS, the First Amendment to the United States Constitution was designed to protect the free speech rights of people, not corporations;

WHEREAS, for the past three decades, a divided United States Supreme Court has transformed the First Amendment into a powerful tool for corporations seeking to evade and invalidate democratically-enacted reforms;

WHEREAS, this corporate takeover of the First Amendment has reached its extreme conclusion in the United States Supreme Court's recent ruling in Citizens United v. FEC;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC overturned longstanding precedent prohibiting corporations from spending their general treasury funds in our elections;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC will now unleash a torrent of corporate money in our political process unmatched by any campaign expenditure totals in United States history;

WHEREAS, the United States Supreme Court's ruling in Citizens United v. FEC presents a serious and direct threat to our democracy;

WHEREAS, the people of the United States have previously used the constitutional amendment process to correct those egregiously wrong decisions of