

In other business, Chilmark selectmen voted unanimously to present a warrant article to voters at a special town meeting on Oct. 29, concerning a land swap and trail easement worked out between a private landowner, the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank, and the town.

The warrant article asks voters to approve an exchange of the three-acre parcel known as the Engley House, owned by the town, for a four-acre portion of the so-called Turner Lots, a 10-acre parcel of land on South Road now owned by the Howard Hillman family.

The deal, which must be approved at the local and state level, would provide four affordable building lots near South Road for the town and provide a trail easement for the Land Bank.

"I think it's just terrific," Mr. Parker said. "It's an example of what can be done when willing people sit down to try and solve problems."