



Town of Wareham, Massachusetts

2005 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Spring

TOWN OF WAREHAM

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

APRIL 5, 2005

(ELECTION)

DESIGNATED POLL LOCATIONS

8:00 O'CLOCK A.M. TO 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

APRIL 25, 2005

(GENERAL BUSINESS)

WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
VIKING DRIVE
WAREHAM, MA 02571 7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PLYMOUTH, §

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF WAREHAM

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town of Wareham qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in **Precinct 1:** Wareham Town Hall, 54 Marion Road; **Precinct 2:** Ethel B. Hammond Elementary School, Highland Avenue, Onset; **Precinct 3:** Minot Forest School, Minot Avenue, East Wareham; **Precinct 4:** Redmen Hall, 758 Main Street, South Wareham; **Precinct 5:** John W. Decas School, Main Street, South Wareham; and **Precinct 6:** Wareham Lodge of Elks, 2855 Cranberry Highway, East Wareham on Tuesday, April 5, 2005 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. for the election of Town officers designated in the official ballot, to be adjourned until Monday, April 25, 2005 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the High School Auditorium, Viking Drive, Wareham, MA to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1

To choose the following officers: two (2) Selectmen for a term of three (3) years; two (2) Assessors for a term of (3) years; two (2) School Committee members for a term of three (3) years; one (1) Constable for the term of three (3) years; one (1) Housing Authority Member for a term of five (5) years.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Administrator to apply for, accept and enter into contracts from time to time for the expenditure of any funds allotted or otherwise available to Wareham by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the U.S. Government under any State or Federal Grant program or activity, or to do or act in any manner relative

thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3

To see whether the Town will authorize its Town Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for fiscal year 2006 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Treasurer/Collector

ARTICLE 4

To act upon the reports of the Selectmen and the School Committee as required by statute and upon any other reports from officers and committees who consider it expedient to do so, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers: Town Clerk, Town Moderator, and any other elective officers of the Town as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws as amended and to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefore, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from available funds, to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, and to provide for a Reserve Fund for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, and as more particularly described in the report of the Wareham Finance Committee, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 7

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate as its share of the operating costs and as its share of the capital costs of the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational-Technical High School District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 through June 30, 2006, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational-Technical School District

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Emergency Medical Services salaries and wages account and a sum of money to the Emergency Medical Services general expense account, still further, to authorize a sum of money in estimated receipts of the Emergency Medical Services to be used to offset said appropriation in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53E, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Sewer Betterment Retained Earnings Account, a sum of money from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account, and a sum of money from the wastewater enterprise revenue in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53F-½ of the General Laws to defray the operating and capital expenses of the Water Pollution Control Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from camp user fee receipts, donations and other receipts of Camp Lakota operated by the Recreation Department in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53F-½ of the General Laws to defray the operating and capital expenses of Camp Lakota for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2005, and ending June 30, 2006, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½ of the General Laws to authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of recreation programs, supplies, equipment, contracted instructors and any related expenses, which fund shall be credited with receipts from all Recreation Department program user fees, proceeds of fund-raising activities and donations under the authority and direction of the Director of Recreation, acting with the approval of the Town Administrator and the Recreation Commission; such expenditures not to exceed \$120,000 expended in any one fiscal year; and further, that the unencumbered balance as of the close of fiscal year 2005 in the existing recreation revolving account be transferred to the revolving fund established for fiscal year 2006, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2 of Massachusetts General Laws to authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of shellfish propagation programs and enhancement of shellfish resources within the Town of Wareham, which fund shall be credited with receipts from all commercial shellfish permit fees and twenty percent (20%) of all fees derived from the issuance of recreational (family) shellfish permits under the authority and direction of the Shellfish Constable and Town Administrator; with such expenditures not to exceed \$40,000.00 in any one fiscal year; further, that the unencumbered balance as of the close of fiscal year 2005 in the existing shellfish revolving account be transferred to the revolving fund established for fiscal year 2006, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½ of the General Laws to authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of providing transportation to elderly and disabled citizens of the Town, which fund shall be credited with receipts from transportation proceeds, including donations, under the authority and direction of the senior director acting with the approval of the Town Administrator; such expenditures not to exceed \$170,000; and further, that the unencumbered balance as of the close of fiscal year 2005 in the existing transportation revolving account be transferred to the revolving fund established for fiscal year 2006, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from available funds and appropriate funds and authorize borrowing subject to Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of capital improvement projects including replacement of vehicles and equipment and repairs and improvements to Town buildings, facilities and waterways, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the amount of \$10,800 to be used for Wareham children being served by Cape Cod Child Development Program, Inc. (Head Start).

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain, or otherwise, for community purposes under the Municipal Maintenance Department, the fee or other interests in land located on Charge Pond Road in the Town of Wareham, Massachusetts shown on Assessors' Map 110 Lot 1033 containing 29,000 square feet more or less, and

more fully described in a deed recording in the Plymouth Registry of Deeds in Book 4462, Page 46: said land to be held, managed, and controlled by the Town and as funding therefore to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money pursuant to MGL c 44B or any other general or special law for said acquisition, and to authorize the treasurer/collector with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose.

Inserted by the Municipal Maintenance Department at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2006 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2006, and further to reserve for future appropriation amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: a sum of money for the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space excluding land for recreational use, a sum of money for acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, and a sum of money for the creation, preservation and support of community housing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 80, Section 13B of the MGL for deferral and recovery of any betterment for any person who is eligible for a property tax exemption under Chapter 59 Section 5, Clause 41A.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way a portion a street layout of Onset Avenue and further, that the Town authorizes the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain or accept as donations portions of the privately owned property that include the layout of said roadways; or to do oar act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the General Laws to authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of recycling programs, projects, supplies, equipment and any related expenses, which fund shall be credited with receipts from recycling programs and projects, proceeds of fund-raising activities and donations under the authority and direction of the Chairman of the Recycling Committee, acting with the approval of the Town Administrator; such expenditures not to exceed \$15,000; and further, that the unencumbered balance as of the close of fiscal year 2005 in the existing recycling revolving account be transferred to the revolving fund established for fiscal year 2006, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Recycling Committee

ARTICLE 21

We the undersigned, do respectfully petition the Board of Selectmen to include the following Article in the Warrant for the 2005 Annual Town Meeting.

To ask the Town of Wareham to vote to raise or appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$2,000 to contract with South Shore Women's Center for domestic violence intervention and prevention services to its residents.

NOTE: This article was reproduced exactly as presented, in accordance with the law.

Inserted by Barbara M. Fuyant et al

Given under our hands this 15 day of February in the year 2005.

WAREHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Patrick G. Tropeano, Chairman

Bruce D. Sauvageau, Clerk

Mary Jane Pillsbury

R. Renée Fernandes-Abbott

Cynthia K. Parola

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ATTEST:

Robert E. Short
Constable of Wareham

DATE: 2/18/05