

W A R R A N T  
TOWN OF WAREHAM  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 22, 2024

WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
VIKING DRIVE  
WAREHAM, MA 02571

7:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
PLYMOUTH, S.S.

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 qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Wareham High School Auditorium, Viking Drive, Wareham, MA on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE S1 - BUDGET TRANSFERS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money within the budget lines as voted in Article 7 of the 2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting and further transfer from available funds to said budget lines, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Town Administrator.

**ARTICLE S2 - FUND PARKING PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Parking at Onset Pier Account to Fund the Parking Programs and Onset projects, with such funds to be distributed by the Town Administrator or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Town Administrator.

**ARTICLE S3 - SPRING 2024 CAPITAL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds and authorize borrowing subject to MGL Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of capital improvements including replacement of

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vehicles, equipment, repairs and improvements to town buildings, facilities, roads and waterways, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Town Administrator.

**ARTICLE S4 - TRANSFER OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$850,000 from Certified Free Cash to fund the following items:

- A. OPEB Trust Fund - \$300,000;
- B. Unemployment Reserve - \$300,000;
- C. Stabilization Fund - \$150,00;
- D. Benefits Reserve - \$100,000;

or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board of at the request of the Town Administrator.

**ARTICLE S5 – PRIOR YEAR BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer from available funds or any combination of the foregoing, a sum of money to pay unpaid bills of prior fiscal years, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board of at the request of the Town Administrator.

**ARTICLE S6 - PEG ACCESS RECEIPTS TO WAREHAM COMMUNITY TV**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the PEG Access Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account to Wareham Community Television (WCTV), or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Town Administrator.

**ARTICLE S7 – UNION CONTRACTS**

To see if the Town will vote to approve and fund the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Town of Wareham and:

- A. Wareham Public Employees Union 1249 of the Laborers' International Union of North America, Wareham Waste Water Treatment Plant Operators;
- B. Wareham Public Employees Union 1249 of the Laborers' International Union of North America, Foreperson's Union;

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or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Town Administrator.

**ARTICLE S8 – DUTY OF TOWN CLERK**

To see if the Town will vote to create a new bylaw which will authorize the Town Clerk, after including all changes to the General Bylaws that have been approved by the Attorney General or Legislature, to make non-substantive editorial revisions to the General Bylaws to ensure consistent and appropriate sequencing, numbering, lettering, and formatting in compliance with the current document, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Bylaw Review Committee.

**ARTICLE S9 – HARBOR SERVICE PERMIT RECEIPTS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,000.00 from the Harbor Services Permits Receipts Reserved for Appropriations Account, to be transferred to the Harbormaster's Maintenance and Improvements account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Harbormaster.

**ARTICLE S10 – TREMONT NAIL REMEDIATION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Act Unallocated Funds or any other monies available in the Community Preservation Act Fund under the category of Historic Preservation, the sum of \$76,000, for Principal Debt payment and the sum of \$19,937.62, for Short Term Interest on the bond approved at the 2018 Fall Town Meeting, Article 11, for the cleanup of contamination at the Tremont Nail Factory site or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board of at the request of the Community Preservation Committee.

**ARTICLE S11 – RETURN UNUSED FUNDS FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$20.76 to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund account from the Dog Park Fall 2017 town meeting article #27 and to transfer a total of \$8,465.86 to the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund

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account from: the Weweantic Ahearn River corridor, Spring 2012 town meeting article #41 (\$4,475.00), the Swifts Beach Engineering Fall 2015 town meeting article #23 (\$889.76), and the Mobility Mats Special Spring 2022 town meeting article # 7 (\$3101.10) or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Community Preservation Committee.

**ARTICLE S12 – SEWER #1 – WPCF AERATION BLOWERS AND VEHICLES**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000) from WPCF Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for the purchase of two (2) Aeration Blowers, one (1) 1-ton pickup truck with a crane, one (1)  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton pickup truck with a crane, and one (1)  $\frac{3}{4}$  ton pickup truck, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Town Administrator.

**ARTICLE S13 – TRANSFER OF MCKINNEY-VENTO FUNDS TO TRANSPORTATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the transfer of McKinney Vento revenue received in FY23 **\$123,882.00** into the School Transportation Revolving Account, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Wareham School Committee.

**ARTICLE S14 – DELETE SEVERAL GENERAL BYLAWS**

To see if the Town will vote to delete the following General Bylaws:

- Division I, Article III, Section 3 in its entirety;
- Division I, Article IV, Section I in its entirety;
- Division I, Article IV, Sections 12 A, B, and C in their entirety;
- Division I, Article VIII, Sections 1, and 2 in their entirety;
- Division II, Article I, Sections 1A to 17 in their entirety;
- Division III, Article I, Sections 1-7 in its entirety;
- Division III, Article III in its entirety;
- Division IV, Article I, Section 1 in its entirety;
- Division IV, Article I, Section 4 in its entirety;
- Division IV, Article I, Section 10 in its entirety;
- Division VIII Article I in its entirety;
- Division XII, Article 1, Section 1 in its entirety as printed in a document in the

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Office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Bylaw Review Committee.

**ARTICLE S15 – AMEND THE TOWN CHARTER**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Legislature for Special Legislation that amends the Wareham Home Rule Charter, Section 5-3, as shown in a document on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, titled 'Proposed Charter Change' by changing the date from **January 25**, to **February 28**, to read as follows:

**"Within a fixed time by by-law before the date on which the Town Meeting is to be held in the Spring of each year, and not later than February 28, every year, the Town Administrator, under the direction of the Select Board, shall submit to the Finance Committee a proposed budget for the ensuing fiscal year with an accompanying budget message and supporting documents."** or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board.

**ARTICLE S16 - AMEND THE TOWN BYLAWS FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's Bylaws, Division I, Article IV, Section 5, by changing the number **nine** to the number **seven**, to read as follows:

**"There shall be a Finance Committee of seven members, who shall hold no other town office in or be a permanent employee of the town."** or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Finance Committee.

**ARTICLE S17 – AMENDMENT TO WAREHAM WETLAND PROTECTIVE BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Wareham Wetland Protective By-law Division IV, Article 1, Section XIV – Regulations, which was adopted by the Town of Wareham during the April 26, 2004 Special Spring Town Meeting, by **deleting** the following language in paragraph one, "These Regulations shall be limited to administrative matters, including but not limited to procedures governing the amount and filing of fees, and the submittal requirements for application," or to take any action relative thereto.

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Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Conservation Commission and Agent.

**ARTICLE S18 – STATE MANDATED REAL ESTATE AND PERSONAL PROPERTY REVALUATION**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from overlay surplus or available funds, a sum of money necessary to complete a state mandated revaluation of all real estate and personal property in the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Director of Assessing.

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Given under our hands this 4<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year 2024.

WAREHAM SELECT BOARD

  
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Judith Whiteside, Chair

  
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Jared S. Chadwick, Clerk

  
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Alan H. Slavin

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Ronald S. Besse

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ATTEST:

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Constable of Wareham

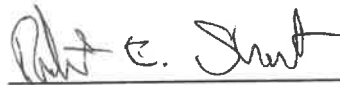
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Plymouth, S.S.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Wareham herein described, to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned by posting attested copies thereof upon the Town's principal bulletin board on or before Thursday April 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Date: 4/9/24



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Constable of Wareham

The original posting with return made was delivered to Lisa Johnson, Interim Town Clerk.

Date: 4/9/24



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Constable of Wareham

In accordance with the Wareham Charter, Article 2 - Legislative Branch - Section 2-4, Town Meeting Warrants, Item (d), I have hand delivered a copy of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting to be held on April 22, 2024 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. to the Town Moderator and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Date: 4/9/24



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Constable of Wareham