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# WAREHAM AT A GLANCE

**INCORPORATED:**  
July 10, 1739

**FIRST TOWN MEETING**  
August 6, 1739

**NEPINNAE KEKIT:**  
Summer Homes

**TYPE OF GOVERNMENT**  
Charter  
Open Town Meeting  
Town Administrator  
5 Part-time Select Board

**POPULATION**  
Winter: 23,151  
Summer: ~ 44,000

**REGISTERED VOTERS: 18225**  
**COUNTY: Plymouth**

**TOTAL AREA: 39.7 Square Miles**  
**WATERFRONT: 25,408 Acres - 54 Miles**

## VALUATION FISCAL YEAR 2023

Town Real Estate \$4,660,371,387  
Personal Property \$224,495,230  
Total Valuation: \$4,884,866,617

## TAX RATE FISCAL YEAR 2022

Town of Wareham \$9.23  
Wareham Fire District \$2.11  
Onset Fire District \$2.38

**CPA (Community Preservation Act) 3% CPA Surcharge:**

- 1) Commercial and industrial property
- 2) Residential property parcel value in excess of \$100,000

### State Representative

**Susan Williams Gifford**  
2nd Plymouth District  
Room 124, State House  
Boston, MA 02133

### State Senator

**Marc R. Pacheco**  
1st Plymouth District  
Room 312-B, State House  
Boston, MA 02133

### Representative in Congress

**William R. Keating**  
9th District  
50 Resnik Road, Suite 103  
Plymouth, MA 02360

### Senators in Congress

**Elizabeth Warren**  
2400 J.F.K. Federal Building  
15 New Sudbury Street  
Boston, MA 02203

**Edward J. Markey**  
975 J.F.K. Federal Building  
15 New Sudbury Street  
Boston, MA 02203

## *In Memoriam*

*This Wareham Town Report is dedicated to the memory of employees, retirees, and committee members of the Town of Wareham who passed away during the past fiscal year.*



<i>Kenneth R. Roche, Sr</i> 8/6/2022	<i>Craig C. Schluter</i> 10/26/2022
<i>Marilyn E. Lakin</i> 8/11/2022	<i>Robert Casey</i> 11/7/2022
<i>Michael A. Collins</i> 8/19/2022	<i>Douglas A. Mendes, Sr.</i> 11/15/2022
<i>Jo-Anne (Woollam) Lihzis</i> 8/21/2022	<i>Nancy Joy (Waggoner) Miller</i> 11/30/2022
<i>Frederico R. Medina, Jr.</i> 9/5/2022	<i>John Connolly, Jr</i> 12/3/2022
<i>Richard I. Crocker, Jr</i> 9/9/2022	<i>Arthur Sweetman</i> 12/14/2022
<i>ANTone (Tony) Semedo, Jr</i> 9/14/2022	<i>Paula L. Ewan</i> 12/20/2022
<i>Richard Allan Cowing</i> 9/29/2022	<i>Benjamin Frederick Hathaway</i> 12/28/2022
<i>Virginia D. Leach</i> 10/6/2022	<i>Dona A. Swinamer</i> 12/28/2022
<i>Mitchell E. Gonski, Sr.</i> 10/8/2022	<i>Barbara E. (Draper) Chaston</i> 1/16/2023
<i>Eugenia E. "Jeanne" (Fontes) Fernandes</i> 10/19/2022	<i>Edmund P. "Ed" Florindo, Jr</i> 4/12/2023
<i>Patricia M. Cullen</i> 10/24/2022	<i>Jean (Mennino) (Hastings) Shay</i> 4/27/2023
	<i>William C. Decas</i> 6/3/2023

## **Annual Report of the Wareham Select Board**

**July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The Town of Wareham has always demonstrated a very strong sense of Community, and this year continued that tradition. After several years of dealing with the pandemic, members of our Town came together in a variety of ways that demonstrate what a wonderful place Wareham is to live, to raise our families, to do business, and to visit.

Our Community takes care of its own. Meals or food were offered throughout the year at the First Congregational Church, the Church of the Good Shepherd, Onset Foursquare Church, Wesley United Methodist Church, the Council on Aging, and St. Patrick's Church. The YMCA offers a Community Market and Damien's Pantry offers food to members of the Southcoast community.

Over the holidays, the VFW offered Veteran's Dinners, Christmas events and Turkey giveaways, with turkeys donated by Walmart, Trade Roots, and Coast Cannabis. The COA offers a weekly coffee for our local Veterans. And our Police Department continued its annual holiday Stuff-a-Cruiser tradition with great success.

The Wareham High School Key Club continued its Litter Clean Up each semester on Minot Avenue, and the High School JROTC continued its Litter Clean Up on High Street in conjunction with Don't Trash Wareham.

Thanks to the generosity of the donation of land at 242 Marion Road by John, Katharina and the late William Decas, Damien's Pantry broke ground and is building its new food pantry, set to open in December 2023.

Due to the largesse of the A. D. Makepeace Company, the Wareham Fire Department has a new Utility Terrain Vehicle to transport patients from incidents either off-road or in remote areas of Town. The Company matched a donation of \$10,000 to the Wareham Library Foundation's Annual Bridge the Gap Campaign to help fund the Library's operation budget. ADM is also partnering with the Marion Institute to create the Neighborhood Farm at Frogfoot, a Farm to Food Relief Program—6 acres of farm where food will be grown and donated for those in need. And throughout the pandemic and continuing this year, the Company hosts regular blood drives in association with the American Red Cross.

Our local nonprofit organizations have been busy returning to pre-pandemic activities as well. The Onset Bay Association renewed a tradition with the return of the Harvest Moon Festival. The Fall of 2022 saw the Fireworks, a car show, craft vendors and other events. The OBA also has a full slate of events in 2023 with concerts, Illumination Night, the Sidewalk Chalk Fair with hope to continue these events on an annual basis. There was a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the Scotty Monteiro Jr. Basketball Court at Hammond School on July 30<sup>th</sup> 2022, with all-day activities to celebrate the event.

The Onset Bay Beautification Committee and the Wareham Garden Club continue to keep both Wareham Village and Onset Village beautiful throughout the seasons and deserve our continued thanks. Both of these entities are entirely self-funded and rely on donations from our community. The Friends of the Wareham Free Library continue to offer free books to children from birth to five years old through its Imagination Library Program. It also sponsors many of the programs at the

Library including concerts, lectures, storytellers, museum passes, and most of the Children's Summer Reading Program activities.

The Wareham Oyster Festival returned on Memorial Day Weekend with record-breaking crowds. The Swifts Beach Playground had its Grand Opening May 27<sup>th</sup> after volunteers and the Municipal Maintenance Department worked tirelessly to completely renovate the playground. Music from Land's End Wareham provided the community with an internationally renowned group of musicians, with free concerts, its tenth season of summer concerts.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, the long-awaited Dog Park Grand Opening took place. The Park, at 74 Maple Springs Road, is open thanks to the concerted effort of a group led by the Dog Park Affiliation of Wareham. This effort was a true collaboration of the Town and a private entity.

On June 17<sup>th</sup> the Town celebrated the opening of the Minot Forest Trails thanks to the hard work of the Department of Natural Resources and the Minot Forest Committee. The Department received a \$50,000 MassTrails Grant and \$8,500 in CPA funds to upgrade and improve the trails. Three trails were dedicated to former members of the Minot Forest Committee, Marjorie Teitelbaum, Anne Campbell, and Donald Hall.

We can't forget that the Wareham High School Vikings Boys Basketball won the State Championship this year! The hard work of the team, the coaches, the support of the parents, teachers, family and friends, made the season an exceptional one. The players received a Certificate of Recognition from the Select Board for their dedication and hard work.

And once again this past holiday, the Town engaged in a holiday tradition with Remembrance Trees. The program was expanded this year since it was so successful in its first year. 74 trees at Besse Park were purchased in the memory of loved ones at \$50 each. The proceeds were donated to Damien's Pantry. This year, 50 trees were provided to honor local veterans and the proceeds were donated to the Kendrick House. And the Onset Bay Association instituted trees at the Pier in Onset.

On the Government side, the Community also remains strong. In January of 2023, Governor Baker signed the bill authorizing the changes in the Home Rule Charter. The most obvious change is that the Board of Selectmen are now called the Select Board. And as required by the Charter, a By-Law Review Committee was appointed and is currently working on revising and updating the Town's by-laws.

The Town was awarded a Coastal Zone management grant for \$199,918 for the Main Street Flood Resiliency Project. Wareham also held an auction for several properties. The East Wareham School was sold to Head Start for \$500,000. The West Wareham School brought \$400,000 and the land that abuts that school sold for \$160,000. Previously the Everett School was sold for \$500,000. Under the law the proceeds of these sales must be reinvested in Town-owned buildings

On March 30, 2023 the Wareham Redevelopment Authority held "Showcase Wareham," at the Town Hall, an all-day event for small business and non-profits to introduce themselves. The successful event included performances by local musicians including Grace Morrison. The WRA intends to hold this event on an annual basis, to boost the visibility of all the Town's small business, as well as its charitable organizations.

In May, the Town election was held with only the Select Board race contested. Judith Whiteside and Tricia Wurts were re-elected to three-year terms. There were two new Sewer Commissioners elected, as the previous incumbents chose not to seek re-election. Michelle Bissonette, Town Clerk, chose to retire from the Town, and Debra Gremo was appointed to fill the position.

Wareham's Council on Aging has welcomed a new full-time Director, Sharon Rice, who has already brought energy and compassion, and a lot of new programs for our seniors. The Town also welcomed a new Conservation Agent, Joshua Faherty, and a new Building Commissioner, Paul Turner.

Construction has begun on the Littleton Drive project which encompasses 93 housing units: 44 senior affordable housing units, 39 family affordable housing units and 10 workforce affordable units. This Wareham Redevelopment Authority Project is expected to be completed by the summer of 2024. Massachusetts DOT will install a traffic light at Swifts Beach Road and Route 6 to regulate traffic.

Work continues on Cranberry Highway, along Routes 6 and 28, which is a project of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This drawn-out project has been inconvenient to residents and visitors alike. On the other hand, there has been an up-tick in private investment in new or enlarged businesses along 'the Strip.'

The Police Building Study Committee completed its work and presented its report at the Annual Town Meeting. At this time, the Town is unable to proceed with building a new building or refurbishing any existing building. It is clear that a 'new' station must continue to be one of our Town's most pressing needs. This capital expenditure may cost as much as 50 million dollars.

A major issue facing the Town is the failure of the sewer at Swifts Beach, which has also revealed many issues related to the WPCF plant that was built more than 50 years ago, had a major upgrade in 2005, and has undertaken smaller upgrades from time to time. Presently it appears there may need to be 36 million dollars of upgrades to the clarifiers and headwork.

In closing, the Select Board thanks our Community, the Town's employees, the Town's Boards, Committees, Authorities and Commissions, and the many volunteers, nonprofit organizations and residents, who have worked to make Wareham stronger during this year of recovery.

Sincerely,

Judith Whiteside, Chair  
Wareham Select Board

Jared S. Chadwick, Clerk  
Ronald S. Besse  
Alan H. Slavin  
Tricia A. Wurts

Office staff  
Linda Rush, Principal Department Assistant  
Karen Wilfert, Senior Department Assistant

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/select-board>

**Annual Report of the Town Clerk**

**July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham:

I am excited to be serving as the Town Clerk in Wareham. My first day in was June 5, 2023, and I look forward to meeting the residents and being a part of the Town of Wareham. Michele Bissonnette retired as of June 1, 2023. We want to thank her for her years of service to the Town of Wareham. Assistant Town Clerk, Donna Rhodes, retired this past year on May 18, 2023 after 20 years. Shayne Martin previously was the Senior Department Assistant and was promoted to her new role as Assistant Town Clerk.

The Town Clerk’s Office has been extremely busy with issuing certified copies of birth certificates for anyone needing to get their license renewed for the Real ID.

Anyone interested in becoming an election worker, please call our office or visit the Town Clerk’s web page at [wareham.ma.us](http://wareham.ma.us) to obtain an application. We are always looking for people to work the polls. 2024 is a Presidential Election Year and we will be extremely busy. The Secretary of State will be sending out the Vote by Mail postcards to all registered voters in January for any that wish to vote by mail.

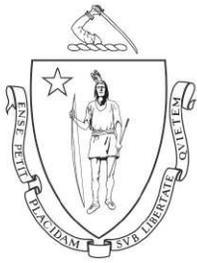
We look forward to a new year of health, teamwork and helping you here in the Town Clerk’s Office.

Respectfully submitted by:

Debra A. Gremo: Town Clerk

Shayne Martin: Assistant Town Clerk

<b>DOG LICENSES FOR FY 2023</b>		<b>FY 2022</b>	<b>FY 2023</b>
Total: 2167		7/1/21-6/30/22	7/1/22-6/30/23
	BIRTHS:	157	180
<b>KENNELS:</b>	MARRIAGES:	110	109
Small        0	DEATHS:	467	442
Hobby        5			
Commercial  4			



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
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August 29, 2022

Michele Bissonnette, Town Clerk  
Town of Wareham  
54 Marion Road  
Wareham, MA 02571

**Re: Wareham Special Town Meeting of April 25, 2022 -- Case # 10603**  
**Warrant Article # S15 (Zoning)**  
**Warrant Article # S12 (General)**

Dear Ms. Bissonnette:

**Article S12** - We approve Article S12 from the April 25, 2022 Wareham Special Town Meeting.

**Article S15** - The Attorney General's deadline for a decision on Article S15 is extended for an additional 90 days under the authority conferred by G.L. c. 40, § 32, as amended by Chapter 299 of the Acts of 2000. The agreement with Town Counsel for a 90-day extension is attached hereto. We will issue our decision on Article S15 on or before **November 29, 2022**.

**Note:** Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) **general** by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) **zoning** by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

Very truly yours,

MAURA HEALEY  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

*Margaret J. Hurley*

by: Margaret J. Hurley, Assistant Attorney General  
Chief, Central Massachusetts Division  
Director, Municipal Law Unit  
Ten Mechanic Street, Suite 301  
Worcester, MA 01608  
(508) 792-7600 x 4402

cc: Town Counsel Richard Bowen

## Office

## State Primary Sept 6, 2022

	<b>Governor</b>			<b>Councillor</b>	
R	Diehl, Geoff	725		D Ferreira, Joseph	1678
R	Dougherty, Chris	564			
D	Chang-Diaz, Sonia	275		<b>Senator in Gen Court</b>	
D	Healey, Maura	1776			
	<b>Lt Governor</b>			R Collins, Maria	1034
				D Pacheco, Marc	1805
				<b>Rep in General Court</b>	
R	Allen, Leah	652			
R	Campanale, Kate	559			
D	Driscoll, Kim	1010		R Gifford, Susan	1091
D	Gouveia, Tami	376			
D	Lesser, Eric	572		<b>District Attorney</b>	
	<b>Atty General</b>			R Cruz, Timothy	1093
				D Hall, Rahshan	1621
R	McMahon III, James	1117			
D	Campbell, Andrea	853		<b>Sheriff</b>	
D	Liss-Reordan	831			
D	Palfrey, Quentin	328		R McDonald, Joseph	1080
	<b>Secretary of State</b>			<b>County Commissioner</b>	
R	Campbell, Rayla	1061		R Wright, Sandra	1053
D	Galvin, William	1624		D DaSilva, Carlos	838
D	Sullivan, Tanisha	422		D Bezanson, Alex	975
	<b>County Treasurer</b>				
D	Goldberg, Deborah	1790			
	<b>Auditor</b>				
R	Amore, Anthony	1021			
D	Dempsey, Christopher	698			
D	Dizoglio, Diana	1219			
	<b>Rep in Congress</b>				
R	Brown, Jessie	642			
R	Sullivan, Dan	548			
D	Keating, Bill	1861			

FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
TOWN OF WAREHAM  
OCTOBER 24, 2022

WAREHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
63 MINOT AVENUE  
WAREHAM, MA

7:00 PM

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PLYMOUTH, SS

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 at Wareham Elementary School, 63 Minot Ave, Wareham, MA on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1 - APPROVE AND FUND FY23 CAPITAL PLAN**

To see if the Town will vote to 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 improvement projects including replacement of vehicles, equipment, repairs to and improvements to town buildings, facilities, streetlights and waterways as presented in the Administration Capital Plan, or to take any action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 2 - TRANSFER OF FREE CASH**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Certified Free Cash to the Plymouth County OPEB Trust Fund, Plymouth County Retirement, Stabilization Fund, Collective Bargaining Reserve, Emergency Management, Derelict/Tax Title Properties, Unemployment Reserve and General Insurance or to take any other action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 3 - PRIOR YEAR BILLS & DEFICITS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or by any combination of the foregoing, a sum of money to pay unpaid bills and deficits of prior fiscal years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 4 - 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 Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

**ARTICLE 5 - UNION CONTRACTS**

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

- A. AFSCME Council 93 AFL-CIO Local 30 Wareham Library Employees;
- B. Massachusetts Labor's Public Employees Council Union 1249 of the Labor's International Union of North America Wareham Clerical Union;
- C. Massachusetts Labor's Public Employees Council Union 1249 of the Labor's International Union of North America Wareham Municipal Maintenance Department and Town Custodians Union;
- D. Massachusetts Labor's Public Employees Council Union 1249 of the Labor's International Union of North America Wareham Foreman's Union;
- E. Wareham Professional Firefighters EMT Association, IAFF, Local 2895;
- F. Wareham Dispatchers Union, NEPBA;
- G. Wareham Police Union, MCOP Local 423;

or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 6 – OCCASIONAL REPORTS**

To receive and hear reports from committees who deem it necessary, or to do or act in any other matter relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 7 - RETURN UNUSED FUNDS FROM CANCELLED PROJECT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$200,000.00 to the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds account from the Tremont Nail Freight Building Restoration project unexpended funds which were approved at the 2018 Special Spring Town Meeting (Article 8) or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 8 - TREMONT NAIL REMEDIATION PROJECT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds, or any other monies available in the Community Preservation Act Fund under the category of Historic Preservation, the sum of \$146,250.00, for the Long Term Debt Principal (\$130,000.00) and Interest (\$16,250.00), and the sum of \$80,958.99, for the Short Term Debt Principal (\$76,000.00) and Interest (\$4,958.99) on the bond approved at the 2018 Fall Town Meeting (Article 11), for the cleanup of contamination at the Tremont Nail Factory site, total payment from CPA undesignated fund is \$227,208.99, or to take any action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 9 - 2021 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND RESERVES ADJUSTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Undesignated Funds the amount of \$21,800.00 to Affordable Housing Reserve or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 10 - LITTLE HARBOR COUNTRY CLUB LAND ACQUISITION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds, or any other monies available in the Community Preservation Act Fund under the category of Open Space, the sum of \$139,051.11, for the Long Term Debt Principal (\$100,000.00) and Interest (\$39,051.11) payments on the bond approved at the 2/23/22 Special Town Meeting (Article 1), for the acquisition of 54 acres including the Little Harbor Country Club or to take any action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 11 - WATERWAYS RULES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town's General Bylaws by deleting, in its entirety, Division IV, Article 1, Sections 2, 2A and 2B; and further to insert a new Division XIII, Article 1, Titled Waterways Rules: a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or to take any other action thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Harbormaster

**ARTICLE 12 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT-PATROL BOAT OUTBOARD MOTORS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$23,000.00 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 Board of Selectmen at the request of the Harbormaster

**ARTICLE 13 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT-ONSET PIER FLOATING DOCKS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$58,750.00 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 Board of Selectmen at the request of the Harbormaster

**ARTICLE 14 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT-PATROL BOAT UHF COMMUNICATION & OTHER REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$37,000.00 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 Board of Selectmen at the request of the Harbormaster

**ARTICLE 15 - ENGINEERING COST FOR WPCF PROJECT – CLARIFIER UPGRADES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer \$2,000,000 (2 million) from available funds and authorize borrowing subject to MGL Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of developing engineering plans for capital improvement project for secondary clarifier upgrades/replace, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Sewer Commissioners

**ARTICLE 16 - ENGINEERING COST FOR WPCF PROJECT - HEADWORKS**

OCTOBER 24, 2022  
FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer \$2,000,000 (2 million) from available funds and authorize borrowing subject to MGL Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of developing engineering plans for a capital improvement project to replace the headworks or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Sewer Commissioners

**ARTICLE 17 - ENGINEERING COST FOR WPCF PROJECT – SWIFT’S BEACH SMITH ST LINES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer \$2,000,000 (2 million) from available funds and authorize borrowing subject to MGL Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of developing engineering plans for the conversion of gravity sewer lines to low-pressure sewer lines that feed to the Swifts Beach’s Smith Street pump station, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Sewer Commissioners

**ARTICLE 18 - RESCIND ARTICLE FOR LINE FORCE MAIN FROM NARROWS TO WPCF**

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1380 NON-CONFORMING LOTS

1381 Existing lots lawfully laid out by plan or deed which complied at the time of layout with applicable provisions of zoning by-laws, if any, may be built upon for single or two family residential purposes, provided that:

1. Said lots have at least 5000 square feet, 50 feet of frontage, and were not held in common ownership and/or control after November 19, 1951.
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3. The buildings to be located thereon are to be set back equal to the setback in effect at the time of lot creation or endorsement. For lots laid out prior to November 19, 1951, structures must meet the **setback zoning** requirements of the first published regulation in effect for the applicable zoning district.
4. Said lots are buildable under other applicable state and local regulations i.e. Conservation, Health, Fire, etc.
5. If said lots are shown on a subdivision plan as defined in Subdivision Control Law, and have been approved by the Planning Board, said lots must be in compliance with all applicable sections of M.G.L. Ch. 40A, Ch. 41, and all of the aforementioned provisions noted in this By-law.

or take other action relative thereto.

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Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Planning Director

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To see if the Town of Wareham (the "Town") will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for the boiler replacement project at Wareham High School, 7 Viking Dr., Wareham, MA 02571, which proposed repair project would

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materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town has applied for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the Town to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.

Inserted by the Board of Selectman at the request of the Superintendent of Public Schools

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Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Superintendent of Public Schools

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To see if the Town will vote to approve and accept the recommendations of the Decas School Steering Committee as presented and authorize such action by the Town Administrator as is required to implement the committee's recommendations. If any section or part of a section, provision or application of this warrant article is to be determined illegal, invalid or unenforceable and / or unconstitutional, such determination shall not affect the validity of any other section, provision or application of this warrant article which is operable without the offending section, provision or application.

Inserted by Jonathan Dallmeyer et al.

**ARTICLE 30 - HEAR THE REPORT OF THE DECAS SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will hear the Report of the Decas Steering Committee.

Inserted by Jonathan Dallmeyer et al.

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You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof on or before September 26, 2022 upon the principle town bulletin board outside of the Town Clerk's office.

Hereof fail not and make sure due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 20<sup>th</sup> day of September in the year 2022.

**WAREHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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Judith Whiteside, Chair

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Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk

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Ronald S. Besse

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Jared S. Chadwick

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Alan H. Slavin

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A True Copy

ATTEST:

DATE:

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Constable of Wareham

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 within the Town on or before September 26, 2022.

DATE:

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Constable of Wareham

The original posting with return made was delivered to Michele Bissonnette, Town Clerk.

DATE:

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Constable of Wareham

In accordance with the Wareham Charter, Article 2 - Legislative Branch - Section 2-4(d) Town Meeting Warrants, I have hand delivered a copy of the Warrant for the Annual Fall Town Meeting to be held on October 24, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. to the Town Moderator and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

DATE:

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Constable of Wareham

**FALL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF WAREHAM  
OCTOBER 24, 2022**

WAREHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
63 MINOT AVENUE  
WAREHAM, MA

Town meeting was called to order by Moderator Margaret Ishihara at Wareham Elementary School, 63 Minot Ave, Wareham, MA on Monday, October 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1 - APPROVE AND FUND FY23 CAPITAL PLAN**

I move that the Town vote to authorize a lease purchase financing agreement in the amount of \$450,000 under G.L. c. 44, § 21C for a maximum term of three years and transfer \$225,000 from the Town’s Stabilization Fund to fund the capital purchases as stated below:

Dpt.	Description	Cost	Funding Source
Police Dept.	Purchase with Equipment 7 vehicles	\$450,000	Lease Purchase 3 year agreement funded through the WPD Capital Line
Municipal Maintenance	Upgrade, repair and replace streetlights and period lights	\$225,000	Stabilization Fund

**Motion approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE 2 - TRANSFER OF FREE CASH**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Certified Free Cash to the Plymouth County OPEB Trust Fund, Plymouth County Retirement, Stabilization Fund, Collective Bargaining Reserve, Emergency Management, Derelict/Tax Title Properties, Unemployment Reserve and General Insurance or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Passed over in Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 3 - PRIOR YEAR BILLS & DEFICITS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or by any combination of the foregoing, a sum of money to pay unpaid bills and deficits of prior fiscal years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Passed over in Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 4 - PEG ACCESS RECEIPTS TO WAREHAM COMMUNITY TV**

I move that the Town vote to transfer \$287,780.88 from the PEG Access Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account to Wareham Community Television (WCTV).

**Approved in Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 5 - UNION CONTRACTS**

I move that the Town approve and fund the collective bargaining agreement between the Town of Wareham and:

B. Massachusetts Laborer's Public Employees Council Union 1249 of the Labor's International Union of North America, Wareham Clerical Union;

C. Massachusetts Labor's Public Employees Council Union 1249 of the Laborer's International Union of North America, Wareham Municipal Maintenance Department and Town Custodians

**Motion approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE 6 – OCCASIONAL REPORTS**

Motion to hear reports from Decas School Steering Committee and Police Building Study Committee.

**Approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE 7 - RETURN UNUSED FUNDS FROM CANCELLED PROJECT**

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To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$200,000.00 to the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds account from the Tremont Nail Freight Building Restoration project unexpended funds which were approved at the 2018 Special Spring Town Meeting (Article 8) or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

**Approved in Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 8 - TREMONT NAIL REMEDIATION PROJECT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds, or any other monies available in the Community Preservation Act Fund under the category of Historic Preservation, the sum of \$146,250.00, for the Long Term Debt Principal (\$130,000.00) and Interest (\$16,250.00), and the sum of \$80,958.99, for the Short Term Debt Principal (\$76,000.00) and Interest (\$4,958.99) on the bond approved at the 2018 Fall Town Meeting (Article 11), for the cleanup of contamination at the Tremont Nail Factory site, total payment from CPA undesignated fund is \$227,208.99, or to take any action relative thereto.

**Approved in Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 9 - 2021 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND RESERVES  
ADJUSTMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Undesignated Funds the amount of \$21,800.00 to Affordable Housing Reserve or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

**Approved in Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 10 - LITTLE HARBOR COUNTRY CLUB LAND ACQUISITION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds, or any other monies available in the Community Preservation Act Fund under the category of Open Space, the sum of \$139,051.11, for the Long Term Debt Principal (\$100,000.00) and Interest (\$39,051.11) payments on the bond approved at the 2/23/22 Special Town Meeting (Article 1), for the acquisition of 54 acres including the Little Harbor Country Club or to take any action relative thereto.

**Approved in Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 11 - WATERWAYS RULES**

I move that the Town approve the bylaw as printed in the Finance Committee Report, but with the following correction section 109.0 should read: VESSELS LEFT ON TOWN OF WAREHAM PROPERTY, BEACH, OR SHORELINE, PUBLIC DINGHY DOCKS.

**Motion approved by declared voice majority**

**ARTICLE 12 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT-PATROL BOAT OUTBOARD MOTORS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$23,000.00 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.

**Approved in Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 13 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT-ONSET PIER FLOATING DOCKS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$58,750.00 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.

**Approved in Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 14 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT-PATROL BOAT UHF COMMUNICATION & OTHER REPAIRS, REPLACEMENTS AND MAINTENANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$37,000.00 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.

**Motion approved unanimously**

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ARTICLE 15 – ENGINEERING COST FOR WPCF PROJECT

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000,000 (2 million dollars) for the purpose of developing engineering plans for a capital improvement project for secondary clarifier upgrades/replacement, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(7) or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor.

**Motion approved unanimously**

ARTICLE 16 – ENGINEERING COST FOR WPCF PROJECT - HEADWORKS

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000,000 (2 million dollars) for the purpose of developing engineering plans for a capital improvement project to replace the headworks, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(7) or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor.

**Motion approved unanimously**

ARTICLE 17 – ENGINEERING COST FOR WPCF PROJECT – SWIFT’S BEACH SMITH ST LINES

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$2,000,000 (2 million dollars) for the purpose of developing engineering plans for the conversion of gravity sewer lines to low-pressure sewer lines that feed to the Swifts Beach’s Smith Street pump station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(7) or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor.

**Motion approved unanimously**

ARTICLE 18 - RESCIND ARTICLE FOR LINE FORCE MAIN FROM NARROWS TO WPCF

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**Motion approved unanimously**

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I move that that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,000,000 (Six Million Dollars) to pay for the capital improvement project to line the force main sewer line from the Narrows pump station to the WPCF, a distance of approximately 1.9 miles, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1), §8(14) or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor. All or any portion of the borrowing authorized by this vote may be obtained through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to G.L. c. 29C.

**Motion approved unanimously**

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requirements in effect as of January 1, 1976. This protection is available to not more than three adjoining lots.

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**Motion approved unanimously**

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**Motion approved unanimously**

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or take any action relative thereto.

Motion was made to send to Board of Health for further study

Motion defeated by voice vote majority

**Motion approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE 24 - ZONING BY-LAWS FOR SIGNS**

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9. Window signs shall not exceed more than 25% of the total window glass area of the wall of each business facing each street or parking lot in which they are displayed.

or take any action relative thereto.

Motion was made to amend to the version below:

I move to amend the Wareham Zoning By Laws by adding under Article 11, Section 1172, the following:

“Signs shall not exceed more than 25% of the glass area of any window or door of a business.”

Motion approved by declared 2/3's voice vote

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Pulled in Consent Agenda

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**Motion approved unanimously**

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I move that the town appropriate the amount of \$1,500,000 (one million five hundred thousand dollars) for the purpose of replacing a portion the Wareham Middle School roof, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or pursuant to any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor.

Motion approved unanimously

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Inserted by Sam Corbitt et al.

Motion was made for no action. Motion failed by voice vote.

**Main motion approved by declared majority voice vote**

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of this warrant article which is operable without the offending section, provision or application.

Inserted by Jonathan Dallmeyer et al.

Motion made to move the question was approved by declared 2/3's voice vote

**Main motion failed YES 55 No 65**

**ARTICLE 30 - HEAR THE REPORT OF THE DECAS SCHOOL STEERING COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will hear the Report of the Decas Steering Committee.

Inserted by Jonathan Dallmeyer et al.

**See Article 6**

Motion made and seconded to end Town Meeting.

Meeting dissolved October 24, 2022

Respectfully Submitted by:

Michele Bissonnette  
Town Clerk

## November 8, 2022 State Election Tally Sheet

November 8, 2022 State Election Tally Sheet							
						# Registered Voters: 8889	48%
						# Ballots Cast: 9011	
Race	Candidate Name	Party	ImageCast		Hand Counted Aux. Compartment	Total of ALL Ballots Cast	
<b>GOVERNOR and LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR</b>							
	Diehl and Allen	R	4050		22		4072
	Healy and Driscoll	D	4649		75		4724
	Reed and Everett	L	158		4		162
	Write-in		7		0		7
	Blanks		44		2		46
						<b>TOTAL</b>	9011
<b>ATTORNEY GENERAL</b>							
	Andrea Joy Campbell	D	4277		70		4347
	James R. McMahon, III	R	4492		30		4522
	Write-in		13		0		13
	Blanks		126		3		129
						<b>TOTAL</b>	9011
<b>SECRETARY OF STATE</b>							
	William Francis Galvin	D	5139		79		5218
	Rayla Campbell	R	3493		17		3510
	Juan Sanchez	G	175		2		177
	Write-in		3		0		3
	Blanks		98		5		103
						<b>TOTAL</b>	9011
<b>TREASURER</b>							
	Deborah B. Goldberg	D	5323		78		5401
	Christina Crawford	L	2488		13		2501
	Write-in		78		0		78
	Blanks		1019		12		1031
						<b>TOTAL</b>	9011
<b>AUDITOR</b>							
	Anthony Amore	R	4000		26		4026
	Diana DiZoglio	D	3855		59		3914
	Gloria A. Caballero-Roca	G	160		1		161
	Dominic Giannone, III	WP	234		7		241
	Daniel Riek	L	266		3		269
	Write-in		7		0		7
	Blanks		386		7		393
						<b>TOTAL</b>	9011
<b>REP. IN CONGRESS</b>							
	Bill Keating	D	4843		76		4919
	Jesse G. Brown	R	3878		21		3899
	Write-in		10		0		10
	Blanks		177		6		183
						<b>TOTAL</b>	9011
<b>COUNCILLOR</b>							
	Joseph C. Ferreira	D	5961		76		6037
	Write-in		261		0		261
	Blanks		2686		27		2713
						<b>TOTAL</b>	9011
<b>SEN. IN GENERAL COURT</b>							
	Marc R. Pacheco	D	4888		75		4963
	Maria S. Collins	R	3797		19		3816
	Write-in		10		0		10
	Blanks		213		9		222
						<b>TOTAL</b>	9011
<b>REP. IN GENERAL COURT</b>							
							0
	Susan Williams Gifford	R	6687		61		6748
	Write-in		172		1		173
	Blanks		2049		41		2090
						<b>TOTAL</b>	9011
<b>DISTRICT ATTORNEY</b>							
	Timothy J. Cruz	R	5331		42		5373
	Rahsaan Hall	D	3311		53		3364
	Write-in		7		0		7
	Blanks		259		8		267
						<b>TOTAL</b>	9011
<b>SHERIFF</b>							
	Joseph Daniel McDonald, Jr		6391		53		6444

Race	Candidate Name	Party	ImageCast	Hand Counted Aux. Compartment	Total of ALL Ballots Cast
Write-in			157	1	158
Blanks			2360	49	2409
					<b>TOTAL</b> 9011
<b>COUNTY COMMISSIONER</b>					
	Sandra M. Wright	R	4763	32	4795
	Alex A. Bezanson	D	3740	61	3801
Write-in			8	0	8
Blanks			397	10	407
					<b>TOTAL</b> 9011
<b>REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>					
	DAVID P. SAMPSON		6030	58	6088
Write-in			66	0	66
Blanks			2812	45	2857
					<b>TOTAL</b> 9011
<b>REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>					
	Thomas Paul Corriveau		5720	56	5776
Write-in			60	0	60
Blanks			3128	47	3175
					<b>TOTAL</b> 9011
<b>REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>					
	Michael C. Degan		5719	57	5776
Write-in			56	0	56
Blanks			3133	46	3179
					<b>TOTAL</b> 9011
<b>REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>					
	Dominic A. Cammarano, Jr.		6060	58	6118
Write-in			68	0	68
Blanks			2780	45	2825
					<b>TOTAL</b> 9011
<b>QUESTION 1</b>					
	YES		4054	64	4118
	NO		4535	34	4569
Blanks			319	5	324
					<b>TOTAL</b> 9011
<b>QUESTION 2</b>					
	YES		5625	75	5700
	NO		2894	24	2918
Blanks			389	4	393
					<b>TOTAL</b> 9011
<b>QUESTION 3</b>					
	YES		3055	46	3101
	NO		5428	49	5477
Blanks			425	8	433
					<b>TOTAL</b> 9011
<b>QUESTION 4</b>					
	YES		3570	57	3627
	NO		4988	39	5027
Blanks			350	7	357
					<b>TOTAL</b> 9011



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November 29, 2022

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54 Marion Road  
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**Re: Wareham Special Town Meeting of April 25, 2022 -- Case # 10603  
Warrant Article # S15 (Zoning)  
Warrant Article # S12 (General)**

Dear Ms. Bissonnette:

**Article S15** - We are placing Article S15 on **HOLD** because the materials submitted by the Town did not include all of the information necessary for our review of this Article as required by G.L. c. 40, § 32 and c. 40A, § 5. We require the following documents:

**Form 2** - You have not included a complete and certified copy of the by-law text adopted by Town Meeting under Article S15. We require a certified copy of the vote under Article S15 that includes all of the text adopted at Town Meeting.

**Form 7** - We require a completed Form 7. The submitted Form 7 is blank for the requested dates on lines #1, #2 and #12 and blank on line #11 regarding the Planning Board Report with Recommendations. In addition, if on line #11 the Planning Board provided a written report to Town Meeting, we require a copy of the report as attachment # 5.

Once we receive the requested documents, our 90-day review period for Article S15 will continue. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

**Note:** Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) general by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) zoning by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

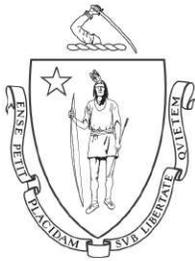
Very truly yours,

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February 16, 2023

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**Re: Wareham Fall Annual Town Meeting of October 24, 2022 -- Case # 10785**  
**Warrant Articles # 21, 22, 23, 24, 25 (Zoning)**  
**Warrant Article # 11 (General)**

Dear Ms. Bissonnette:

**Articles 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25** - We approve Articles 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 from the October 24, 2022 Fall Annual Town Meeting. Our comments regarding Article 23 are provided below.

**Article 11** - In an agreement filed with the Town on January 30, 2023, the Attorney General's deadline for a decision on Article 11 was extended for an additional thirty days as authorized by G.L. c. 40, § 32. We will issue our decision on Article 11 on or before **March 22, 2023**.

**Article 23** - Under Article 23 the Town voted to amend the zoning by-laws by "voting to reaffirm the moratorium on Marijuana Social Consumption Establishments" for one-year. We approve Article 23 because it appears to be adopted for a legitimate planning purpose and otherwise poses no conflict with state law. *Amherst v. Attorney General*, 398 Mass. 793, 795-96 (1986) (requiring inconsistency with state law or the constitution for the Attorney General to disapprove a by-law).

In this decision, we briefly describe Article 23 and the Attorney General's limited standard of review of town by-laws under G.L. c. 40, § 32, and explain why, based on that standard, we approve Article 23.

**I. Summary of Article 23**

Under Article 23, the Town voted to amend the zoning by-laws to "reaffirm" a one-year moratorium on Marijuana Social Consumption Establishments, as follows:

[A]mend the Zoning By-Laws, by voting to reaffirm the moratorium on Marijuana Social Consumption Establishments, given that the conditions for the first moratorium adopted October 19 and ended on October 2020 have not changed, and to so approve

the following text:

399. Because the State program development for cannabis business is on-going and State regulations have not been finalized, a one-year moratorium on issuance of any permits for Social Consumption marijuana establishments shall be in force from the date of Town Meeting vote.

We approved the original one-year moratorium on Social Consumption marijuana establishments adopted at the October 28, 2019 Fall Town Meeting under Article 19. See Decision on Case # 9659. The original moratorium expired on October 28, 2020.

The Town has now voted to impose a new one-year moratorium (through October 24, 2023) on permits for Social Consumption marijuana establishments “[b]ecause the State program development for cannabis business is on-going and State regulations have not been finalized.” Article 23.

## **II. Attorney General’s Standard of Review of Zoning By-laws**

Our review of Article 23 is governed by G.L. c. 40, § 32. Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, the Attorney General has a “limited power of disapproval,” and “[i]t is fundamental that every presumption is to be made in favor of the validity of municipal by-laws.” Amherst, 398 Mass. at 795-96. The Attorney General does not review the policy arguments for or against the enactment. Id. at 798-99 (“Neither we nor the Attorney General may comment on the wisdom of the town’s by-law.”) Rather, to disapprove a by-law (or any portion thereof), the Attorney General must cite an inconsistency between the by-law and the state Constitution or laws. Id. at 796. “As a general proposition the cases dealing with the repugnancy or inconsistency of local regulations with State statutes have given considerable latitude to municipalities, requiring a sharp conflict between the local and State provisions before the local regulation has been held invalid.” Bloom v. Worcester, 363 Mass. 136, 154 (1973).

Article 23, as an amendment to the Town’s zoning by-laws, must be accorded deference. W.R. Grace & Co. v. Cambridge City Council, 56 Mass. App. Ct. 559, 566 (2002) (“With respect to the exercise of their powers under the Zoning Act, we accord municipalities deference as to their legislative choices and their exercise of discretion regarding zoning orders.”). When reviewing zoning by-laws for consistency with the Constitution or laws of the Commonwealth, the Attorney General’s standard of review is equivalent to that of a court. “[T]he proper focus of review of a zoning enactment is whether it violates State law or constitutional provisions, is arbitrary or unreasonable, or is substantially unrelated to the public health, safety or general welfare.” Durand v. IDC Bellingham, LLC, 440 Mass. 45, 57 (2003). “If the reasonableness of a zoning bylaw is even ‘fairly debatable, the judgment of the local legislative body responsible for the enactment must be sustained.’” Id. at 51 (quoting Crall v. City of Leominster, 362 Mass. 95, 101 (1972)). However, a municipality has no power to adopt a zoning by-law that is “inconsistent with the constitution or laws enacted by the [Legislature].” Home Rule Amendment, Mass. Const. amend. art. 2, § 6.

## **III. Social Consumption Marijuana Establishments**

Social Consumption Establishments are regulated under G.L. c. 94G, § 3 (b) which requires a town to affirmatively authorize social consumption establishments. On August 11, 2022, the

Governor signed Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022, that amends the process in Section 3 (b) for authorizing social consumption establishments as follows:

SECTION 9. Section 3 of said chapter 94G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out subsection (b) and inserting in place thereof the following subsection:-

(b)(1) For the purposes of this subsection, the following words shall, unless the context clearly requires otherwise, have the following meanings:

“Ballot question committee”, as defined in section 1 of chapter 55.

“Registrars”, as defined in section 1 of chapter 50.

(2) The city council of a city and the board of selectmen or town council of a town shall, upon the filing with the city or town clerk of a petition meeting the requirements of this subsection, request that the question of whether to allow, in the city or town, the sale of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises where sold, be submitted to the voters of the city or town.

The petition shall be on a form prepared by the state secretary, signed by not less than 10 per cent of the number of voters of the city or town who voted at the preceding biennial state election and submitted in a timely manner, after filing the petition with the city or town clerk, to the board of registrars or election commissioners. The board of registrars or election commissioners shall certify the signature of registered voters not more than 7 days after receipt of the petition. Upon certification of the signatures, the following question, and a fair and concise summary of the question to be prepared by the city solicitor or town counsel, shall be placed on the ballot for the next regularly occurring municipal or state election in the city or town:

“Shall [city or town] allow the sale of marijuana and marijuana products, as those terms are defined in section 1 of chapter 94G of the General Laws, for consumption on the premises where sold, a summary of which appears below?”

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the question shall appear on the ballot for the next regularly occurring municipal election if the election is to be held not less than 35 days after certification. To appear on the ballot for the next regularly occurring biennial state election, the city or town clerk shall provide notice, including the ballot question and summary, to the state secretary not later than the first Wednesday in August before the election.

If a majority of the votes cast in the city or town are in favor of allowing the consumption of marijuana or marijuana products on the premises where sold, such city or town shall have authorized the consumption of marijuana and marijuana products on the premises where sold.

(3) As an alternative to a local voter initiative petition process under paragraph (2), a city or town may, by ordinance or by-law, allow the consumption of marijuana or marijuana products on the premises where sold. No local voter initiative shall be required if the sale of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises is authorized by local law.

(4) A ballot question committee organized to favor or oppose a question placed on the ballot pursuant to paragraph (2) of this subsection shall comply with applicable guidance and regulations issued by the office of campaign and political finance for municipal ballot question committees.

The current version of the CCC regulations contains detailed definitions and other information regarding the Social Consumption Establishment Pilot Program (see, e.g., 935 CMR §§ 500.002, 500.050 (6)(b) and 500.050(6)(c)) and the CCC may issue additional guidance or rules regarding the Program application mechanism in the future.

#### **IV. Analysis of the Temporary Moratorium**

A temporary moratorium is within a town’s power when there is a stated need for “study, reflection and decision on a subject matter of [some] complexity...” W.R. Grace, 56 Mass. App. Ct. at 569 (City’s temporary moratorium on building permits in two districts was within City’s authority to zone for public purposes). The Supreme Judicial Court’s holding in Zuckerman v. Hadley, 442 Mass. 511, 520-521 (2004) is a useful guardrail for towns considering the adoption of moratoria: “Except when used to give communities breathing room for periods reasonably necessary for the purposes of growth planning generally, or resource problem solving specifically, as determined by the specific circumstances of each case, such [moratorium] zoning ordinances do not serve a permissible public purpose, and are therefore unconstitutional.” Id., 442 Mass. at 520-521 (citing Sturges v. Chilmark, 380 Mass. 246, 257 (1980)). Towns must show that a by-law creating a moratorium “has some reasonable prospect of a tangible benefit to the community” and that there was a “reasonable basis” for the by-law. Sturges, 380 Mass. at 257. However, a town is not required to conduct studies before adopting a temporary moratorium or to memorialize all the factors that may lead to a town’s decision on a zoning by-law. W.R. Grace, 56 Mass. at 569.

The moratorium adopted under Article 23 appears to be adopted for a legitimate planning purpose. The Planning Board’s explanation for the article is that “[t]he State has not advanced the licensing standards for a marijuana café, so we are postponing any action for another year while we wait for the State regulations to be adopted.” See Planning Board’s Motion and Explanation to Town Meeting. Given the recent changes to G.L. c. 94G, § 3 (b), as amended by Chapter 180 of the Acts of 2022, as well as the need for the Town to decide whether they wish to authorize the use of social consumption establishments under G.L. c. 94G, § 3 (b), it appears that the Town is utilizing the moratorium for the proper purpose of “study, reflection and decision on a subject matter of [some] complexity...” W.R. Grace, 56 Mass. App. Ct. at 569 (City’s temporary moratorium on building permits in two districts was within City’s authority to zone for public purposes). The moratorium is limited in time (until October 23, 2023) and scope (permits for social consumption marijuana establishments) and does not present the problem of a rate-of-development by-law of unlimited duration which the Zuckerman court determined was unconstitutional. Id.

Because the moratorium appears to be adopted for a legitimate planning purpose, we approve it. However, the Town should consult with Town Counsel to ensure that the planning efforts continue to be carried out in a timely way so that the moratorium period is used for its intended purpose: “to give communities breathing room for periods reasonably necessary for the purposes of growth planning generally, or resource problem solving specifically, as determined by the specific circumstances of each case.” Zuckerman, 442 Mass. at 520-521.

**Note:** Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) general by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) zoning by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

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W A R R A N T

ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF WAREHAM

APRIL 24, 2023  
(GENERAL BUSINESS PORTION)

WAREHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
63 MINOT AVENUE  
WAREHAM, MA 02571

7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

MAY 2, 2023  
(ELECTION)

DESIGNATED POLL LOCATIONS      8:00 O'CLOCK A.M. to 8:00 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 Town Meeting shall commence on April 24, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at the Wareham Elementary School Cafetorium, 63 Minot Avenue, Wareham, MA at which time the general business of the Town shall be transacted to meet and act upon the articles below; following the conclusion of which the meeting shall be adjourned until the commencement of the Annual Town Election for Town Officers designated in the official ballot on May 2, 2023 at 8:00 o'clock a.m., said Election to take place in: **Precinct 1:** Wareham Town Hall, 54 Marion Road, Wareham; **Precinct 2 and Precinct 3:** Ethel E. Hammond Elementary School, 13 Highland Avenue, Onset; **Precinct 4 and Precinct 5:** Redmen Hall, 745 Main Street, West Wareham; **Precinct 6:** Wareham Town Hall, 54 Marion Road, Wareham on Tuesday, with dissolution of Town Meeting taking place at the end of the Election on May 2, 2023 at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

**ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

To choose the following officers: two Select Board members for a term of three (3) years, two Assessors for a term of three (3) years, two School Committee members for a term of three (3) years, one Housing Authority member for a term of five (5) years, one Constable for a term of three (3) years, one Sewer User Commissioner for a term of three (3) years, one At-Large Sewer Commissioner for a term of three (3) years, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board

APRIL 24, 2023  
SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

**ARTICLE 2 - RECURRING BUSINESS**

- A. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 Select Board

- B. To see if the Town will authorize its Town Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements for fiscal year 2024 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board

- C. To see if the Town will vote to expend interest earned from loan repayments made between the Town of Wareham and Wareham residential property owners as authorized under Chapter 111, Section 127B1/2 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws for use for the administration of the Septic Loan Program and for additional so-called betterment loan projects, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Director of Planning and Community Development

**ARTICLE 3 - COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 41, Section 108 to set the compensation of elected officials, and further, to set the compensation of certain appointed officials, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 4 – FY24 REVOLVING FUNDS**

APRIL 24, 2023  
 SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

To see if the Town will vote to approve all of the following G.L. c. 44, Section 53E½ revolving funds, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto:

<b><u>Revolving Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Authorizing to Spend Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Revenue Source</u></b>	<b><u>Use of Fund</u></b>	<b><u>FY24 (current) Spending Limit</u></b>	<b><u>Disposition of FY 23(prior) Fund Balance</u></b>
COA/ Transportation	COA/ Transportation	User Fees/	Transportation	200,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Library	Library	Fines/fees/ Fund Raising	Supplies, books	20,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
COA/Social Programs/ Daycare	COA/Social Programs	User Fees/ Fund Raising	Programs, supplies, equipment, contracted instructors and any other related expenses	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
COA/Activities	COA/Activities	User Fees/ Fund Raising	Programs, supplies, equipment, contracted instructors and any other related expenses	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Hammond Rental	Director of Municipal Maintenance	Rent from former Hammond School	Operating costs of buildings and grounds	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Recycling	Chair of Recycling Committee with approval of Town Administrator	User Fees/ Fund Raising	Programs, supplies, equipment, contracted instructors and any other related expenses	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Shellfish Propagation	Shellfish Constable and Town Administrator	Shellfish permits fees + 20% of all fees derived from shellfish permits	Shellfish Propagation and enhancement of shellfish resources	30,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Board of Health	Health Department	Fees from Rental Inspection program	Fund Rental Inspection Program	75,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Treasurer	Director of Finance	Tax Title Collections	Necessary and related Tax Title Fees	150,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Code Enforcement	Building Commissioner	Fines, Fees and Funds from Enforcement	Fund Code Enforcement	100,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Solid Waste and Recycling	Town Administrator, Municipal Maintenance Director	Beginning 7/1/2019 all revenue from solid waste and recycling programs including sticker fees and any other revenue associated with solid waste, recycling, bulky items and white goods	Pay for all operational and disposal costs of solid waste, recycling, bulky items white goods and associated costs, including assessments for transfer station	2,500,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Tremont Nail Factory Buildings & Grounds	Director of Municipal Maintenance	Rent, Fees, Charges, Fund Raising	Operating costs of buildings and grounds	500,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund

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

**ARTICLE 5 - OCCASIONAL REPORTS**

APRIL 24, 2023  
SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

To receive and hear reports regarding the Redevelopment Authority, Select Board, School Committee, Capital Planning Committee and Planning Board and any other reports from committees who deem it necessary, or to do or act in any other manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board

**ARTICLE 6 – FY24 CAPITAL PLAN**

To see if the Town of Wareham will vote to raise and 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 improvement projects including replacement of vehicles and equipment and repairs to and improvements to town buildings, facilities 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 7 – FY24 BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow such sums of money as are necessary to fund the annual operating budget of the Town for Fiscal Year 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 8 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Emergency Medical Services salaries and wages account, the Emergency Medical Services general expense account, and 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 M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 9 - UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money as its share of the operating and capital costs of the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District

APRIL 24, 2023  
SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

**ARTICLE 10 - WPCF ENTERPRISE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Water Pollution Control Enterprise Fund: Salary and Wages; Expenditures (includes debt), in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53F-1/2 of Massachusetts General Laws to defray the operating and capital expenses of the Water Pollution Control Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, and ending June 30, 2024, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Sewer Commission

**ARTICLE 11 - FY 2024 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND RESERVES**

To see if the Town will vote to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Act Funds FY 2024 estimated annual revenues for the following amounts (1) \$80,000.00 for administrative expenses; (2) \$160,000.00 to Open Space Reserves; (3) \$160,000.00 to Historical Preservation Reserves; and (4) \$160,000.00 to Affordable Housing Reserves or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 12 - WOODLAND COVE PHASE II**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Act Fund, under the category of Affordable Housing, a grant to WC2 Owner LLC, (Woodland Cove Phase II) 235 Bear Hill Road, Suite 400, Waltham, the sum of \$400,000.00, to construct 63 rental units, of which 56 are affordable units, and further to require a 50 year affordable deed restriction to be recorded in the Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) on the land and structures at 3102 Cranberry Highway (Assessors map 131, Parcel Q) or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 13 - SAWYER CONSERVATION AREA**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Fund, under the category of Open Space/Recreation, for a grant to the Wareham Land Trust, the sum of \$48,000 to purchase the property shown on the Assessor's Map 128/lot 1006, and further to obtain a permanent conservation restriction on the land to be known as Sawyer Conservation Area or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 14 - DEPOT AUTO LLC, ONSET TRAIN STATION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds

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SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Act Fund, under the category of Historic Preservation, for a grant to Depot Auto LLC 447 Onset Avenue, Wareham in the amount of \$400,000 for the restoration of the Onset Train Station at 447 Onset Avenue (Map 14/lot 1000) and further to require a historic preservation restriction on the building or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 15 - TREMONT NAIL FACTORY OFFICE BUILDING**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Undesignated Funds or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Act Fund, under the category of Historical Preservation, the sum of \$200,000.00, for a grant to the Town of Wareham's Selectboard for restoration of the exterior clapboards, windows and sign on the Tremont Nail Factory Office Building at 8 Elm Street, Wareham MA and to require a historic preservation restriction on the building, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 16 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$8,750.00 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 17 – AMEND ZONING BYLAW/PARKING**

To see if Town Meeting will vote to amend the zoning bylaws: Article 921 Table of Parking Regulations; by changing the number 2 to 5, so that the table reads: "Motor Vehicle Repair 5 parking spaces per lift or bay", or take any other action relative thereto. Copies of the proposed amended bylaw are on file with the Town Clerk and the Planning Office.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Direct of Planning

**ARTICLE 18 - WAREHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

To see if the Town of Wareham (the "Town") will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for the Roof replacement project at Wareham Middle School, 4 Viking Dr, Wareham, MA 02571, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town has applied for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a

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non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the Town to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE 19 - 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 FY22 into the School Transportation Revolving Account or take any other action relative thereto.

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

CITIZENS PETITIONS

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**ARTICLE 20 - TERMINATE CONTRACT 2022-001/SEWER (SWIFTS BEACH)**

To see if the Town will exercise its right under Section 1.51 of Contract 2022-001 to terminate the contract titled Low Pressure Sewer Force Main and further that Town consider all options to repair the gravity sewer lines on Wankinquoah Avenue, Murphy Street, Barnes Street, Pleasant Street, and Bayview Avenue, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by Jean Welch et al.

**ARTICLE 21 - TOWN OF WAREHAM PLAYGROUND REVOLVING FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-law Division I, Article VI, Section 4 Revolving Funds by inserting the following table to establish a Town of Wareham Playground Revolving Fund, pursuant to MA GL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be administered under the direction of the Director of Municipal Maintenance, who shall be authorized to expend from such fund; and further, to transfer the annual sum of \$100,000 from the Unencumbered Balance of the prior FY to the current FY revolving fund; and that fees from grants and/or fundraising be credited to the revolving fund; such funds are to be used solely for the purpose of maintenance and necessary repair of existing Town owned playgrounds or to do or act in any manner thereto.

Inserted by Claire Smith et al.

**ARTICLE 22 – PETITION/PARKER MILLS DAM**

To see if the Town will vote to urge the Select Board to use its authority to direct Town Counsel and such other professionals as may be necessary to immediately employ all legal and equitable means to determine what portion of the Parker Mills Dam, if any, is owned by the AD Makepeace Company so that the removal of the Dam can proceed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Wareham citizens, particularly the infants and children at the daycare center abutting the Dam, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by Barry Cosgrove et al.

To the Constables of the Town of Wareham:

Greetings:

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof on or before

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March 6, 2023 upon the principle town bulletin board outside of the Town Clerk's office.

Hereof fail not and make sure due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2023.

**TOWN OF WAREHAM SELECT BOARD**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Judith Whiteside, Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Patricia A. Wurts, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Alan H. Slavin

\_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald S. Besse

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jared S. Chadwick

A True Copy

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constable of Wareham

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Plymouth, S.S.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Wareham herein

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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 within the Town on or before March 6, 2023.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constable of Wareham

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The original posting with return made was delivered to Michele Bissonnette, Town Clerk.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constable of Wareham

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

In accordance with the Wareham Charter, Article 2 - Legislative Branch - Section 2-4(d) Town Meeting Warrants, I have hand delivered a copy of the Warrant for the Annual Fall Town Meeting to be held on April 24, 2023 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. to the Town Moderator and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Constable of Wareham

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
TOWN OF WAREHAM

APRIL 24 & 25, 2023  
(GENERAL BUSINESS PORTION)

WAREHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
63 MINOT AVENUE  
WAREHAM, MA 02571

7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

MAY 2, 2023  
(ELECTION)

DESIGNATED POLL LOCATIONS 8:00 O'CLOCK A.M. to 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Moderator Ishihara called in to order the April 24, 2023 Annual Town Meeting at 7:07 pm at the Wareham Elementary School Cafetorium, 63 Minot Avenue, Wareham, MA. Confirmation of a quorum and pledge of allegiance was recited. Following the conclusion of which the meeting shall be adjourned until the commencement of the Annual Town Election for Town Officers designated in the official ballot on May 2, 2023 at 8:00 o'clock a.m., said Election to take place in: **Precinct 1:** Wareham Town Hall, 54 Marion Road, Wareham; **Precinct 2 and Precinct 3:** Ethel E. Hammond Elementary School, 13 Highland Avenue, Onset; **Precinct 4 and Precinct 5:** Redmen Hall, 745 Main Street, West Wareham; **Precinct 6:** Wareham Town Hall, 54 Marion Road, Wareham on Tuesday, with dissolution of Town Meeting taking place at the end of the Election on May 2, 2023 at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

Motion was made and seconded to take Article 20 out of order and discuss this Article first.  
Motion seconded and accepted unanimously.

Motion accepted unanimously  
Declared a referendum/resolution by the Moderator

**CONSENT AGENDA:**

**I move that the Town vote to:**

- **Approve Article #1** – Election of Officers;
- **Approve Article #2** – Recurring Business;
- **Approve Article #4** – FY24 Revolving Funds;
- **Approve Article # 11** – Community Preservation Fund Reserves as printed in the warrant;
- **Pass over Article # 5** - Occasional Reports;
- **Pass over Article # 6** – FY24 Capital Plan;
- **Pass over Article # 14** – Depot Auto LLC, Onset Train Station;
- **Pass over Petitioned Article # 15** – Tremont Nail Factory Office Building

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**ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

To choose the following officers: two Select Board members for a term of three (3) years, two Assessors for a term of three (3) years, two School Committee members for a term of three (3) years, one Housing Authority member for a term of five (5) years, one Constable for a term of three (3) years, one Sewer User Commissioner for a term of three (3) years, one At-Large Sewer Commissioner for a term of three (3) years, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Consent Agenda

**ARTICLE 2 - RECURRING BUSINESS**

- A. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 Select Board

- B. To see if the Town will authorize its Town Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements for fiscal year 2024 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board

- C. To see if the Town will vote to expend interest earned from loan repayments made between the Town of Wareham and Wareham residential property owners as authorized under Chapter 111, Section 127B1/2 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws for use for the administration of the Septic Loan Program and for additional so-called betterment loan projects, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Consent Agenda

**ARTICLE 3 - COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS**

I move that the Town vote pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108 to set the compensation of certain elected officials as follows:

Town Moderator: \$125 per diem

**Motion approved unanimously**

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**ARTICLE 4 – FY24 REVOLVING FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to approve all of the following G.L. c. 44, Section 53E½ revolving funds, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto:

<b><u>Revolving Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Authorizing to Spend Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Revenue Source</u></b>	<b><u>Use of Fund</u></b>	<b><u>FY24 (current) Spending Limit</u></b>	<b><u>Disposition of FY 23(prior) Fund Balance</u></b>
COA/ Transportation	COA/ Transportation	User Fees/	Transportation	200,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Library	Library	Fines/fees/ Fund Raising	Supplies, books	20,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
COA/Social Programs/ Daycare	COA/Social Programs	User Fees/ Fund Raising	Programs, supplies, equipment, contracted instructors and any other related expenses	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
COA/Activities	COA/Activities	User Fees/ Fund Raising	Programs, supplies, equipment, contracted instructors and any other related expenses	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Hammond Rental	Director of Municipal Maintenance	Rent from former Hammond School	Operating costs of buildings and grounds	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Recycling	Chair of Recycling Committee with approval of Town Administrator	User Fees/ Fund Raising	Programs, supplies, equipment, contracted instructors and any other related expenses	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Shellfish Propagation	Shellfish Constable and Town Administrator	Shellfish permits fees + 20% of all fees derived from shellfish permits	Shellfish Propagation and enhancement of shellfish resources	30,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Board of Health	Health Department	Fees from Rental Inspection program	Fund Rental Inspection Program	75,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Treasurer	Director of Finance	Tax Title Collections	Necessary and related Tax Title Fees	150,000	Unencumbered balance from FY32 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Code Enforcement	Building Commissioner	Fines, Fees and Funds from Enforcement	Fund Code Enforcement	100,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Solid Waste and Recycling	Town Administrator, Municipal Maintenance Director	Beginning 7/1/2019 all revenue from solid waste and recycling programs including sticker fees and any other revenue associated with solid waste, recycling, bulky items and white goods	Pay for all operational and disposal costs of solid waste, recycling, bulky items white goods and associated costs, including assessments for transfer station	2,500,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Tremont Nail Factory Buildings & Grounds	Director of Municipal Maintenance	Rent, Fees, Charges, Fund Raising	Operating costs of buildings and grounds	500,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund

Consent Agenda

**ARTICLE 5 - OCCASIONAL REPORTS**

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To receive and hear reports regarding the Redevelopment Authority, Select Board, School Committee, Capital Planning Committee and Planning Board and any other reports from committees who deem it necessary, or to do or act in any other manner relative thereto.

Passed Over in Consent Agenda

**ARTICLE 6 – FY24 CAPITAL PLAN**

To see if the Town of Wareham will vote to raise and 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 improvement projects including replacement of vehicles and equipment and repairs to and improvements to town buildings, facilities and waterways, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Passed Over in Consent Agenda

**ARTICLE 7 – FY24 BUDGET**

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from levy, state and local receipts, the sum of \$67,645,211 and transfer \$858,401 from the Water Pollution Control Enterprise Fund, \$272,950 from FY24 Community Preservation Act estimated revenues and \$53,750 from Harbor Service Permit Fees to fund the FY24 budget as presented in the Administration Handout.

**Motion approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE 8 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUDGET**

I move that the Town vote to approve the amount of \$1,531,610 to the Emergency Medical Services salary and wages account, \$307,350 to the EMS general expense account and further, to authorize a sum of money in estimated receipts of the Emergency Medical Services account to be used to offset said appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53 E.

**Motion approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE 9 - UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET**

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$3,304,624 as its share of the operating and capital costs of the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational-Technical High School District for the Fiscal Year 2024, July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.

**Motion approved unanimously**

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**ARTICLE 10 - WPCF ENTERPRISE FUND**

I move that the Town vote to appropriate \$7,202,411 from the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) Enterprise revenues and \$1,147,951

WPCF betterment revenue/betterment reserves to defray WPCF Direct Costs and that \$858,401 as appropriated under Article 7 of the Spring 2023 Annual Town Meeting be used for WPCF indirect costs, to fund the total Fiscal Year 2024 operation cost of the Water Pollution Control Facility Enterprise Fund.

**Motion approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE 11 - FY 2024 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND RESERVES**

To see if the Town will vote to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Act Funds FY 2024 estimated annual revenues for the following amounts (1) \$80,000.00 for administrative expenses; (2) \$160,000.00 to Open Space Reserves; (3) \$160,000.00 to Historical Preservation Reserves; and (4) \$160,000.00 to Affordable Housing Reserves or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

**Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 12 - WOODLAND COVE PHASE II**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Act Fund, under the category of Affordable Housing, a grant to WC2 Owner LLC, (Woodland Cove Phase II) 235 Bear Hill Road, Suite 400, Waltham, the sum of \$400,000.00, to construct 63 rental units, of which 56 are affordable units, and further to require a 50 year affordable deed restriction to be recorded in the Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) on the land and structures at 3102 Cranberry Highway (Assessors map 131, Parcel Q) or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Madam Moderator asked the body if they wished to hear a representative speak on this article.

Body rejected offer by voice majority.

Motion made to move the question

**Motion approved unanimously**

**Main Motion rejected by majority**

**ARTICLE 13 - SAWYER CONSERVATION AREA**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve

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Fund or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Fund, under the category of Open Space/Recreation, for a grant to the Wareham Land Trust, the sum of \$48,000 to purchase the property shown on the Assessor's Map 128/lot 1006, and further to obtain a permanent conservation restriction on the land to be known as Sawyer Conservation Area or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

**Motion approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE 14 - DEPOT AUTO LLC, ONSET TRAIN STATION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Act Fund, under the category of Historic Preservation, for a grant to Depot Auto LLC 447 Onset Avenue, Wareham in the amount of \$400,000 for the restoration of the Onset Train Station at 447 Onset Avenue (Map 14/lot 1000) and further to require a historic preservation restriction on the building or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

**Passed Over in Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 15 - TREMONT NAIL FACTORY OFFICE BUILDING**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Community Preservation Undesignated Funds or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Act Fund, under the category of Historical Preservation, the sum of \$200,000.00, for a grant to the Town of Wareham's Select Board for restoration of the exterior clapboards, windows and sign on the Tremont Nail Factory Office Building at 8 Elm Street, Wareham MA and to require a historic preservation restriction on the building, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

**Pass over in Consent Agenda**

**ARTICLE 16 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$8,750.00 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.

**Article 16 was combined with Article S12 because of redundancy.**

**ARTICLE 17 – AMEND ZONING BYLAW/PARKING**

To see if Town Meeting will vote to amend the zoning bylaws: Article 921 Table of Parking Regulations; by changing the number 2 to 5, so that the table reads: "Motor Vehicle Repair 5 parking spaces per lift or bay", or take any other action relative thereto.

Copies of the proposed amended bylaw are on file with the Town Clerk and the Planning Office.

**Motion approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE 18 - WAREHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

I move that the Town appropriate the remaining amount of SEVEN MILLION FOUR HUNDRED NINETY ONE THOUSAND THREE HUNDRED SEVENTY-SEVEN (\$7,491,377) Dollars for the purpose of paying costs of the remaining roof portions of the Roof replacement project at Wareham Middle School, 4 Viking Dr, Wareham, MA 02571, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Select Board authorize the Town Treasurer to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and if the MSBA's Board of Directors votes to invite the Town to collaborate with the MSBA on this proposed repair project, any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant that may be approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; if invited to collaborate with the MSBA on the proposed repair project, the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

**Motion approved by 2/3 voice vote**

**ARTICLE 19 - TRANSFER OF MCKINNEY-VENTO FUNDS TO TRANSPORTATION REVOLVING ACCOUNT**

I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$35,711 from Certified Free Cash to the School Transportation Revolving Account.

**Motion approved unanimously**

CITIZENS PETITIONS

**ARTICLE 20 - TERMINATE CONTRACT 2022-001/SEWER (SWIFTS BEACH)**

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To see if the Town will exercise its right under Section 1.51 of Contract 2022-001 to terminate the contract titled Low Pressure Sewer Force Main and further that Town consider all options to repair the gravity sewer lines on Wankinquoah Avenue, Murphy Street, Barnes Street, Pleasant Street, and Bayview Avenue, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by Jean Welch et al.

During discussion, Madame Moderator stopped at 7:30pm to call to order the Special Town Meeting then to recess Special Town Meeting until Article 20 was concluded.

Motion made and seconded to accept Article 20.

**Motion accepted unanimously  
Declared resolution by Moderator**

Motion made to continue Special Town Meeting  
Motion accepted unanimously

**ARTICLE 21 - TOWN OF WAREHAM PLAYGROUND REVOLVING FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town By-law Division I, Article VI, Section 4 Revolving Funds by inserting the following table to establish a Town of Wareham Playground Revolving Fund, pursuant to MA GL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ to be administered under the direction of the Director of Municipal Maintenance, who shall be authorized to expend from such fund; and further, to transfer the annual sum of \$100,000 from the Unencumbered Balance of the prior FY to the current FY revolving fund; and that fees from grants and/or fundraising be credited to the revolving fund; such funds are to be used solely for the purpose of maintenance and necessary repair of existing Town owned playgrounds or to do or act in any manner thereto.

Inserted by Claire Smith et al.

**Motion approved by majority**

**ARTICLE 22 – PETITION/PARKER MILLS DAM**

To see if the Town will vote to urge the Select Board to use its authority to direct Town Counsel and such other professionals as may be necessary to immediately employ all legal and equitable means to determine what portion of the Parker Mills Dam, if any, is owned by the AD Makepeace Company so that the removal of the Dam can proceed to protect the health, safety, and welfare of Wareham citizens, particularly the infants and children at the daycare center abutting the Dam, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by Barry Cosgrove et al.

**Motion approved by majority**

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**Motion to dissolve Annual Spring Town Meeting approved unanimously**

**Respectfully submitted by:**

**Michele Bissonnette**

**Town Clerk**

W A R R A N T  
TOWN OF WAREHAM  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 24, 2023

WAREHAM TOWN CLERK  
2023 MAR 29 AM 10:20

WAREHAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CAFETORIUM  
63 MINOT AVENUE  
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 Elementary School Cafetorium, 63 Minot Avenue, Wareham, MA on Monday, April 24, 2023 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 2022 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 \$79,070.00 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 the request of the Town Administrator

**ARTICLE S3 - SPRING 2023 CAPITAL**

To see if the Town of Wareham will vote to raise and 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 improvement projects including replacement of vehicles and equipment and repairs to and improvements to town buildings, facilities and waterways, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

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**ARTICLE S4 - TRANSFER OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

To see if the town will vote to transfer \$1,150,000.00 from FY23 Certified Free Cash to:

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|----------------------------------|--------------|
| A. Stabilization Fund            | \$325,000.00 |
| B. OPEB Trust Fund               | \$300,000.00 |
| C. Collective Bargaining Reserve | \$100,000.00 |
| D. Benefits Reserve              | \$100,000.00 |
| E. Emergency Management          | \$100,000.00 |
| F. Code Enforcement              | \$100,000.00 |
| G. Grant Funding                 | \$100,000.00 |
| H. Conservation Bylaw Rewrite    | \$25,000.00  |

or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE S5 – FY24 REVOLVING FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to approve all of the following G.L. c. 44, Section 53E½ revolving funds, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorizing to Spend Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>FY24 (current) Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY 23(prior) Fund Balance</u>
Little Harbor Golf Course	Town Administrator, Municipal Maintenance Director	Beginning 5/1/22 all revenues including contractor fees generated from the Little Harbor Golf Course and facility.	Pay for all costs associated with operating the golf course, facility and costs as may be required by a conservation restriction.	1,000.000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Decas Facility	Town Administrator, Municipal Maintenance Director	Beginning 7/1/22 all rental, fees and any other revenue generated from the facility formally known as the Decas School	Pay for all operational, employee and capital costs associated the facility formally known as the Decas School	750,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund

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

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**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. AFSCME Council 93 AFL-CIO Local 30 Wareham Library Employees;
- B. Massachusetts Labor's Public Employees Council Union 1249 of the Labor's International Union of North America Wareham Foreman's Union;  
Union;
- C. Wareham Professional Firefighters EMT Association, IAFF, Local 2895;
- D. Wareham Dispatchers Union, NEPBA;
- E. Wareham Police Union, MCOP Local 423;

or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE S8 – OPIOID STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will dedicate all of the Opioid Settlement Funds to the Opioid Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022 and further transfer the sum of \$158,979 from Certified Free Cash to the newly established Opioid Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE S9 – EARTH REMOVAL ENGINEERING STUDY**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money, not to exceed \$50,000.00, to hire a consulting engineer to review earth removal in the Town of Wareham, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board

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**ARTICLE S10 - BAYVIEW PARK**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Act Fund, under the category of Open Space and Recreation, for a grant to the Town of Wareham, the sum of \$1,080,000.00, for the rehabilitation and improvements to the Bayview Park at 168 Onset Avenue (map 1/lot 1048) or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

**ARTICLE S11 - WAREHAM LITTLETON DRIVE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Act Fund, under the category of Affordable Housing, a grant to Pennrose, LLC , 50 Milk Street, Boston, the sum of \$300,000.00, to construct 93 mixed-income housing units, and further to require a 50 year affordable deed restriction to be recorded in the Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) on the land and structures at 4 Littleton Drive (Assessors map 56, lot1) 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 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$18,750.00 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 S13 - ARTICLE 6: DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS**

To see if Town Meeting will vote to amend the zoning bylaws: Article 6, Density and Dimensional Regulations, as described in the following list of amendments:

1. In the header to section 611, change 'REQUIRMENTS' to 'REQUIREMENTS'
2. In the first sentence of 611, after 'All principal and accessory buildings' add in the phrase 'except as otherwise noted'
3. Under section 614, after fifteen (15) feet, change 'distance' to 'distant'
4. Under section 615, add '(30)' between 'thirty' and 'feet'
5. In the second paragraph under section 620, make the following changes, "Each table has four use categories: (1) single 1-family dwelling (single); (2) 2-family dwelling (duplex or two attached units or (duplex)); (3) Other

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~~residential use (three (3) or more attached residential dwelling units) multiple family, which is defined as three or four attached units, and apartments, which is defined as five or more attached units (multi/apts); and (4) Non-residential use (other which includes all other non-residential uses allowed in that district (other)). Note that area requirements differ from developments on municipal sewer and to those on septic systems~~

6. In Table 621, under the R-30 district change all instances of '\*1' to 'note 1'
7. In Table 621, under Building Coverage:
  - a. On the first line, change 'NR' to '-'
  - b. On the second and third lines, change 'NR' to 'NA'
  - c. On the fourth line, change 'NR' and 'N' to '-'
8. In Table 621, under Impervious Coverage, change all instances of 'NR' to '-'
9. In Table 622, Village Districts, change all instances of 'NR' to '-'
10. In Table 623, Commercial Districts, add 'note 4.' under the CS column for 'Other residential use'
11. Under Table 623, add a note 4 to read, '4. For each additional dwelling unit, beginning with the third'
12. In Table 624, Other Districts,
  - a. Change the header for the column with 'INST' to 'INS'
  - b. In the IND Column, under Side/Rear Setback, change '10' to '20' for Non-residential use
  - c. In the INS column, change 'NA' to '-' under Height for Non-residential use
  - d. Under Building Coverage, change the two NR's to '-' for Non-residential use
  - e. In the CR column under Impervious Coverage, change the 'NR' for 1-family dwelling to 'NA' and change the 'NR' for Non-residential use to '-'
  - f. In the 'Distance from Residential' subsection, change all instances of 'NR' to '-'
  - g. In Note 3. under the Table, change 'Ration' to 'Ratio' and add '(or 75%)' at the end of the note
13. In Table 625, change the header for the column with 'INST' to 'INS'
14. In Table 628, following the note that reads '\* Total floor area shall not be less..' change 'that' to 'than'

Or take other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Planning Director

**ARTICLE S14 - CHANGE OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR 2022 FALL TOWN MEETING WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY: ARTICLES 15: SECONDARY CLARIFIERS UPGRADES, ARTICLE 16: WPCF HEADWORKS, AND ARTICLE 17: SWIFT'S BEACH SMITH STREET SEWER LINES**

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To see if the Town will vote to amend the funding source for the following 2022 Fall Town Meeting articles:

- FTM 2022 ARTICLE 15 Engineering Cost of \$2,000,000.00 for WPCF secondary clarifiers upgrades,
- FTM 2022 ARTICLE 16 Engineering Cost of \$2,000,000.00 for WPCF headworks,
- FTM 2022 ARTICLE 17 Engineering Cost of \$2,000,000.00 for WPCF project

Swift's Beach Smith Street Sewer Lines,

by rescinding the borrowing authorization contained therein, and transferring the sum of \$6,000,000.00 (Six Million Dollars) from WPCF Enterprise Fund FY 2023 Certified Retained Earnings to fund the articles, or to take any other action manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Sewer Commissioners

**ARTICLE S15 - WAREHAM VILLAGE: REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT, WV-1R**

To see if Town Meeting will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws to:

Create a new chapter, Article 4A: REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS, inserted right after Article 4, Overlay Districts, in the Zoning By-Law and

- Add a new section in Article 4A entitled, 10. WAREHAM VILLAGE REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT; WV-1R, and
  - Add in Article 2, a new section 211.2 5. to list the district, and
  - Add a 'WV-1R' district column and amend the list of uses and allowances in Article 3, Table 320 and Table 330, and
  - Add a new column in Table 622 for dimensional standards for WV-1R, and
  - Add new parking standards in Article 9, in a new Table 922, and
  - Include a new section for a description of the designated area of the WV-1R subdistrict in Appendix 1 of Zoning By-laws.

In order, as follows:

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**Amend the Wareham Zoning By-Law by creating a new ARTICLE 4A: Redevelopment Districts, and adding the following text:**

10. WAREHAM VILLAGE REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT: WV-1R

10.1 PURPOSES

With the overall goal to improve Wareham Village as a town center where one may 'live, work and play,' the purposes of the WV-1R, Reinvestment Subdistrict

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are to provide the use options, density and dimensional standards that will encourage private capital to be reinvested in the village. The Subdistrict is intended to improve the market potential for market-rate, mixed-use development which may be realized in this valuable waterfront location, while ensuring a high quality public and natural environment through compliance with the Subdistrict's performance standards and design guidelines.

## 10.2 ALLOWED USES

The uses and any mix of these uses as allowed or required by the Performance Standards and Design Guidelines for this district, shall be as listed in the WV-1R column in Table 320 and Table 330 of this Zoning By-Law.

## 10.3 DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

For all development in the WV-1R Subdistrict, the dimensional standards in Table 622 shall apply.

Notwithstanding the above, Building Height may be increased according to the following section 10.3.1

**10.3.1** Maximum Building Height may be increased from a maximum of 50 feet, up to a maximum of 65 feet with a Special Permit issued under the following criteria:

1. The increased building height may be permitted if the project includes the following public benefits:
  1. The building has a roof design different than a plain flat roof, such as a parapet detail.
  2. Roof mounted equipment is hidden from public view.
  3. The street side includes some portion with open public access or pocket park at the street level.
  4. The increased height of the building is stepped back from the street frontage.
  5. The project improves physical access to the waterfront.
2. The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority in this case, and shall consider:
  1. The design of the roof and structure as a whole
  2. Whether the open public access is functional for the intended purpose
  3. The Planning Board may decide that a Maximum Building Height is appropriate and acceptable at some measurement less than 65 feet based on the Board's findings regarding the benefits and design proposed.
3. This Special Permit may be heard concurrently with the Site Plan Review.

## 10.4 PARKING STANDARDS

For all development in the WV-1R Subdistrict, the parking standards found in Table 922 shall apply.

## 10.5 SITE PLAN REVIEW

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Notwithstanding the criteria for applying Site Plan Review under Section 1510 et seq. of this Zoning By-Law, development proposals for properties in the WV-1R, Reinvestment Subdistrict will be required to comply with a Site Plan Review under Article 15 of this Zoning By-Law as follows:

1. Any demolition, construction, redevelopment or improvement which alters or expands the existing floor area by more than 10,000 square feet, will be subject to Site Plan Review under this section.
2. The Planning Board will be the Site Plan Review Granting Authority under this section.
3. In addition to the standards for Site Plan Review within this Zoning By-Law, the Performance Standards and Design Guidelines found in Section 733 are the criteria to apply in determining compliance with Site Plan Review under this Zoning By-Law.
4. The Site Plan Review Granting Authority may use a '53G' account to hire consultants for the design review.

#### 10.6 Performance Standards and Design Guidelines

The Performance Standards and Design Guidelines found in the Rules & Regulations of the Planning Board, on file with the Town Clerk, are included in the design criteria to apply in determining compliance with Site Plan Review under this Zoning By-Law.

#### 10.7 SEVERABILITY

If a Court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this By-Law to be invalid, the remainder of the By-Law shall not be affected thereby, and this invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Town of Wareham Zoning By-Laws.

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**For ARTICLE 2: Zoning Districts, under 211.2 Village Districts, add:**

"5. WAREHAM VILLAGE REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT (WV-1R): The WV-1R district is intended to provide the use options, density and dimensional standards that will encourage private capital to be reinvested in the village."

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**For ARTICLE 3: Use Regulations, Table 320, add:**

"Brewery and taproom" in the list of Commercial uses, and designate as 'SPR' in the WV-1, and WV-1R columns and 'N' in all other columns in the row.

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Under the WV-1 column, change the 'N' to 'SPR' on the line for 'Apartments in mixed use building.'

**Add a column for WV-1R and list the uses as follows:**

PRINCIPAL USE	WV-1R
<b>Agricultural and Rural Uses</b>	
Agricultural uses upon tracts less than 5 acres	N
Agricultural uses upon tracts of 5 acres or more	N
Cider mill, ice house, temporary sawmill less 5 acres	N
Cider mill, ice house, temporary sawmill more than 5 acres	N
Horticulture on less than 5 acres	Y
<b>Animal - Related Uses</b>	
Animal kennels less than 5 acres	N
Animal kennels more than 5 acres	N
Riding stable less than 5 acres	N
Riding stables more than 5 acres	N
Piggeries, fur farms less than 5 acres	N
Piggeries, fur farms more than 5 acres	N
Veterinary hospital less than 5 acres	N
Veterinary hospital more than 5 acres	N
<b>Recreational Uses</b>	
Campgrounds	N
Golf course or golf club	N
Non-profit recreation	Y
Health or athletic facility	Y
Tennis Club	SPP
Youth camp	N
<b>Residential uses</b>	
1- family detached dwelling	Y
2- family dwelling	Y
3 to 4 family dwelling in existing structure	Y
3 to 4 family dwelling in new structure	Y
5 + family dwelling in existing structures	Y
5 + family dwelling in new structure	Y
Apartments in mixed use building	Y

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Manufactured home park	N
Residential Cluster Development	N
Seasonal conversion	SPP
<b>Educational and Institutional Uses</b>	
Municipal use	Y
Hospital, medical related facility	Y
Nursing home, intermediate care center	Y
Day care center	Y
Educational use, non-exempt	Y
Educational use, exempt	Y
Oceanographic and engineering research	Y
Membership club	Y
Religious use	Y
Other places of assembly	SPP
Cemetery	N
Medical Marijuana Treatment Center	N
Marijuana Establishments	N
<b>Commercial Uses</b>	
Banks	Y
Offices	Y
Laboratory / research office	Y
Retail businesses	Y
Service establishments not involving manufacture on premise	Y
Motor vehicle service	N
Motor vehicle sales	N
Filing stations for gasoline, diesel fuel, liquid propane	SPP
Dry cleaning, drop off / pick up only	Y
Laundromat	Y
Conference Center	Y
Motel, hotel	Y
Bed & Breakfast	Y
Guest house	N
Neighborhood convenience store	Y
Wholesale business	Y
Restaurant	Y
Restaurant Drive through	N
Non-food Drive in/ Drive through establishment	N
Commercial recreational facilities	SPP
Other places of amusement	SPP
Brewery and tap room, Distillery	Y
Adult use	N

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<b>Marine Uses</b>	
Marinas	Y
Retail sale of marine equipment and supplies (not including fish products or food)	Y
<b>Utilities</b>	
Public utility	N
Public utility structures for public utility use not including repair stations or outside storage of supplies	SPP
Wireless communication facility, not exceeding 40 feet in height	Y
Wireless communication facility, exceeding 40 feet in height	SPP
Large ground-mounted solar energy	N
<b>Industrial Uses</b>	
Manufacturing of products produced on premises the major portion of which are sold on premises from producer to consumer	Y
Light manufacturing	Y
Manufacturing of marine vessels	N
Industrial (except earth removal)	SPP
Gravel, loam, sand, stone, or earth removal	N
Fish processing plants	N
Storage facilities	N
Junkyards and salvage yards	N
Hazardous waste facility	N
Solid waste facility	N
<b>Transportation Uses</b>	
Aviation field	N
Public service or other passenger station	SPP
Trucking and transportation terminals	SPP

**For ARTICLE 3: Use Regulations, Table 330, add a column for WV-1R and list the uses as follows:**

ACCESSORY USE	WV-1R
<b>Agricultural and Rural Uses</b>	
Farm stand or Roadside Stand	Y
<b>Recreational Uses</b>	
Food and Beverage services and accessory uses related to permitted recreational activities	Y
Food and Beverage services and accessory uses related to permitted motels, hotels, and Conference centers	Y
<b>Residential Uses</b>	

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Accessory apartment	Y
Home occupation	Y
Home Office of profession or trade conducted by a resident of the premises	Y
Taking of boarders or lodgers	Y
Storage Container for construction	Y
Storage Container, Accessory	N
<b>Educational and Institutional Uses</b>	
Accessory uses for scientific research, Scientific development, or related production activities	SPP
<b>Commercial Uses</b>	
Outdoor advertising	N
<b>Marine Uses</b>	
Filling Stations for marine vessels	Y
Marine connected use	Y
<b>Utilities</b>	
Direct antenna 5 feet or more in diameter	SPP
Direct broadcast antenna under 5 feet in diameter	Y
Wireless communications facility enclosed	Y
Wireless communications facility attached to existing structure not exceeding 40 feet in height	Y
On-site Solar Energy	Y

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**For ARTICLE 6 Density and Dimensional Regulations, Table 622, Village Districts**

Add the following notes below Table 622:

"5. As measured from the existing sidewalk surface on Main Street."

"6. Height may be increased under Special Permit granted under the standards of Article 4A, section 10.3.1 of this bylaw."

**Add "and Mixed" to the Non-residential use options, and**

**Add a column for WV-1R and fill in as follows:**

	WV-1R
<b>Minimum Lot Area (square feet)</b>	
1-family or 2-family dwelling	5,000
<b>Other residential use:</b>	
First dwelling unit	1,000
Each additional unit	1,000

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<b>Bed &amp; Breakfast</b>	
First unit	10,000 *1
Each additional unit	2,000 *2,3
Other nonresidential use	5,000
<b>Minimum Frontage (feet)</b>	
1 -family or 2-family dwelling	75
Other residential use	50
Nonresidential and Mixed use	50
<b>Minimum Front Setback (feet)</b>	
1-family or 2-family dwelling	4
Other residential use	0
Nonresidential and Mixed use	0
<b>Minimum Side/Rear Setback (feet)</b>	
1-family or 2-family dwelling	10
Other residential use	10
Nonresidential and Mixed use	0
<b>Maximum Height (feet)</b>	
1-family or 2-family dwelling	40
Other residential use	50 <sup>5.,6.</sup>
Nonresidential and Mixed use	50 <sup>5.,6.</sup>
<b>Maximum Building Coverage (%)</b>	
1 -family or 2-family dwelling	30
Other residential use	90
Nonresidential and Mixed use	90
<b>Maximum Impervious Surface (%)</b>	
1 -family or 2-family dwelling	90
Other residential use	90
Nonresidential and Mixed use	90

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**For ARTICLE 7 Design Standards and Guidelines, add a new subsection "733. WV-1R REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT" to read as follows:**

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733. WV-1R REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT

1. PREFACE

In the following section, the allowed uses and expected amenities are identified. Other standards and guidelines are included in the Planning Board Rules & Regulations for Downtown Reinvestment Subdistrict, on file with the Town Clerk.

2. USES

1. Uses of buildings and property, shall be a mix of the options for WV-1R found in Table 320 and Table 330, and may be compatible uses not listed, if such use is found by the Site Plan Review Special Permit Granting Authority to be acceptable.
2. First floor uses facing Main Street, and Main Street grade-level spaces shall be public activities and accessible uses such as retail stores, entertainment, displays, studios, galleries, lobbies, bars and restaurants.
3. Waterfront access shall be provided to and/or along the waterfront side of the project, if the project is on the same side of the street as the waterfront.
4. No more than 80% of the livable floor area of a building shall be committed to residential use.
5. Office uses and other uses that do not provide adequate pedestrian curb appeal that encourages public interaction and commerce, are discouraged on the first floor.

3. AMENITIES

1. Public access from Main Street to the waterfront shall be maintained where it exists between buildings or replaced in a form suitable to the Site Plan Review Special Permit Granting Authority.
2. Where possible, on the waterfront side, a contiguous, above-grade, public walkway shall be included in each development that links to and across the adjacent development parcels on either side.
3. Streetscape treatments and waterside areas should include plantings and site amenities such as street furniture.

**For ARTICLE 9 Parking, add a new Table 922, as follows:**

^922 Table of Parking Regulations for WAREHAM VILLAGE REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT: WV-1R

The minimum number of parking spaces is modified in the WV-1R Reinvestment Subdistrict for those uses included in the following table:

Use	Requirement
3,4, and 5+ Dwelling	

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1 bedroom	1 per dwelling unit
2 or more bedrooms	1 per dwelling unit
Elderly	0.75 per dwelling unit
Bank	1 space per 300 ft.
Bowling Alley	2 per lane
Business, Retail < 1,000	1 per 300 ft.
Business, Retail > 1000	1 per 400 ft.
Personal Services	1 per 250 ft.
Recreations, Commercial Indoor	1 per 6 seats
Recreation, Commercial Outdoor	1 per 6 person capacity
Restaurant or Theater	1 per 6 seats
Restaurant w/o Seating	3 spaces

Notes to Table:

- a. Floor area is calculated as Gross Leasable Floor Area GFA
- b. The Site Plan Review Special Permit Granting Authority is authorized to waive these parking standards by up to 15% [fifteen percent] when shared parking and/or public parking spaces are proven to be available.

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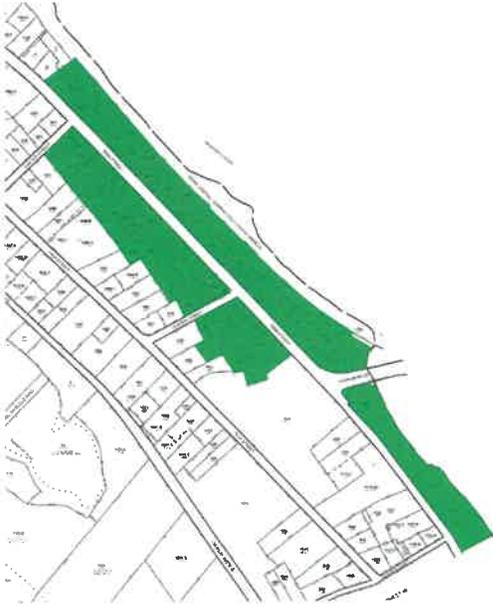
For Appendix 1 insert after WAREHAM VILLAGE 1 REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT, the following:

**WAREHAM VILLAGE 1 REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT:**

Parcels in the WV-1R, Reinvestment Subdistrict are those parcels, or portions of parcels shown on the Town of Wareham Assessor's maps, (as of January 1, 2019), as Map 47; Lots 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1064-A, 1064-D, 1072, 1073, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103-A, 1103-B, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143-A, 1143-B, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148-A, 1148-B, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1161.

**And insert the following graphic:**

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Lots included in the WV-1R district

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or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board at the request of the Wareham Redevelopment Authority

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**PETIONED ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE S16 – COHASSET ROAD**

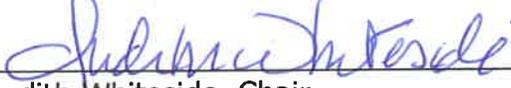
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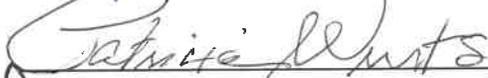
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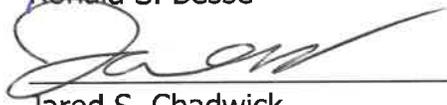
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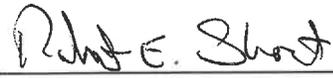
  
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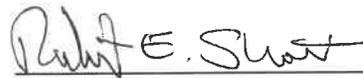
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Plymouth, S.S.

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 Friday, March 31, 2023.

Date: 3/29/23



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Constable of Wareham

The original posting with return made was delivered to Michele Bissonnette, Town Clerk.

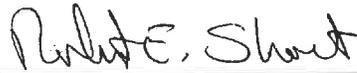
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Constable of Wareham

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 24, 2023 at 7:30 o'clock p.m. to the Town Moderator and Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Date: 3/29/23



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Constable of Wareham

TOWN OF WAREHAM  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 24 & 25, 2023

Special Town Meeting was convened at 7:30pm by unanimous voice vote. Immediately the Special was recessed in order to finish Article 20 of the Annual Spring Town Meeting.

Special Town Meeting reconvened 7:48pm. Motion to accept the Consent Agenda was approved unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

I move that the Town:

**Approve Article S5** – FY24 Revolving Funds;

**Approve Article S6** – PEG Access Receipts to Wareham Community TV

**Consent Agenda approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE S1 - BUDGET TRANSFERS**

I move that the Town vote to approve the following transfer within the budget lines in the FY23 Budget as approved in Article 7 of the 2022 Spring Annual Town Meeting:

From Police Salaries	\$80,000	to General Town Insurance
From Accounting Salaries	\$14,600	to Planning Salaries
From Information Mgt Tech	\$2,400	to Assessing
From Information Mgt Tech	\$7,000	to Information Mgt Tech Expenses

**Motion made to amend "From Health, \$15,000 to FICA", Motion approved unanimously**

**Main Motion as amended approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE S2 - FUND PARKING PROGRAM**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$79,070.00 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.

**Approved by majority**

**ARTICLE S3 - SPRING 2023 CAPITAL**

To see if the Town of Wareham will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer \$2,705,000 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 improvement projects including replacement of vehicles and equipment and repairs to and improvements to town buildings, facilities and waterways, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES (CONT'D.)**

I move that the Town transfer \$2,705,000 from Certified Free Cash to fund and equip items A. thru L. including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and further that the Town appropriate \$650,000 including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto for the purpose of purchasing and equipping item M. and to meet such obligation the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 7(1), Section 8(14), or pursuant to any other enabling authority.

Item	Department	Item	Estimated Cost	Source
A.	School Department	2 Special Ed Busses and 1 77 Passenger Bus	\$ 330,000	Free Cash
B.	School Department	WHS Boiler - Portion After Reimbursement from MSBA	\$ 720,000	Free Cash
C.	Municipal Maintenance Dept.	10 Wheeler with Plow Package	\$ 375,000	Free Cash
D.	Municipal Maintenance Dept.	Trailer Leaf Vacuum	\$ 100,000	Free Cash
E.	Municipal Maintenance Dept.	Pickup with Plow Package	\$ 80,000	Free Cash
F.	Municipal Maintenance Dept.	WFL Exterior Rehabilitation	\$ 300,000	Free Cash
G.	Inspectional Services Dept.	3 Vehicles	\$ 100,000	Free Cash
H.	IT Department	3 year contract cyber monitoring	\$ 150,000	Free Cash
I.	IT Department	Technology	\$ 100,000	Free Cash
J.	Police Department	Tasers and Body Camera Pilot Program	\$ 75,000	Free Cash
K.	EMS Department	4 Lifepak Monitor/Defib	\$ 155,000	Free Cash
L.	EMS Department	Ambulance Final 2 Payments as Approved at 10/21 FTM	\$ 220,000	Free Cash
M.	Natural Resources	Replace Patrol Vessel	\$ 650,000	Borrowing

**Approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE S4 - TRANSFER OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

To see if the town will vote to transfer \$1,150,000.00 from FY23 Certified Free Cash to:

A. Stabilization Fund	\$325,000.00
B. OPEB Trust Fund	\$300,000.00
C. Collective Bargaining Reserve	\$100,000.00
D. Benefits Reserve	\$100,000.00
E. Emergency Management	\$100,000.00

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F. Code Enforcement	\$100,000.00
G. Grant Funding	\$100,000.00
H. Conservation Bylaw Rewrite	\$25,000.00

**Approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE S5 – FY24 REVOLVING FUNDS**

To see if the Town will vote to approve all of the following G.L. c. 44, Section 53E½ revolving funds, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorizing to Spend Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>FY24 (current) Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY 23(prior) Fund Balance</u>
Little Harbor Golf Course	Town Administrator, Municipal Maintenance Director	Beginning 5/1/22 all revenues including contractor fees generated from the Little Harbor Golf Course and facility.	Pay for all costs associated with operating the golf course, facility and costs as may be required by a conservation restriction.	1,000.000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund
Decas Facility	Town Administrator, Municipal Maintenance Director	Beginning 7/1/22 all rental, fees and any other revenue generated from the facility formally known as the Decas School	Pay for all operational, employee and capital costs associated the facility formally known as the Decas School	750,000	Unencumbered balance from FY23 funds transferred to FY24 revolving fund

**Motion approved in consent agenda**

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

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$247,645.71 from the PEG Access Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account to Wareham Community Television (WCTV), or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

**Motion approved in consent agenda**

**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:

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- A. AFSCME Council 93 AFL-CIO Local 30 Wareham Library Employees;
- B. Massachusetts Labor's Public Employees Council Union 1249 of the Labor's International Union of North America Wareham Foreman's Union;  
Union;
- C. Wareham Professional Firefighters EMT Association, IAFF, Local 2895;
- D. Wareham Police Union, MCOP Local 423;

**Approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE S8 – OPIOID STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will dedicate all of the Opioid Settlement Funds to the Opioid Stabilization Fund established under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for fiscal year 2023 beginning on July 1, 2022 and further transfer the sum of \$158,979 from Certified Free Cash to the newly established Opioid Stabilization Fund or take any other action relative thereto.

**Approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE S9 – EARTH REMOVAL ENGINEERING STUDY**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money, not to exceed \$50,000.00, to hire a consulting engineer to review earth removal in the Town of Wareham, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Approved by majority**

**ARTICLE S10 - BAYVIEW PARK**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Act Fund, under the category of Open Space and Recreation, for a grant to the Town of Wareham, the sum of \$1,080,000.00, for the rehabilitation and improvements to the Bayview Park at 168 Onset Avenue (map 1/lot 1048) or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

**Approved by majority**

**ARTICLE S11 - WAREHAM LITTLETON DRIVE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Funds or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Act Fund, under the category of Affordable Housing, a grant to Pennrose, LLC, 50 Milk Street, Boston, the sum of \$300,000.00, to construct 93 mixed-income housing units, and further

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to require a 50 year affordable deed restriction to be recorded in the Land Use Restriction Agreement (LURA) on the land and structures at 4 Littleton Drive (Assessors map 56, lot1) or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Madam Moderator asked the body if they wished to hear Mr Adams from Pennrose, approved by majority.

**Motion approved by majority**  
**Yes: 71 No: 30**

**ARTICLE S12 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$18,750.00 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.

Motion made to include Art 17 of Annual Town Meeting because it is redundant. Approved unanimously

**Main Motion approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE S13 - ARTICLE 6: DENSITY AND DIMENSIONAL REGULATIONS**

**Changes 6, 11, 12 and 16-18, inclusive, are additional changes not included in Warrant**

Article S13 To see if Town Meeting will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws: Article 6, Density and Dimensional Regulations, as described in the following list of changes:

1. In the header to section 611, change 'REQUIRMENTS' to 'REQUIREMENTS'
2. In the first sentence of 611, after 'All principal and accessory buildings' add in the phrase 'except as otherwise noted'
3. Under section 614, after fifteen (15) feet, change 'distance' to 'distant'
4. Under section 615, add '(30)' between 'thirty' and 'feet'
5. In the second paragraph under section 620, make the following changes, "Each table has four use categories: (1) single 1-family dwelling (single); (2) 2-family dwelling (duplex or two attached units or (duplex)); (3) Other residential use (three (3) or more attached residential dwelling units) multiple family, which is defined as three or four attached units, and apartments, which is defined as five or more attached units (multi/aps); and (4) Non-residential use (other which includes all other non-residential uses allowed in that district (other)). Note that area requirements differ from developments on municipal sewer and to those on septic systems
6. In notes to tables 621, 622, 623, 624, and 625, remove "NR = no regulations"
7. In Table 621, under the R-30 district change all instances of '\*1' to "note 1"
8. In Table 621, under Building Coverage:
  - a. On the first line, change 'NR' to '-'
  - b. On the second and third lines, change 'NR' to 'NA'
  - c. On the fourth line, change 'NR' and 'N' to '-'
9. In Table 621, under Impervious Coverage, change all instances of 'NR' to '-'

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10. In Table 622, Village Districts, change all instances of 'NR' to '-'
11. Add CG column in Table 623 and list standards from Table 627. Change note to description that reads 'apartments + mixed use'
12. In Table 623, Commercial Districts, add 'note 4.' under the CS column entry for 'Other residential use' in the 'Minimum Lot Area' subsection.
13. Under Table 623, add a note 4 to read, '4. For each additional dwelling unit, beginning with the third'
14. In Table 624, OTHER DISTRICTS,
  - a. Change the header for the column with 'INST' to 'INS'
  - b. In the IND Column, under Side/Rear Setback, change '10' to '20' for non-residential use
  - c. In the INS column, change 'NA' to '-' under Height for non-residential use
  - d. Under Building Coverage, change the two NR's to '-' for non-residential use
  - e. In the CR column under Impervious Coverage, change the 'NR' for 1-family dwelling to 'NA' and change the 'NR' for non-residential use to '-'
  - f. In the 'Distance from Residential' subsection, change all instances of 'NR' to '-'
  - g. In Note 3. under the Table, change 'Ration' to 'Ratio' and add '(or 75%)' at the end of the note
15. In Table 625, change the header for the column with 'INST' to 'INS'
16. Delete table 626 and put in place "[See Section 624, OTHER DISTRICTS, 4<sup>th</sup> column labeled 'IND']"
17. Delete table 627 and put in place "[See Section 623, COMMERCIAL DISTRICTS, 2<sup>nd</sup> column labeled 'CG']"
18. Change the format of table 628 to read the same as the other tables, with the categories being the columns.
19. In Table 628, following the note that reads '\* Total floor area shall not be less..' change 'that' to 'than'

Motion was made to amend the article, ruled not to be in the scope of the article by Madam Moderator.

Main Motion approved by majority 2/3 Voice Vote

**ARTICLE S14 - CHANGE OF FUNDING SOURCE FOR 2022 FALL TOWN MEETING WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY: ARTICLES 15: SECONDARY CLARIFIERS UPGRADES, ARTICLE 16: WPCF HEADWORKS, AND ARTICLE 17: SWIFT'S BEACH SMITH STREET SEWER LINES**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the funding source for the following 2022 Fall Town Meeting articles:

- FTM 2022 ARTICLE 15 Engineering Cost of \$2,000,000.00 for WPCF secondary clarifiers upgrades,
- FTM 2022 ARTICLE 16 Engineering Cost of \$2,000,000.00 for WPCF headworks,
- FTM 2022 ARTICLE 17 Engineering Cost of \$2,000,000.00 for WPCF project

Swift's Beach Smith Street Sewer Lines,

by rescinding the borrowing authorization contained therein, and transferring the sum of \$6,000,000.00 (Six Million Dollars) from WPCF Enterprise Fund FY 2023 Certified Retained Earnings to fund the articles, or to take any other action manner relative thereto.

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**Approved unanimously**

**ARTICLE S15 - WAREHAM VILLAGE: REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT, WV-1R**

To see if Town Meeting will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws to:

Create a new chapter, Article 4A: REDEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS, inserted right after Article 4, Overlay Districts, in the Zoning By-Law and

- Add a new section in Article 4A entitled, 10. WAREHAM VILLAGE REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT; WV-1R, and
  - Add in Article 2, a new section 211.2 5. to list the district, and
  - Add a 'WV-1R' district column and amend the list of uses and allowances in Article 3, Table 320 and Table 330, and
  - Add a new column in Table 622 for dimensional standards for WV-1R, and
  - Add new parking standards in Article 9, in a new Table 922, and
  - Include a new section for a description of the designated area of the WV-1R subdistrict in Appendix 1 of Zoning By-laws.

In order, as follows:

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**Amend the Wareham Zoning By-Law by creating a new ARTICLE 4A: Redevelopment Districts, and adding the following text:**

10. WAREHAM VILLAGE REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT: WV-1R

10.1 PURPOSES

With the overall goal to improve Wareham Village as a town center where one may 'live, work and play,' the purposes of the WV-1R, Reinvestment Subdistrict are to provide the use options, density and dimensional standards that will encourage private capital to be reinvested in the village. The Subdistrict is intended to improve the market potential for market-rate, mixed-use development which may be realized in this valuable waterfront location, while ensuring a high quality public and natural environment through compliance with the Subdistrict's performance standards and design guidelines.

10.2 ALLOWED USES

The uses and any mix of these uses as allowed or required by the Performance Standards and Design Guidelines for this district, shall be as listed in the WV-1R

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column in Table 320 and Table 330 of this Zoning By-Law.

### 10.3 DIMENSIONAL STANDARDS

For all development in the WV-1R Subdistrict, the dimensional standards in Table 622 shall apply.

Notwithstanding the above, Building Height may be increased according to the following section 10.3.1

**10.3.1** Maximum Building Height may be increased from a maximum of 50 feet, up to a maximum of 65 feet with a Special Permit issued under the following criteria:

1. The increased building height may be permitted if the project includes the following public benefits:
  1. The building has a roof design different than a plain flat roof, such as a parapet detail.
  2. Roof mounted equipment is hidden from public view.
  3. The street side includes some portion with open public access or pocket park at the street level.
  4. The increased height of the building is stepped back from the street frontage.
  5. The project improves physical access to the waterfront.
2. The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority in this case, and shall consider:
  1. The design of the roof and structure as a whole
  2. Whether the open public access is functional for the intended purpose
  3. The Planning Board may decide that a Maximum Building Height is appropriate and acceptable at some measurement less than 65 feet based on the Board's findings regarding the benefits and design proposed.
3. This Special Permit may be heard concurrently with the Site Plan Review.

### 10.4 PARKING STANDARDS

For all development in the WV-1R Subdistrict, the parking standards found in Table 922 shall apply.

### 10.5 SITE PLAN REVIEW

Notwithstanding the criteria for applying Site Plan Review under Section 1510 et seq. of this Zoning By-Law, development proposals for properties in the WV-1R, Reinvestment Subdistrict will be required to comply with a Site Plan Review under Article 15 of this Zoning By-Law as follows:

1. Any demolition, construction, redevelopment or improvement which alters or expands the existing floor area by more than 10,000 square feet, will be subject to Site Plan Review under this section.
2. The Planning Board will be the Site Plan Review Granting Authority under this section.
3. In addition to the standards for Site Plan Review within this Zoning By-Law, the Performance Standards and Design Guidelines found in Section 733 are the criteria

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to apply in determining compliance with Site Plan Review under this Zoning By-Law.

4. The Site Plan Review Granting Authority may use a '53G' account to hire consultants for the design review.

10.6 Performance Standards and Design Guidelines

The Performance Standards and Design Guidelines found in the Rules & Regulations of the Planning Board, on file with the Town Clerk, are included in the design criteria to apply in determining compliance with Site Plan Review under this Zoning By-Law.

10.7 SEVERABILITY

If a Court of competent jurisdiction holds any provision of this By-Law to be invalid, the remainder of the By-Law shall not be affected thereby, and this invalidity shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the Town of Wareham Zoning By-Laws.

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**For ARTICLE 2: Zoning Districts, under 211.2 Village Districts, add:**

"5. WAREHAM VILLAGE REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT (WV-1R): The WV-1R district is intended to provide the use options, density and dimensional standards that will

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encourage private capital to be reinvested in the village."

**For ARTICLE 3: Use Regulations, Table 320, add:**

"Brewery and taproom" in the list of Commercial uses, and designate as 'SPR' in the WV-1, and WV-1R columns and 'N' in all other columns in the row.

Under the WV-1 column, change the 'N' to 'SPR' on the line for 'Apartments in mixed use building.'

**Add a column for WV-1R and list the uses** as follows:

PRINCIPAL USE	WV-1R
<b>Agricultural and Rural Uses</b>	
Agricultural uses upon tracts less than 5 acres	N

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Agricultural uses upon tracts of 5 acres or more	N
Cider mill, ice house, temporary sawmill less 5 acres	N
Cider mill, ice house, temporary sawmill more than 5 acres	N
Horticulture on less than 5 acres	Y
<b>Animal - Related Uses</b>	
Animal kennels less than 5 acres	N
Animal kennels more than 5 acres	N
Riding stable less than 5 acres	N
Riding stables more than 5 acres	N
Piggeries, fur farms less than 5 acres	N
Piggeries, fur farms more than 5 acres	N
Veterinary hospital less than 5 acres	N
Veterinary hospital more than 5 acres	N
<b>Recreational Uses</b>	
Campgrounds	N
Golf course or golf club	N
Non-profit recreation	Y
Health or athletic facility	Y
Tennis Club	SPP
Youth camp	N
<b>Residential uses</b>	
1- family detached dwelling	Y
2- family dwelling	Y
3 to 4 family dwelling in existing structure	Y
3 to 4 family dwelling in new structure	Y
5 + family dwelling in existing structures	Y
5 + family dwelling in new structure	Y
Apartments in mixed use building	Y
Manufactured home park	N
Residential Cluster Development	N
Seasonal conversion	SPP
<b>Educational and Institutional Uses</b>	
Municipal use	Y
Hospital, medical related facility	Y
Nursing home, intermediate care center	Y
Day care center	Y
Educational use, non-exempt	Y
Educational use, exempt	Y

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Oceanographic and engineering research	Y
Membership club	Y
Religious use	Y
Other places of assembly	SPP
Cemetery	N
Medical Marijuana Treatment Center	N
Marijuana Establishments	N
<b>Commercial Uses</b>	
Banks	Y
Offices	Y
Laboratory / research office	Y
Retail businesses	Y
Service establishments not involving manufacture on premise	Y
Motor vehicle service	N
Motor vehicle sales	N
Filing stations for gasoline, diesel fuel, liquid propane	SPP
Dry cleaning, drop off / pick up only	Y
Laundromat	Y
Conference Center	Y
Motel, hotel	Y
Bed & Breakfast	Y
Guest house	N
Neighborhood convenience store	Y
Wholesale business	Y
Restaurant	Y
Restaurant Drive through	N
Non-food Drive in/ Drive through establishment	N
Commercial recreational facilities	SPP
Other places of amusement	SPP
Brewery and tap room, Distillery	Y
Adult use	N
<b>Marine Uses</b>	
Marinas	Y
Retail sale of marine equipment and supplies (not including fish products or food)	Y
<b>Utilities</b>	
Public utility	N
Public utility structures for public utility use not including repair stations or outside storage of supplies	SPP
Wireless communication facility, not exceeding 40 feet in height	Y
Wireless communication facility, exceeding 40 feet in height	SPP
Large ground-mounted solar energy	N

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<b>Industrial Uses</b>	
Manufacturing of products produced on premises the major portion of which are sold on premises from producer to consumer	Y
Light manufacturing	Y
Manufacturing of marine vessels	N
Industrial (except earth removal)	SPP
Gravel, loam, sand, stone, or earth removal	N
Fish processing plants	N
Storage facilities	N
Junkyards and salvage yards	N
Hazardous waste facility	N
Solid waste facility	N
<b>Transportation Uses</b>	
Aviation field	N
Public service or other passenger station	SPP
Trucking and transportation terminals	SPP

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**For ARTICLE 3: Use Regulations, Table 330, add a column for WV-1R and list the uses as follows:**

ACCESSORY USE	WV-1R
<b>Agricultural and Rural Uses</b>	
Farm stand or Roadside Stand	Y
<b>Recreational Uses</b>	
Food and Beverage services and accessory uses related to permitted recreational activities	Y
Food and Beverage services and accessory uses related to permitted motels, hotels, and Conference centers	Y
<b>Residential Uses</b>	
Accessory apartment	Y
Home occupation	Y
Home Office of profession or trade conducted by a resident of the premises	Y
Taking of boarders or lodgers	Y
Storage Container for construction	Y
Storage Container, Accessory	N
<b>Educational and Institutional Uses</b>	
Accessory uses for scientific research, Scientific development, or related production activities	SPP
<b>Commercial Uses</b>	
Outdoor advertising	N

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<b>Marine Uses</b>	
Filling Stations for marine vessels	Y
Marine connected use	Y
<b>Utilities</b>	
Direct antenna 5 feet or more in diameter	SPP
Direct broadcast antenna under 5 feet in diameter	Y
Wireless communications facility enclosed	Y
Wireless communications facility attached to existing structure not exceeding 40 feet in height	Y
On-site Solar Energy	Y

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**For ARTICLE 6 Density and Dimensional Regulations, Table 622, Village Districts**

Add the following notes below Table 622:

"5. As measured from the existing sidewalk surface on Main Street."

"6. Height may be increased under Special Permit granted under the standards of Article 4A, section 10.3.1 of this bylaw."

**Add "and Mixed" to the Non-residential use options, and**

**Add a column for WV-1R and fill in as follows:**

	WV-1R
<b>Minimum Lot Area (square feet)</b>	
1-family or 2-family dwelling	5,000
<b>Other residential use:</b>	
First dwelling unit	1,000
Each additional unit	1,000
<b>Bed &amp; Breakfast</b>	
First unit	10,000 *1
Each additional unit	2,000 *2,3
Other nonresidential use	5,000
<b>Minimum Frontage (feet)</b>	
1 -family or 2-family dwelling	75
Other residential use	50
Nonresidential <b>and Mixed</b> use	50
<b>Minimum Front Setback (feet)</b>	
1-family or 2-family	4

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dwelling	
Other residential use	0
Nonresidential <span style="color: red;">and Mixed</span> use	0
<b>Minimum Side/Rear Setback (feet)</b>	
1-family or 2-family dwelling	10
Other residential use	10
Nonresidential <span style="color: red;">and Mixed</span> use	0
<b>Maximum Height (feet)</b>	
1-family or 2-family dwelling	40
Other residential use	50 <sup>5.,6.</sup>
Nonresidential <span style="color: red;">and Mixed</span> use	50 <sup>5.,6.</sup>
<b>Maximum Building Coverage (%)</b>	
1 -family or 2-family dwelling	<span style="color: red;">30</span>
Other residential use	90
Nonresidential <span style="color: red;">and Mixed</span> use	90
<b>Maximum Impervious Surface (%)</b>	
1 -family or 2-family dwelling	90
Other residential use	90
Nonresidential <span style="color: red;">and Mixed</span> use	90

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**For ARTICLE 7 Design Standards and Guidelines, add a new subsection "733. WV-1R REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT" to read as follows:**

**733. WV-1R REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT**

**1. PREFACE**

In the following section, the allowed uses and expected amenities are identified. Other standards and guidelines are included in the Planning Board Rules & Regulations for Downtown Reinvestment Subdistrict, on file with the Town Clerk.

**2. USES**

1. Uses of buildings and property, shall be a mix of the options for WV-1R found in Table 320 and Table 330, and may be compatible uses not listed, if such use is found by the Site Plan Review Special Permit Granting Authority to be acceptable.

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2. First floor uses facing Main Street, and Main Street grade-level spaces shall be public activities and accessible uses such as retail stores, entertainment, displays, studios, galleries, lobbies, bars and restaurants.
  3. Waterfront access shall be provided to and/or along the waterfront side of the project, if the project is on the same side of the street as the waterfront.
  4. No more than 80% of the livable floor area of a building shall be committed to residential use.
  5. Office uses and other uses that do not provide adequate pedestrian curb appeal that encourages public interaction and commerce, are discouraged on the first floor.
3. AMENITIES
1. Public access from Main Street to the waterfront shall be maintained where it exists between buildings or replaced in a form suitable to the Site Plan Review Special Permit Granting Authority.
  2. Where possible, on the waterfront side, a contiguous, above-grade, public walkway shall be included in each development that links to and across the adjacent development parcels on either side.
  3. Streetscape treatments and waterside areas should include plantings and site amenities such as street furniture.

**For ARTICLE 9 Parking, add a new Table 922, as follows:**

“922 Table of Parking Regulations for WAREHAM VILLAGE REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT: WV-1R

The minimum number of parking spaces is modified in the WV-1R Reinvestment Subdistrict for those uses included in the following table:

Use	Requirement
3,4, and 5+ Dwelling	
1 bedroom	1 per dwelling unit
2 or more bedrooms	1 per dwelling unit
Elderly	0.75 per dwelling unit
Bank	1 space per 300 ft.
Bowling Alley	2 per lane
Business, Retail < 1,000	1 per 300 ft.
Business, Retail > 1000	1 per 400 ft.
Personal Services	1 per 250 ft.
Recreations, Commercial Indoor	1 per 6 seats
Recreation, Commercial Outdoor	1 per 6 person capacity
Restaurant or Theater	1 per 6 seats

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Restaurant w/o Seating

3 spaces

Notes to Table:

- a. Floor area is calculated as Gross Leasable Floor Area GFA
- b. The Site Plan Review Special Permit Granting Authority is authorized to waive these parking standards by up to 15% [fifteen percent] when shared parking and/or public parking spaces are proven to be available.

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For Appendix 1 insert after WAREHAM VILLAGE 1 REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT, the following:

**WAREHAM VILLAGE 1 REINVESTMENT SUBDISTRICT:**

Parcels in the WV-1R, Reinvestment Subdistrict are those parcels, or portions of parcels shown on the Town of Wareham Assessor's maps, (as of January 1, 2019), as Map 47; Lots 1056, 1057, 1058, 1059, 1064-A, 1064-D, 1072, 1073, 1092, 1093, 1094, 1095, 1096, 1097, 1098, 1099, 1100, 1101, 1102, 1103-A, 1103-B, 1104, 1105, 1106, 1107, 1108, 1109, 1110, 1111, 1112, 1113, 1114, 1115, 1116, 1117, 1124, 1125, 1126, 1127, 1128, 1129, 1130, 1131, 1132, 1133, 1134, 1135, 1137, 1138, 1139, 1140, 1141, 1142, 1143-A, 1143-B, 1144, 1145, 1146, 1147, 1148-A, 1148-B, 1149, 1150, 1151, 1152, 1153, 1154, 1155, 1161.

**And insert the following graphic:**

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Lots included in the WV-1R district

Motion made from floor to move the article for further study.

Motion failed by majority voice vote. 7 people wanted a hand count. Motion made for hand count.

Motion failed Yes: 43 No:183

Motion to amend fails on voice vote.

Motion made to move the question approved.

**Main motion accepted by 2/3 hand count Yes: 174 No: 67**

**PETIONED ARTICLES**

**ARTICLE S16 – COHASSET ROAD**

To see if the Town will move my boundary lines so my house, 41 Cohasset Road, is inside the boundary lines and not encroaching on the road.

Inserted by Sheila McDonough et al.

Vote to go past 10pm for discussion of Article 16 only approved.

Discussion led to adjournment of Special Town Meeting until 7pm, April 25, 2023.

**Motion approved unanimously**

Motion was made to commence Special Town Meeting, April 25, 2023.

Motion approved by majority

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**Motion for Art S16 approved by majority**

Motion to dissolve Special Town Meeting approved unanimously

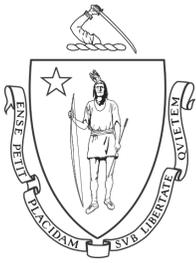
Motion to continue Annual Spring Town Meeting approved unanimously

Respectfully submitted by:

Michele Bissonnette  
Town Clerk

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Town Election	2-May-23		Total Voters	17979
			voted	734
			% turnout	4%
Select Board (3 yr)				
Choose 2	Judith Whiteside	419	*	
	Patricia Wurts	486	*	
	James Munise	358		
Assessor (3 yr)				
Choose 2	James McCahill	516	*	
	Priscilla Porter	554	*	
School Committee (3 yr)				
Choose 2	Joyce Bacchiocchi	543	*	
	Kevin Brogioli	564	*	
Constable (3 yr)				
Choose 1	Shelli Mobilia	491	*	
Non Sewer User Commissioner (3 yr)				
Choose 1	Bernard Pigeon	510	*	
Sewer User Commissioner (3 yr)				
Choose 1	Robert Scanlon	173	*	
	Robert Powilatis	7		
Housing Authority ( 5 yr)				
Choose 1	Robert Powilatis	534	*	



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**Re: Wareham Annual Town Meeting of October 24, 2022 -- Case # 10785  
Warrant Articles # 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 (Zoning)  
Warrant Article # 11 (General)**

Dear Ms. Bissonnette:

**Article 11** - Under Article 11 the Town voted to amend its general by-laws to add a new Division XIII, Article 1, “Waterway Rules,” that regulates the use of vessels and moorings in the Town. We approve Article 11 except for text in: (1) Section 102.0’s definitions of “Great Pond” and “Vessel;” (2) Section 103.1.6 regarding boat registration requirements; (3) Section 112.1 regarding operating vessels near swimming areas; and (4) Section 113.7 regarding requirements for divers, because these provisions are inconsistent with state law, including G.L. c. 90B and 91. See Amherst v. Attorney General, 398 Mass. 793, 795-96 (1986) (requiring inconsistency with state law or the Constitution for the Attorney General to disapprove a by-law).<sup>1</sup>

In this decision, we briefly describe Article 11; discuss the Attorney General’s limited standard of review of town by-laws under G.L. c. 40, § 32; and explain why, based on that standard, we disapprove Article 11 in part. We also offer comments for the Town’s consideration on the remaining approved text under Article 11.

**I. Summary of Article 11**

Under Article 11 the Town deleted its existing boating and waterways by-laws in Division IV, Article 1, Section 2 (“Boating Regulations, Harbor Service Permit”); Section 2A, (“Boating

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<sup>1</sup> In a decision issued on February 16, 2023 we approved Articles 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 and by agreement with Town Counsel pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, we extended the deadline for our review of Article 11 for 30-days until February 16, 2023. In a letter dated March 21, 2023 we further extended our deadline for 60-days until May 21, 2023.

Regulations, Mooring Regulations”); and Section 2B, (“Waterways Rules and Regulations”), and inserted a new Division XIII, Article 1, “Waterways Rules.” The stated purpose of the new Waterways by-law is to “provide efficient utilization of harbor areas, to improve the safety of moored vessels, and to provide adequate space for the enjoyment of all the users of the harbors.” Section 1.01, “Purpose.” Section 1.01 states that this purpose will be accomplished by “controlling the placement of moorings, establishing standards for mooring tackle, and by establishing regular, systematic mooring inspections.” The new Waterways by-law includes: (1) definitions for terms used in the by-law; (2) a requirement for a Harbor Service Permit; (3) mooring use requirements, including specifications for the use and location of moorings; (3) requirements for marinas, yacht clubs and commercial moorings; (4) requirements for the use of boats and other vessels; (5) the use of other water related recreational devices, including water trampolines, and kiteboards; and (6) enforcement and penalty provisions.

The Town Meeting Warrant states that the amendments voted under Article 11 are for the purpose of a replacing, clarifying, and adding new provisions regulating the Town’s waterways for safe boating and use of moorings. See Article 11 of the Wareham Annual Town Meeting October 24, 2022 Warrant and Finance Committee Report, at p. 7. The Town’s Finance Committee recommendation states that the by-law is a “comprehensive set of rules which incorporate and expand existing bylaws to provide more consistent and clear regulations addressing access to and enjoyment by the public of Wareham’s waterways.” The by-law (1) clarifies the process for accessing the Town’s mooring waiting list, applying for and obtaining a mooring permit; (2) regulates the installation, use, maintenance, and routine inspection of moorings; (3) allows for imposition of fees associated with the mooring process; and (4) increases penalties for repeated violations of safe boating rules. Id.

## **II. Attorney General’s Standard of Review of General Bylaws**

Our review of Article 11 is governed by G.L. c. 40, § 32. Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32 the Attorney General has a “limited power of disapproval,” and “[i]t is fundamental that every presumption is to be made in favor of the validity of municipal by-laws.” Amherst, 398 Mass. at 795-96. The Attorney General does not review the policy arguments for or against the enactment. Id. at 798-99 (“Neither we nor the Attorney General may comment on the wisdom of the town’s by-law.”) To disapprove a by-law (or any portion thereof), the Attorney General must cite an inconsistency between the by-law and the state Constitution or laws. Id. at 796. A municipality has no power to adopt a by-law that is “inconsistent with the constitution or laws enacted by the [Legislature].” Home Rule Amendment, Mass. Const. amend. art. 2, § 6.

## **III. Town’s Authority to Adopt Waterways By-laws**

Both the Home Rule Amendment and state law provides authority for towns to adopt local by-laws regulating use of waterways under the Town’s jurisdiction, including the use of moorings and vessels. Mad Maxine’s Watersports, Inc. v. Harbormaster of Provincetown, 67 Mass. App. Ct. 804, 811 (2006) (by-law restricting the use of personal watercraft in the Town’s Harbor did not conflict with G.L. c. 90B, the Home Rule Amendment, or public trust doctrine). General Laws Chapter 90B, Sections 11 and 15 authorize towns to regulate activities or vessels on town waters, so long as the local regulation does not conflict with the provisions of G.L. c. 90B and the

regulations are approved by the Director of Office of Law Enforcement (OLE) within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.<sup>2, 3</sup> General Laws Chapter 15 states as follows:

(a) The provisions of this chapter shall govern the numbering, operation, equipment and all other matters relating thereto of any vessel subject to the provisions of this chapter or of any rule or regulation made under authority hereof, whenever any such vessel shall be operated or maintained on the waters of the commonwealth, or whenever any activity regulated by said chapter or said rules and regulations shall take place thereon.

(b) Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any city or town from regulating, by ordinance or by-law, not contrary to the provisions of this chapter or of any rule or regulation made under authority hereof, other than numbering, of such vessels on such waters of the commonwealth as lie within the city or town, or such activities which take place thereon. Such cities and towns may, by joint action, provide for such regulations for such waters lying in two or more cities or towns.

(c) No such ordinance or by-law shall be valid unless it shall have been approved by the director and published in a newspaper of general distribution in said city or town not less than five days before the effective date thereof.

In addition, state law gives the local harbormaster authority over temporary mooring of floats and rafts. G.L. c. 91, § 10A (the town's Harbormaster issues permits for the temporary mooring of floats or rafts). Harbormasters also have authority over vessels in the town's harbor. See G.L. c. 102, §§ 21, 24, 25, and 26 (the town's Harbormaster has authority over the movement and anchorages of vessels within the harbor; for ordering the removal of any vessel lying within the harbor or at a public wharf; and for regulating and stationing all vessels in the channels of his harbor, respectively). The Home Rule Amendment, Art. 89, § 6, of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, also provides authority for towns to regulate the use of waterways within its borders because the Amendment gives municipalities the power to take any action that is not "inconsistent" with State laws or the Constitution. Independent of G.L. c. 90B and c. 91 towns can adopt waterways by-laws if they are not inconsistent with state law.

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<sup>2</sup> Sections 11 and 15 refer to the "director," defined in Section 1 as "the director of the division of law enforcement of the department of fisheries, wildlife and environmental law enforcement." However, the Division of Law Enforcement is now the Office of Law Enforcement within the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. See M.G.L. c. 21A, §§ 8, 10A, and Chapter 41 of the Acts of 2003, Section 1(a) (4).

<sup>3</sup> The Director of the OLE's contact information is: Massachusetts Environmental Police Headquarters, 251 Causeway St., Suite 101, Boston, MA 02114.

#### IV. Disapproved Text

##### A. Section 102.0 - Definitions

Section 102.0 defines terms used throughout the new Waterways by-law.

##### 1. *Great Pond*

Section 102.0 defines “Great Pond” as follows:

Great Pond – Any pond or lake that contained more than 10 acres in its natural state.  
**Great Ponds that once measured 10 acres or greater in their natural state, but which are smaller now, are still considered great ponds.**

We disapprove and delete the text “Great Ponds that once measured 10 acres or greater in their natural state, but which are smaller now, are still considered great ponds.” as shown above in bold and underlined because it is inconsistent with the definition of “Great Pond” under G.L. c. 91, § 35 and 310 CMR 9.00. Both G.L. c. 91, § 35 and the Department of Environmental Protection’s (DEP) Waterways regulations at 310 CMR 9.00 define the term “Great Pond.” Section 35 states that the provisions of G.L. c. 91 regulating great ponds “shall apply to ponds containing in their natural state more than ten acres of land . . .” Section 9.02 of 310 CMR, “Definitions,” defines “Great Pond” in pertinent part as follows:

[A]ny pond which contained more than ten acres in its natural state, as calculated based on the surface area of lands lying below the natural high water mark. . . . The Department shall presume that any pond presently larger than ten acres is a Great Pond, unless the applicant presents topographic, historic, or other information demonstrating that the original size of the pond was less than ten acres, prior to any alteration by damming or other human activity.

Under Section 9.02 , a body of water could lose its Great Pond status if it shrinks in size due to natural processes. However, the by-law’s definition of “Great Pond” includes any pond that exceeded ten acres (at any point in its history) regardless of natural processes that may result in the pond being less than ten acres now. The Town must apply its definition of “Great Pond” consistent with state law. The Town should consult with Town Counsel with any questions on this issue.

##### 2. *Boat or Vessel*

Section 1.02 defines “Vessel” to include seaplanes as follows:

Boat or Vessel – Includes every description of water craft, including **seaplanes and** personal watercraft, when navigating or moored on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water, whether propelled by power, sail, or manually.

We disapprove and delete the words “seaplanes and” as shown above in bold and underline because seaplanes are not included in the definition of “Vessel” under G.L. c. 90B, § 1. General Laws Chapter 90B, Section 1 defines “Vessel” for purposes of regulating vessels under Chapter 90B and excludes seaplanes from the definition of “Vessel” as follows:

Vessel - watercraft of every description, except a seaplane on the water used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.

Because seaplanes are excluded from the definition of vessel, the Town does not have the authority to regulate seaplanes as vessels under its G.L. c. 90B, § 15 authority.<sup>4, 5</sup> For this reason, we disapprove the text above in bold and underline.

B. Section 130.0 - Harbor Services Permit General Rules

Section 103.1.6 requires visiting boat owners to obtain Massachusetts registration and title as follows:

Visiting boat owners who are registered in another state are allowed to boat in Massachusetts for up to 60 consecutive days without obtaining a Massachusetts registration and title. If a vessel is kept in excess of the 60 consecutive days, the vessel must obtain a Massachusetts registration and title certificate. All out of state registrations assigned to moorings and dock spaces will be submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Revenue for review of excise tax.

We disapprove and delete Section 103.1.6 because it is inconsistent with G.L. c. 90B, § 15, which prohibits towns from adopting by-law regarding the numbering of vessels (“Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting any city or town from regulating, by ordinance or by-law . . . other than numbering, of such vessels on such waters of the commonwealth . . .”). Vessels are assigned numbers at the time of registration. G.L. c. 90B, § 3, and 323 CMR 2.03. Moreover, not all vessels are subject to the statutory requirement to obtain Massachusetts registration and title after 60 days. G.L. c. 90B, § 2. For these reasons, we disapprove and delete Section 103.1.6.

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<sup>4</sup> The definition of “Vessel” under federal law also excludes seaplanes on the water. See 33 C.F.R. 183.3 (defining “vessel” as “every description of watercraft, other than a seaplane on the water, used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on the water.”)

<sup>5</sup> Section 102 defines “boat” and “vessel” synonymously, but these terms have distinct meanings under federal and state law. For example, under federal law a boat is a specific type of vessel. See 33 C.F.R. 183.3 (defining “boat” as “any vessel (1) Manufactured or used primarily for noncommercial use; (2) Leased, rented, or chartered to another for the latter's noncommercial use; or (3) Operated as an uninspected passenger vessel subject to the requirements of 46 CFR chapter I, subchapter C”).

C. Section 112.0 Vessel Operation

Section 112.1 (B) prohibits vessels from operating at more than headway speed when the vessel is within three hundred feet of a swimming area as follows:

A vessel will not be operated at more than headway speed:

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B. When the vessel is being operated within three hundred feet (300') of a swimming beach, **unless operating in an area designated for higher speeds.**

We disapprove and delete the text “, unless operating in an area designated for higher speeds” as shown above in bold and underline, because it is inconsistent with 323 CMR 2.07 (3) (c), which prohibits motorboats from operating at a speed greater than headway speed within 300 feet of a swimming area. 323 CMR Section 2.07 (3) (c) does not provide an exception to the headway speed limitation within 300 feet of a swimming area. For this reason, we disapprove and delete the text “, unless operating in an area designated for higher speeds” as shown above in bold and underline.

D. Section 113.0 Divers

Section 113.7 imposes requirements on divers as follows:

**1. No person shall dive within the waters of the Town of Wareham without displaying an "Alpha" or red and white diver's flag which is clearly visible within a radius of three hundred feet (300').**

**2. No diver shall be further than one hundred feet (100') from the diver's flag at any time while at or under the surface of the water.**

3. No person shall dive within any navigational channels within Wareham's waterways without notifying the Harbormaster.

We disapprove Sections 113.7 (1) and (2) as shown above in bold and underlined because they conflict with G.L. c. 90B, § 13A, which imposes requirements on scuba divers as follows:

Every scuba diver or group of scuba divers while swimming on or under the surface of the waters of the commonwealth shall display for each diver or group of divers as a warning device to boat operators, a diver's flag, so called, constructed of rigidly supported material at least twelve inches by fifteen inches in area of red background with a white diagonal stripe. Such diver's flag shall be displayed on a boat or surface float and shall extend a minimum distance of three feet from the surface of the water. Divers shall remain in an area within one hundred feet of such displayed diver's flag while at or near the surface of the water. A boat operator within sight of a diver's flag shall proceed with caution and within a radius of one hundred feet

of such flag shall proceed at a speed not to exceed three miles per hour.

Section 13A requires that divers display a red and white “diver’s flag” meeting specific criteria, and it does not allow an “alpha” flag to be substituted for a red and white diver’s flag. Section 13A also specifies the means by which the required flag must be displayed (requiring the flag be a minimum size and elevated at least 3 feet above the water). Section 113.7 (1) does not include these requirements but rather requires the flag to be visible from 300 feet.

Section 113.7 (2) requires divers to stay within 100 feet of the flag when under the water. However, this requirement is inconsistent with G.L. c. 90B, § 13A, which requires divers to stay within 100’ of the flag “when at or near the surface of the water” only. According to OLE, the statute requires divers to stay close to the flag only when near the surface because that is the time when there is a risk that a diver will interact with a vessel and this risk is not present at deeper depths. By requiring a diver to stay within 100 feet of a diver’s flag while underwater, Section 113.7 (2) conflicts with Section 13A and we disapprove it on this basis.

## **V. Additional Comments on Approved Text**

### **A. Section 102.0 - Definitions**

Section 102.0 defines terms used throughout the new Waterways by-law. Section 102.0 defines “Personal Watercraft” as follows:

Personal Watercraft – Includes every description of watercraft propelled by an internal combustion engine commonly referred to as “jet skis” and watercraft shaped like a surfboard propelled by the wind, commonly referred to as “wind surfers.”

The Division of Law Enforcement adopted regulations at 323 CMR 4.00 that govern the operation of personal watercraft. Section 4.02 of 323 CMR, “Definitions,” defines “Personal Watercraft” as follows:

Personal watercraft shall mean a vessel propelled by a water jet pump or other machinery as its primary source of motor propulsion which is designed to be operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than being operated in the conventional manner by a person sitting or standing inside the vessel.

Section 4.02 defines personal watercraft as a vessel propelled by a water jet pump and operated by a person who is sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel. However, the by-law’s definition of “personal watercraft” is not limited to watercraft that is propelled by a water jet pump, but rather includes watercraft propelled by an internal combustion engine and by wind power. The by-law’s definition is also not limited to watercraft operated by a person sitting, standing or kneeling on the vessel rather than inside the vessel. The Town must apply its definition of “Personal Watercraft” consistent with state law and may wish to discuss with Town Counsel amending the definition to match the definition in state law at 323 CMR 4.00.

B. Section 130.0 - Harbor Services Permit General Rules

1. *Section 103.1.1*

Section 103.1.1 prohibits a vessel from “being held by mooring or dock” without obtaining a Harbor Service Permit from the Town’s Harbormaster as follows:

No person will keep any vessel within the waters of the Town of Wareham, held by mooring or dock, without first obtaining a Harbor Service Permit from the Harbormaster. This will include all personal watercraft. No vessel may be anchored in the waters of Wareham for more than six (6) consecutive days without a Harbor Service Permit. Anchoring will be prohibited within all designated mooring areas. Anchoring will be at the discretion of the Harbormaster.

a. Section 103.1.1’s Anchoring Provisions

Section 103.1.1 provides that “Anchoring shall be at the discretion of the Harbormaster.” General Laws Chapter 102, Section 21 authorizes a harbormaster to adopt regulations for anchorage and managing vessels at the anchor. The Town’s Harbormaster has authority under G.L. c. 102 to adopt regulations regarding anchoring, which can include the location of anchorage. However, if the Harbormaster seeks to prevent a vessel from anchoring in town waters, even if the vessel otherwise complies with anchoring regulations, the Harbormaster could exceed the authority given to the Harbormaster under G.L. c. 102. Preventing a vessel from anchoring could present a risk to public safety and is broader than the statutory authority to manage the stationing of anchored vessels. See Commonwealth v. Perkins, 223 Mass. 84 (1916) (upholding regulation requiring schooners to moor in area defined by harbormaster regulation and discussing rationale of regulation to prevent fouling of vessels because of stationing). The Town must apply Section 103.1.1’s anchoring provisions consistent with state law and may wish to discuss this issue with Town Counsel.

b. Section 103.1.1’s Harbor Services Permit

Section 103.1.1 prohibits vessels within the Town’s waters from being held to a mooring or dock without a Harbor Service Permit from the Harbormaster. Section 103.1.1 also requires a Harbor Service Permit for any vessel anchored in the Town’s waters for more than six consecutive days. A Harbor Service Permit is defined as “an annual permit issued by the Harbormaster for an assigned mooring location with or without a vessel, vessel at a slip or dock whether commercial or private, a temporary float or raft or outhauling mooring.” See Section 1.02 “Definitions.”

General Laws Chapter 91, Section 10A authorizes the Harbormaster to require a permit for temporary moorings and floats and to impose a “reasonable fee” for such permits as follows:

Notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, the harbormaster of . . . town or whomsoever is so empowered by said . . . may authorize by permit the mooring on a temporary basis of floats or rafts held by anchors or bottom moorings within the

territorial jurisdiction of such . . . town upon such terms, conditions and restrictions as he shall deem necessary. He shall act on applications for such permits within a period of fifteen days from receipt thereof.

A reasonable fee for such mooring permit, proportionate to the . . . town's cost of overseeing mooring permits, may be imposed by the . . . town or whoever is so authorized by the . . . town, but no mooring fee shall discriminate on the basis of residence. Any mooring fee collected shall be deposited into and used in accordance with the purposes of a municipal waterways improvement and maintenance fund established pursuant to section 5G of chapter 40.

Section 10A authorizes a Town to charge a fee for mooring permits and is silent on fees for vessels. The Harbor Service Permit is defined as the annual permit issued by the Harbormaster "for an assigned mooring location with or without a vessel, vessel at a slip or dock whether commercial or private, a temporary float or raft or outhauling mooring." It is unclear from the definition of Harbor Service Permit and Section 130.1.1's prohibition on vessels being anchored for more than six consecutive days without a Harbor Service Permit whether the Town is requiring a Harbor Service Permit for vessels or solely for moorings as allowed under Section 10A.<sup>6</sup> The Town may wish to clarify this text at a future Town Meeting.

In addition, a municipality may impose fees on owners of boats moored in the town harbor. See Commonwealth v. Caldwell, 25 Mass. App. Ct. 91, 97 (1987) (upholding a fee for boats moored in the Town's harbor as a lawful fee). However, a town does not have the "independent power of taxation." Silva v. City of Attleboro, 454 Mass. 165, 169 (2009). In distinguishing valid fees from impermissible taxes, the Supreme Judicial Court has noted that fees tend to share the following common traits: (1) fees, unlike taxes, are charged in exchange for a particular governmental service which benefits the party paying the fee in a manner not shared by other members of society; (2) user fees (although not necessarily regulatory fees) are paid by choice, in that the party paying the fee has the option of not utilizing the governmental service and thereby avoiding the charge; and (3) fees are collected not to raise revenues but to compensate the governmental entity providing the services for its expenses. See Silva, 454 Mass. at 168 (citing Emerson College v. City of Boston, 391 Mass. 415, 424-25 (1984)). The Town should consult with Town Counsel to ensure that the fee amount for the Harbor Service Permit constitutes a valid fee rather than an impermissible tax. In addition, the Town may wish to amend the definition of Harbor Service Permit and Section 103.1.1 to make it clear whether it is requiring a permit solely for moorings or also for vessels.

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<sup>6</sup> Based on the Attorney General's limited record and limited standard of review of town by-laws pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, we cannot determine that the proposed by-law is pre-empted by the federal Rivers and Harbors Act, which provides in pertinent part that "[n]o taxes, tolls, operating charges, fees, or any other impositions whatever" may be imposed on any vessel by a non-Federal interest when operating on waters subject to federal authority, except in specific instances, "reasonable fees charged on a fair and equitable basis that are used solely to pay the cost of a service to the vessel or water craft; (b) enhance the safety and efficiency of interstate and foreign commerce; and (c) do not impose more than a small burden on interstate or foreign commerce." 33 U.S.C. § 5(b). The Town should consult with Town Counsel with any questions on this issue.

### 3. *Section 103.1.7*

Section 103.1.7 the, which will be set by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to G.L. c. 44, § 22F (and requires the Town's Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to collect the Harbor Service Permit fees. Sections 103.1.7 (2) (3) and (7). Section 103.1.7 (7) requires the Harbor Service Permit fees to be deposited into a receipt reserved for appropriation account to be used to defray the costs of operating the DNR.

While we approve Section 103.1.7, it is unclear what type of account the Town is referring to with the language "receipt reserved for appropriation account." General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53, provides that "[a]ll moneys received by a city, town or district officer or department, except as otherwise provided by special acts and except fees provided for by statute, shall be paid by such officers or department upon their receipt into the city, town or district treasury." Under Section 53, all money received by the Town becomes a part of the general fund, unless the Legislature has expressly made other provisions that are applicable to such receipt. In the absence of any general or special law to the contrary, the fees established in the by-law must be deposited with the Town Treasurer and made part of the Town's general fund, pursuant to G.L. c. 44, § 53. An example of such a general law is G.L. c. 40, § 5G, which authorizes a Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund. The Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund is a receipt reserved for appropriation fund that can be used for harbor related fees. The Town does not specifically mention the Municipal Waterways Improvement and Maintenance Fund authorized under G.L. c. 40, § 5G, and thus it is not clear whether the Town is referring to this fund when it requires fees to be deposited in a "receipt reserved for appropriation account." The Town must apply Section 103.1.7 consistent with G.L. c. 40, § 5G and c. 44, § 53 and the Town may wish to discuss this issue with Town Counsel to determine if a future clarifying amendment is needed.

### C. Section 103.0 Mooring Specifications

Section 103.2.1 authorizes the "Harbormasters" of the town to require a vessel owner to increase the minimum mooring standard for any vessel if the minimum standard would be inadequate for the vessel because of unusual design, such as but not limited to weight, windage, or draft. General Laws Chapter 102, § 19 authorizes towns to appoint "a harbor master and assistant harbor masters." The powers and duties of a Town's Harbormaster and Assistant Harbormaster are defined in G.L. c. 102, §§ 20 and 21, which allow the Town to have one "Harbormaster" with the Assistant Harbormasters under the control of the Harbormaster. See G.L. c. 102, § 20. It is unclear whether the term "Harbormasters" means that the Town has more than one "Harbormaster" or if it includes any Assistant Harbormasters the Town may have.<sup>7</sup> The Town should discuss this issue with Town Counsel to determine if a future amendment to the by-law is needed to clarify this terminology.

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<sup>7</sup> The new Waterways by-law uses the term "deputy harbormaster" in several sections. See Sections 115.2 and 115.3. State law does not authorize the appointment of "deputy harbormasters" or grant them authority under state law. However, we construe the term "deputy harbormaster" to mean "assistant harbormaster." The Town may wish to amend the Waterways by-law to use the term "Assistant Harbormaster" as that term is used in state law.

D. Section 104.0 Mooring Use and Section 104.9 Voluntary Surrender of Mooring

Section 104.5.6 authorizes the Harbormaster to remove and dispose of any abandoned, unidentifiable or unpermitted mooring. Similarly, Section 104.9 authorizes the Harbormaster to dispose of moorings that are not removed within fourteen days of a permit holder surrendering a Harbor Service Permit. It is not clear what the Town means by the Harbormaster disposing of abandoned mooring. However, there are a number of state statutes that govern unclaimed or forfeited property, including mooring and floats. See e.g., G.L. c. 135, § 8 (unclaimed property in possession of police); c. 257 (seizure and libeling of forfeited property). The Town must apply the disposal of abandoned moorings and floats in Sections 104.5 and 104.9 consistent with state law. The Town may wish to discuss this issue in more detail with Town Counsel.

E. Section 105.0 Fish Carts and Stakes

Section 105.9 requires Harbormaster approval for the placement of “fish carts or stakes” in Town waters. “Fish carts and stakes” are not defined in the by-law. According to OLE, they are not a term of art in the fishing community. Therefore, it is not clear what activity requires the Harbormaster’s approval. If Section 105.9 requires Harbormaster approval of fishing gear, it may be inconsistent with state law because a town may regulate fishing and aquaculture only for specific species. See G.L. c. 130, § 52 and 57. If the Town is requiring approval of the placement of a structure in navigable waters, then such approval may be consistent with the Town’s authority under G.L. c. 91, § 10A to require approval for the placement of temporary moorings, floats and rafts. The Town may wish to amend this text at a future Town Meeting to make it clear what activity requires approval of the Harbormaster under Section 105.9. The Town should discuss the application of Section 105.9 with Town Counsel.

F. Section 109.0 Vessels Left on Town Property

Section 109.14 authorizes the Town to remove any vessels left of Town property if is determined to be a hazard to people or property, if the owner is unknown, if it is not legally permitted, or is located in an unapproved area. Section 109.16 states that any removed vessel that is unclaimed after thirty days after removal may be considered “abandoned” and be disposed of by the Town, including through an auction. General Laws Chapter 91, Sections 38-48 govern abandoned vessels. The Town must apply the disposal of vessels left on Town property in violation of the Waterways by-law consistent with G.L. c. 91, §§ 38-48. The Town may wish to discuss this issue in more detail with Town Counsel.

G. Section 112.0 Aircraft

Section 112.3 regulates the operation of seaplanes as follows:

Seaplanes, float planes, or aircraft adapted to water will only be allowed to operate from or upon waterways in the Town of Wareham that are approved by the FAA as a suitable landing site, or in the event of an emergency. The Harbormaster will be

notified prior to the scheduled takeoff or landing of any seaplane or aircraft adapted to water. All No Wake/Headway Speed areas must be adhered to.

We approve Section 112.3 because towns have authority to regulate the use of aircraft including seaplanes.<sup>8</sup> However, local laws regulating seaplanes may require approval of the Aeronautics Division within MassDOT. General Laws Chapter 90, Section 39B requires MassDOT review and approval of local laws that regulate the use and operation of aircraft. See Roma v. Board of Appeals of Rockport, 478 Mass. 580, 592 n. 9 (2018) (the notice and safety requirements for noncommercial private restricted landing areas under G. L. c. 90, § 39B, fourth par., still apply, as does “the continuing authority of the division under the aeronautics code over aircraft landing areas that do not fall within the narrow definition of a noncommercial private restricted landing area.”). In addition, G.L. c. 131, § 45, ¶ 2 requires approval of local laws that regulate the “use and operation of aircraft equipped with floats or other means of transportation on water” See Pearson v. Town of Plymouth, 44 Mass App. Ct. 741, 744 n. 7 (1998) (a town by-law regulating floating airplanes was invalid unless it was approved by the Massachusetts Aeronautics Division). The Town should discuss with Town Counsel whether Section 112.3 needs approval from MassDOT before it can take effect.

#### H. Sections 115.0 Enforcement and Penalties

Section 115 includes the enforcement procedures for violations of the new Waterways by-law. Section 115.1 “Compatibility” states that the regulations of Commonwealth, including “the most current version of Chapter 90B,” are incorporated into the Town’s Waterways by-law.<sup>9</sup> Section 115.2 states the Waterways by-law shall be enforced by: (1) the Harbormaster; (2) the Natural Resource Officer; and (3) any Wareham Police Officer. Section 115.3 states that the Waterways by-law can be enforced through a criminal proceeding or through non-criminal disposition under G.L. c. 40, § 21D, with penalties of fifty dollars for the first offense; one hundred dollars for the second offense; and three hundred dollars for subsequent offenses. Because state laws including G.L. c. 90B and applicable state statutes are incorporated by reference into the new Waterways by-laws, the Town must apply its enforcement provisions consistent with state law, as detailed below.

General Laws Chapter 90B, Section 12 identifies the state and local officials that can enforce the provisions of c. 90B and the regulations adopted under it as follows:

The provisions of this chapter and all rules and regulations made under the authority thereof shall be enforced by the director, deputy directors of enforcement, chiefs of enforcement, deputy chiefs of enforcement, environmental police officers and deputy environmental police officers of the division of law enforcement, department of fisheries, wildlife and environmental law enforcement, by harbor masters and assistant harbor masters, by police officers assigned to harbor patrol, by fish and game wardens, by members of the state police, and by city and town

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<sup>8</sup> See G.L. c. 90, § 35 (b) (defining “Aircraft” as “any contrivance now known, or hereafter invented, used or designed for navigation of or flight in the air.”)

<sup>9</sup> General Laws Chapter 90B is a state statute and is not a state regulation.

It would be inconsistent with G.L. c. 90B for the Town to allow any town official (for example, the Natural Resource Officer) other than those listed in c. 90B to enforce its provisions. The Town must apply Section 115's enforcement provisions consistent with G.L. c. 90B.

In addition, Section 115.3 allows fine amounts that are different than the amounts allowed as penalties for violations of Chapter 90B, and the regulations adopted under it, which are provided in G.L. c. 90B, § 14 and c. 21A, §§ 10G and 10H. Section 14 establishes penalties from ten dollars to five hundred dollars for Chapter 90B violations. In addition, Section 10H establishes a \$50 fine for non-criminal disposition of regulations promulgated pursuant to chapter 90B, which is assessed through a process established in Section 10G. When the Harbormaster or other person authorized under G.L. c. 90B is enforcing violations of G.L. c. 90B, they must ensure that they are imposing the correct fine amount as required under G.L. c. 90B. The Town should discuss this issue with Town Counsel.

## **VI. Conclusion**

Except for the text we disapprove and delete as described in more detail above, we approve the Town's new Waterways by-law. However, we strongly suggest that the Town discuss the remaining portions of the by-law with Town Counsel to ensure it is properly applied.

**Note: Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) general by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) zoning by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.**

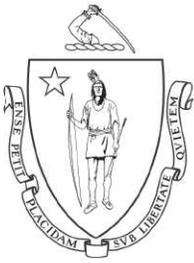
Very truly yours,

ANDREA JOY CAMPBELL  
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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May 16, 2023

Michele Bissonnette, Town Clerk  
Town of Wareham  
54 Marion Road  
Wareham, MA 02571

**Re: Wareham Annual Town Meeting of April 24, 2023 -- Case # 10911  
Warrant Article # 17 (Zoning)**

Dear Ms. Bissonnette:

**Article 17** - We approve Article 17 from the April 24, 2023 Wareham Annual Town Meeting.

**Note:** Pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 32, neither general nor zoning by-laws take effect unless the Town has first satisfied the posting/publishing requirements of that statute. Once this statutory duty is fulfilled, (1) **general** by-laws and amendments take effect on the date these posting and publishing requirements are satisfied unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law, and (2) **zoning** by-laws and amendments are deemed to have taken effect from the date they were approved by the Town Meeting, unless a later effective date is prescribed in the by-law.

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## Annual Report of the Board of Assessors

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The Wareham Board of Assessors and the staff in the assessing department are committed to giving the residents and taxpayers of the Town of Wareham quality service in a professional atmosphere. The main objective of the office is to compile fair and equitable valuations for the purpose of taxation. The Town currently values all real and personal property. Motor vehicle and boat valuations are based on guidelines set by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, and other State agencies.

The Board of Assessors adjusted the assessed values for the fiscal year 2023, in accordance with the prescribed methodology required by the Department of Revenue.

### Tax Rate Summary

<b>Tax Rate Summary</b>	FY17	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Town of Wareham	\$ 11.25	\$ 11.28	\$ 10.94	\$ 10.98	\$ 11.16	\$ 10.87	\$ 9.92
Wareham Water/Fire Dist.	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.35	\$ 2.28	\$ 2.29	\$ 2.31	\$ 2.11
Onset Water/Fire Dist.	\$ 2.73	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.62	\$ 2.73	\$ 2.84	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.38

### Assessed Values by Class

Parcel Type	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Residential	\$ 3,071,102,679	\$ 3,234,561,284	\$ 3,367,556,079	\$ 3,583,576,638	\$ 4,157,094,629
Commercial	\$ 388,596,726	\$ 400,770,561	\$ 404,236,596	\$ 408,010,036	\$ 415,875,158
Industrial	\$ 70,483,000	\$ 76,977,540	\$ 80,744,010	\$ 81,015,880	\$ 87,401,600
Personal Property	\$ 159,681,520	\$ 172,966,170	\$ 185,998,960	\$ 214,479,930	\$ 224,495,230
Exempt	\$ 286,983,700	\$ 297,758,500	\$ 297,801,300	\$ 318,674,800	\$ 323,552,000
Totals	\$ 3,976,847,625	\$ 4,183,034,055	\$ 4,336,336,945	\$ 4,391,277,354	\$ 5,208,418,617

Tax Levy Borne by Class

Parcel Type	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Residential	\$ 33,597,863.31	\$ 35,515,482.90	\$ 37,581,938.11	\$ 38,953,478.06	\$ 41,238,378.72
Commercial	\$ 4,251,248.18	\$ 4,400,460.76	\$ 4,511,287.43	\$ 4,435,069.09	\$ 4,125,481.57
Industrial	\$ 771,084.02	\$ 845,213.39	\$ 901,085.67	\$ 880,642.62	\$ 867,023.87
Personal Property	\$ 1,746,915.83	\$ 1,899,168.44	\$ 2,075,746.58	\$ 2,331,396.84	\$ 2,226,992.68
Exempt	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$ 40,367,111.34</b>	<b>\$ 42,660,325.49</b>	<b>\$ 45,070,057.79</b>	<b>\$ 46,600,586.61</b>	<b>\$ 48,457,876.84</b>

Levy Percentages Borne by Class

Parcel Type	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23
Residential	82.3402	83.2308	83.2518	83.5901	85.1015
Commercial	11.2237	10.5314	10.3151	9.5172	8.5136
Industrial	1.9832	1.9102	1.9813	1.8898	1.7892
Personal Property	4.4529	4.3276	4.4518	5.0029	4.5957
Exempt	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Totals</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>100.0000</b>	<b>100.0000</b>

Elected Assessors

Stephen F Curry (2024)  
 James M. McCahill (2026)  
 John Donahue (2024)  
 Priscilla Porter (2026)  
 David Halberstadt (2025)

Professional Staff

Jacqui Nichols, MAA, Director of Assessment  
 Stephen Curry, Assistant Assessor/Data Collector  
 Robin E. Maraccini, Senior Department Assistant  
 Nancy L. Roth, Principal Department Assistant  
 Renee Nevitt-Akins, Senior Department Assistant

Please visit our web page at <https://www.wareham.ma.us/assessing-department> to access Assessed Values, Assessor Maps and commonly used Forms and Applications.

## **Annual Report of the Council on Aging**

**July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The past year has been one of transition for the Council on Aging. The arrival of a new full-time director in October 2022 brought about an expanded focus on not only programming but also on social services. Thanks to a marketing grant from the Massachusetts Councils on Aging, the COA was able to promote its offerings to more than 7,500 local seniors through a one-time expanded newsletter mailing and a community services postcard. The results were astounding. We have seen a 76% increase in membership and an equally dramatic increase in the number of services provided.

In late May 2023, the COA added a new Community Outreach/Program Coordinator and a new social services Outreach Coordinator to the staff. In just a short amount of time, they have already had a significant impact on the COA, its members, and the senior community at large. In June, for example, we provided 59 units of social services to address home health care issues, assist seniors in crisis, provide durable medical equipment loans, and much more. Thanks to the additional staff, we are now able to offer help with fuel assistance applications/recertification, SNAP/EBT applications, homecare assistance, and more. The COA also administers the Town's free-pass program for Dial-a-Ride and Owl Link bus transport, and we also schedule out-of-town medical transportation through our office. All transportation is provided through GATRA, which ensures Wareham's seniors and disabled can get to where they need to go.

SHINE (Serving the Health Insurance Needs of Everyone) is a critical free service to help elders navigate the Medicare system. We were very fortunate to have a wonderful SHINE counselor, Jan Cote, on loan to us from the Rochester COA for most of the year. Jan has been extremely helpful and has served a multitude of Wareham seniors through this invaluable program.

As the long-term financial stresses of the pandemic continue on, many seniors are feeling the squeeze with increased costs on nearly everything, especially at the supermarket. To help, the COA has several new initiatives to ensure that elder residents have continued access to quality food despite rising prices. The first is a partnership with the Cape & Islands Veterans Center which now comes to the COA twice per month to offer veterans shelf-stable and fresh foods including eggs, meat, bread, fruits, and vegetables. This program has seen a very steady increase, and we now serve roughly 50 families every other week. The COA is also now host to a year-round farmers market that is open to all and offers SNAP recipients an additional bonus of \$40 of free produce each month through their HIP program, only available through farmers markets. In addition, we partnered with the United Way to bring fresh produce boxes to 20 seniors every other week for four months, and our partnership with the Greater Boston Food Bank has grown exponentially. We've added more than 30 people to the program which provides boxes of shelf-

stable food and produce each month. We've also started a food rescue program with Longhorn Steakhouse which generously donates food for seniors on a weekly basis. Lastly, we have increased our free boxed lunch offerings provided by Old Colony Elder Services from twice to three times per week.

The COA also provides educational programs to help with wellness and aging strong. We have regular visits from podiatry and dental service providers, host a brain-builders program and a low-vision support group, and offer blood pressure screenings. We have also revived our TRIAD group which includes the District Attorney's Office, the Plymouth County Sheriff's Office, Onset and Wareham Fire Departments, Wareham Police, Wareham Emergency Services, and the COA. Together, the group addresses safety matters and listens to concerns of senior residents. We have hosted guest speakers on safety-related topics including fire suppression, hurricane preparedness, sun protection, and how to help those with dementia. We offer a wide array of exercise programs including core strengthening and line dancing, chair volleyball and chair yoga, Broadway and hip hop dancing, aerobics, Tai Chi, and pickleball, all of which help seniors retain and/or improve fitness, flexibility, and mobility.

In addition, we have started a new banking assistance program in partnership with Eastern Bank that helps seniors with bill paying. We also administer the Town's Senior Tax Work-Off Program which allows seniors who meet the criteria to earn a credit on their real estate taxes. The program has more than doubled its 2022 enrollment, so word about this valuable opportunity is spreading. Also, in an effort to keep our seniors informed, we have had town leaders come to the COA to speak to our members on important issues impacting all residents. These talks have been well-received and offer seniors an opportunity to ask about the topics that matter most to them.

While we take aging strong seriously at the COA, we also place a strong emphasis on fun! We have started offering bus trips which have been enthusiastically received. Recent trips include Foxwoods and Encore casinos, Martha's Vineyard, and a Charles River boat cruise. We celebrated holidays large and small in a style including luncheons with musical entertainers, thanks to a generous grant from the Wareham Cultural Council, for St. Patrick's Day, Valentine's Day, and an end of year Holiday Party. We also hosted a lovely Mother's Day Tea, a Father's Day Breakfast, and a highly-acclaimed Fashion Show with models aged 3 to 83. Our bingo program went from monthly to twice per month, and our Garden Therapy and Crafts with Barbara programs now not only fill up but have long waiting lists. We've added two new card games to our offerings, and our regular line-up of programs such as Card Making, Dominoes, Mahjong, Art Your Way, and Game Time continue to entertain and are well attended. The COA also hosted the town's first-ever chair volleyball tournament which was great fun. Wareham and Onset Fire Departments, the Police Department, and Wareham seniors all had a great time vying for the winner's trophy, and we hope to make this an annual event!

Lastly, we would like to thank the many volunteers that give their time and energy to the Council on Aging. Without their tireless contributions, the COA would not be able to offer so many wonderful and engaging programs. Thank you!

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Rice, Director, Wareham Council on Aging

Melissa Quirk, Community Outreach/Program Coordinator

Kelley Brophy, Outreach Coordinator

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/council-aging>

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## Annual Report of the Emergency Medical Services Department

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

I am pleased to submit the report of the Wareham EMS department for FY 2023. The department continues to set new call volume records. This year we responded to 5,723 calls for service with 4,003 being transported. We are only able to bill people if we actually transport them to a hospital. All other calls that we respond to we have to absorb that cost in our budget.

We were able to cover the cost of operating the EMS department through the revenues that we collected from Medicare, Medicaid, private insurances, auto insurances and private pays.

The Covid crisis has abated somewhat in that the Department of Public Health has lifted some of the restrictions placed on the department, such as mask wearing only required on respiratory calls. This reduces some of the stress placed on patients and EMS staff.

The vehicles that the EMS department have are getting older and harder to replace. We ordered a new ambulance in 2021 and are still waiting to acquire a cab and chassis to build the new ambulance. This is a problem for all manufacturers, not just the brand that we use. We will be asking for approval for another new ambulance in the fall 2023 town meeting, with expected delivery time of two years. The replacement cycle we use to replace ambulances is to order a new one every three years. We have three ambulances, so they are being replaced when they are nine years old. Our oldest ambulance is now eleven years old and repair costs to maintain the ambulances are increasing. Replacement costs are increasing. The last ambulance we bought was \$300,000.00, and the new replacement cost is approaching \$400,000.00 per vehicle.

I would like to recognize and thank my staff for all they do to keep our town safe, taking care of our residents and visitors. They are as follows,

Paramedic/Lieut. Brad Allen	Paramedic/Lieut. Steven Defretias	Paramedic Ryan Layton
Paramedic Matthews Ramos	Paramedic Ryan Miller	Paramedic Gerard Pugsley
Paramedic Valerie Sullivan	Paramedic Laurence Tagger	Paramedic William Lima
Paramedic Robert Mershimer	Paramedic Rachel Allen	Paramedic Christopher Gillespie
Paramedic Brandon Moreno		

Part Time staff;

Paramedic Catherine Giannelli	Paramedic Christopher Brasells	Paramedic Michael Struss
Paramedic Logan Defreitas	Paramedic Pamela Defreitas	Paramedic Kevin McMasters
EMT Daniel Blizard	EMT Jordan Elicier	EMT Craig DeCosta
EMT Joseph McLaughlin	EMT Robert Runci	

I would also like to thank the other public safety departments in town for providing assistance to our department when requested: Wareham Police Department, Wareham Department of Natural Resources, Wareham Fire Department and the Onset Fire Department and the Wareham Municipal Maintenance Department for providing assistance and maintaining our vehicles so they are ready for response.

Respectfully submitted,

David Evans

Emergency Services Director

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/emsambulance>

## **Annual Report of the Health Department**

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The Wareham Board of Health administers and coordinates public health programs and services, enforces state and local public health regulations and sanitary codes, including local regulations promulgated by the Board of Health.

Our responsibilities include subsurface sewage disposal plan review, installation and construction inspections, food establishment inspections and complaints, Chapter II housing inspections and complaints, motel and swimming pool inspections, beach water testing at public and semi-public beaches. We issue construction work permits, food handlers' cards, license body art establishments and body artists. The Board of Health supervises a public health nurse, who conducts health clinics, immunization programs and communicable disease reporting, blood pressure screenings, wellness presentations, and follow-up investigations. The Septic Loan Program continues to be administered by the office of Community Development and together with the Board of Health, assists approved property owners with low interest loans to upgrade failed septic systems and the costs associated with abandonment of septic systems and connection to municipal sewer.

The Wareham Board of Health is affiliated with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Emergency Preparedness Plymouth County Regional Coalition, for purposes related to regional public health emergency preparedness including acts of bioterrorism, and outbreaks of infectious disease. The Wareham Board of Health, in conjunction with State and Federal health departments, has developed emergency plan binders containing Infectious Disease Emergency Plans (IDEP), Risk Communication Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP), and Emergency Dispensing Site plans (EDS), which meet requirements of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) designed to address all public health emergencies.

The rental housing program continues to be successful with 1,536 recognized units. Landlords that want to rent their property must register with the Board of Health rental program, and renew online every year. The fee is \$100 per property and properties with additional units will be charged \$25 per additional unit. Once the payment is received, the property is scheduled for an inspection, by the inspectors from the Board of Health. We have 2 part-time inspectors specifically for this program.

The following revenues have been recorded during fiscal year 2023 and include: All Food Service Permits, Food Handler Permits, Tobacco Sales Permits, Percolation Tests, Plan Reviews, Septic Installer Licenses and Tests, Title V Filing Fees, Title V Certificates, all Septic Installation and SSSD Repair Permits, Variance Hearing Fees, Stables, Wells, Pools, Body Art Permits, Tanning, B&B Units, Motels/Cabins, Mobile Home Parks, Lodging Houses,

Campgrounds, Sewer Haulers, Rubbish Haulers, Public Information Requests, Copies, Chapter II Housing Inspections, Tobacco Permits, Reimbursements and other miscellaneous Items.

**Total Revenue: \$ 263,047.35**

The Board of Health would like to thank the Select Board, Administration Offices, Wareham Police Department, Wareham Fire Department, Onset Fire Department, Community and Economic Development Authority, Municipal Maintenance, Wareham Senior and Social Services, Animal Control, Water Pollution Control, Wareham and Onset Water Districts, School Department, Wareham Housing Authority, Harbormaster's Office, Inspectional Services, Data Processing, Wareham Emergency Medical Services, and all Boards, Commissions, Committees and the citizens of the Town of Wareham for their support and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patrick MacDonald, Public Health Director  
Wareham Health Department

Health Department Employees  
Elias Esteves, Health Inspector  
Connie Dolan, Public Health Nurse  
Samantha Monast, Department Assistant  
Alexis Lynch, Rental Program Coordinator

Board of Health Members  
Amy Wiegandt, M.D., Chair  
Cathy Phinney, R.N., Member  
Lawrence Perry, Member  
Jilian Morton Esq., Associate Member  
Jean Connaughton, Associate Member

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/health-department>

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## **Annual Report of the Information Technology Department**

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

Fiscal Year 2023 has seen some return to normalcy from the pandemic. With Cybersecurity, Federal, State, Cities & Towns are being targeted more and more. Trends like remote work, Internet of Things (IoT), bring-your-own-device (BYOD) and cloud initiatives have given hackers new ways to infiltrate organizations by exponentially expanding the attack surface. Technologies like artificial intelligence (AI) and machine learning (ML) have given these hackers new tools to distribute malware, vector in on high-end targets, and reach bigger and more diverse audiences.

The Information Technology Department's role is to coordinate people and technology to enable the various departments of Town Government to meet their objectives in an integrated and efficient manner, ensure quality, cost-effective, and secure systems are in place to support operations, suggest new ways to create efficiencies, accessibility, and accountability through technology, as well as to supply and maintain computer hardware, software, networks, and town's overall technology needs.

This department supports 30 departments; 40 boards, committees, and commissions and over 200 employees from more than 32 locations (most of which are connected over our Wide Area Network). We maintain 60 servers and more than 300+ computers running over 100+ software applications. In addition, this department handles phone systems, emergency call boxes, cellular phones, GPS equipment, 6 TV channels, internet, email, websites and video surveillance among others.

Many departments rely on the I.T. Department to pick up their slack after being faced with reduced staffing. With the increased Cybersecurity threat the staff has really responded and kept operations running around the clock. The IT department logged 4,300 support calls and we continue to average over 700 support calls after hours (7pm -7am). Some of the projects we completed include: Implemented 24/7 Cybersecurity monitoring, Installed Audio/Video and Projector Screens in the Town Hall Auditorium, expanded our WiFi in town buildings, connected Onset Bandshell to town network, wrapping up Cemetery digitization project, implemented Cybersecurity training for town and school employees, as well as ongoing projects like replacing our permit and licensing systems, migrating desktop computers and servers operating systems, migrating public safety radios off Verizon onto town wireless network, expanding current video surveillance, working on creating a Technology Plan with policies, procedures, and an Incident Response Plans.

Respectfully Submitted:

Matthew J. Underhill

Information Technology Director

Stephen Rogers, Technology Support/Network Administrator – Police

Brendon Beech, Technology Support/Network Administrator

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/information-management-technology>

## **Annual Report of the Inspectional Services Department**

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The Inspectional Services Department is responsible for permitting and inspecting all residential and commercial building construction for the Town of Wareham.

Our inspectors perform Massachusetts life safety inspections for all restaurants, schools, hospitals, hotels, motels, bars/ lounges, group residential buildings, and recreational entertainment facilities such as amusement parks, indoor recreation, and movie theatres. Additionally, the department is responsible for zoning enforcement, denial letters, zoning and code evaluations, complaint investigations, buildable lot determinations, and court hearings that stem from enforcement proceedings.

For Fiscal Year 2023, The Inspectional Services Department had a departmental revenue of \$1,357,377.25 and a total expense of \$316,965.59 leaving a total of \$1,040,411.66 in surplus revenue. The department revenue is \$478,397.31 more than what was collected in FY 2022. This is due to the Department increasing permit fees in October 2022, along with stricter enforcement of unpermitted work. The department issued 3,702 permits, 416 more than 2022, and the inspectors completed 3,144 inspections, 764 more than the previous year.

The inspectors, and employees of our department, work hard every day to ensure the safety of our residents, as well as to correct zoning violations and unsightly or abandoned properties across the Town. While this can be a long and strenuous task, we have been making steady progress, and will continue to give our best effort. We need your support and understanding. New resident complaints come in on a daily basis and these are handled in the order that they are received, unless a life safety condition exists. With time and persistence, we will correct the issues and make the town a safer and more beautiful place to live.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paul Turner, Building Commissioner

Jenna Deane, Department Assistant  
George Stuart, Building Inspector  
Joseph Burke, Electrical Inspector  
David Ellertson, Plumbing and Gas Inspector

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/inspectional-services>

## **Annual Report of the Municipal Maintenance Department**

**July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

Municipal Maintenance would first like to welcome one new hire to an existing great team, Matthew Kearney, Laborer, as well as Devin Skena, Mechanic. Devin is a student from Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School as part of a cooperative education program,. This year Andy White retired from the Municipal Maintenance Department after twenty-four years of service to the town, however we happily welcome him back as a part-time Truck Driver.

Municipal Maintenance consists of hardworking, skilled employees that maintain the Town's buildings, equipment, vehicles, transfer station, administrative trash services, and cemetery responsibilities as well as upkeep to the fields and grounds for all Town owned property, except schools. The department staff consists of nineteen full-time employees, and eight part-time employees.

Town buildings that are maintained by the Municipal Maintenance Department are Town Hall, Multi-Service Center, the Municipal Maintenance building, Wareham Free Library, Spinney Memorial Library, the Police Station, Onset Bathhouse, Onset Restrooms, the Salt Shed, one Cemetery Building and two Outer Storage Buildings. The department is also responsible for the upkeep of the Oak Grove School, Hammond School, East School (since sold) and the Decas School buildings and grounds. There are numerous responsibilities that go into running and maintaining each building when it comes to emergency calls, alarms and inspections, replacing hardware, boiler maintenance and the cleaning of the buildings.

There is a combination of over one hundred town registered vehicles used by different departments, not including the heavy equipment items that are also maintained. In addition to those vehicles and heavy equipment there are lawn mowers, tractors, leaf blowers, and chainsaws that are all maintained in-house. On top of that, the School Transportation's fleet of thirty-nine buses and vans are maintained through the Municipal Maintenance department.

The other work load of the Municipal Maintenance Department consists of: street sweeping, mowing, road grading, catch basin cleaning, and tree work. The department continues to grind down recycled gravel, concrete and asphalt materials to use as dense grade materials for various road projects as well. In 2021 the trash program went into effect, and this department continues to run the transfer station and handle the majority of the administrative tasks for the program.

The Compost Facility and Metal Disposal Container continue to have great attendance open to Wareham residents with stickers, on the second and fourth Saturday of every month. The Municipal Maintenance Department has plans to purchase a portable screening plant to be able to provide residents with loam on these days as well.

A few of the road reconstruction projects and road repairs completed by Municipal Maintenance this year were funded through the Chapter 90 program as well as the Winter Recovery Assistance Program. These programs are managed through the state and are 100% reimbursable to the Town. Streets that were reconstructed and/or resurfaced were: Blackmore Pond Road, Colonial Lane,

Fresh Meadow Drive, Glen Charlie Road, Pinehurst Drive, Tyler Avenue, and Wareham Avenue. Various crosswalks in Onset and Wareham center were re-painted with state funding as well. We are consistently updating and planning future projects with Chapter 90 funds for the Town.

This year the bid and contract processes were completed for the streetlight upgrade and repair project that the residents have patiently been waiting for. Since April the contracted electrical company has converted over 700 streetlights from sodium to significantly more energy efficient LED streetlights. The project also consists of repairs and replacement of streetlights as outages are reported. The contractors have completed over 100 of these outage repairs so far, and are continuing their work throughout Town.

This year the Municipal Maintenance Department worked hard on several large projects including the entirety of the Hynes Field parking lot, installation of the Swifts Beach Playground fence, drainage for the Shangri-La Playground, and assisting with the Wareham Dog Park.

The Municipal Maintenance Department is also responsible for maintaining three town cemeteries, which cover approximately 30 acres of land. They consist of Long Neck Cemetery, Agawam Cemetery and Centre Cemetery. The department continued their work clearing trees, brush, and rocks for the expansion of the Centre and Agawam Cemeteries. During May and June, the cemeteries for Mother's Day, Father's Day, and Memorial Day were thoroughly cleaned and left in pristine condition.

This year there were very few snow storms and a below average snow fall. However, when the situations were called for, the Municipal Maintenance Department still sanded for black ice to allow emergency responders access to the town roads, as well as town residents admittance to and from their homes. The office was also staffed during these times to take incoming calls from residents and the police department in order to address any emergencies from these winter storms.

Respectfully submitted,  
David Menard  
Director of Municipal Maintenance

Office Staff:  
Amber Hazard – Assistant to the Director  
Rachel Edwards – Bookkeeper, Lori Denson – Senior Department Assistant

Foreman: Glenn Barrows  
Lead Mechanics: George Orzechowski, Paul St. Don  
Mechanics: Tyler Besso, Stephen Boyarski, Luke Gallagher, Devin Skena  
Heavy Equipment Operators: Jimmie Borges, David Bousfield, Mark Debonise, Jose Duarte  
Truck Drivers: David Gibbs, Andrew White  
Skilled Laborers: Donald Lake, Wayne Sellars  
Laborers: Dale Johnson, Matthew Kearney, Christopher Rebhan  
Custodians: Patrick Murphy  
Transfer Station Staff: Russell Johansen, James Luch, Ted Nagel, James White

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## **Annual Report of the Department of Natural Resources**

**July 1, 2023-June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and Residents of Wareham

### **Function & Purpose**

The Wareham Department of Natural Resources was established on July 1, 2017 which consolidated the duties of the Harbormaster, Shellfish Constable, Herring Agent and Animal Control. In addition to these duties it also encompassed Fish and Game, conservation enforcement and off-road vehicle/property use enforcement. This effort created the positions of Natural Resource Officer (NRO), that holds all titles associated with the duties listed and is empowered to carry out and enforce all aspects of the law. WDNR manages, protects, enhances, and enforces Federal, State and Local laws, Rules & Regulations pertaining to boating, animal control, shellfish, conservation, off-road vehicles, illegal dumping, property trespassing, herring, as well as fish and game. Additional duties include assisting boaters, emergency response; maintaining navigational aids and moorings, launch service, parking enforcement, managing the Clean Vessel Act pump-out program, shellfish propagation, educational outreach, and trail management.

### **Harbormaster & Shellfish**

The coastal infrastructure continues to be one of our greatest concerns but efforts are underway to start the process of repairing and replacing many of these vital assets of our community. Coast infrastructure is not only subjected to heavy public use it is continuously subjected to all weather conditions as well as the effects of saltwater. We are happy to announce that the beginning phase to rebuild the Onset Pier is almost complete. This is a large undertaking that will involve replacing the bulkhead, updating utilities and structures, storm water collection, adapting to sea level rise, promoting recreational use, and enhancing handicap access.

After many years of the Wareham River Federal Navigational Channel deteriorating in channel water depth our application for dredge assistance from the Army Corp. of Engineers New England Sector has been approved. \$5,000,000.00 in federal funds was allocated to dredge the identified areas of concern. We anticipate this project to begin in late 2025. Our harbors are inviting and easily accessible so many can enjoy the beauty of our natural resources. We continue to streamline our operations through new software programs and operation methods. During the Spring of 2016 the Town of Wareham teamed up with Dockwa, an online transient rental program. Since then we have seen a substantial growth in our reservations and launch use. With Dockwa we are able to process online payments, reserve transient spaces, post activities going on in town and interact with the customer. The Onset Launch Service is going on its eighth season and continues to gain popularity among boaters. This service is providing an amenity that many transient boaters seek when visiting harbors and more importantly provides a safe means of transportation to and from their vessels. All of our transient moorings are environmentally friendly mooring systems with a helix auger anchor to reduce the impact to the ocean's habitat.

During the Fall Town Meeting the purchase of a new patrol boat was unanimously approved by the voters. Through the generosity of Town Meeting we will be replacing our 25' patrol vessel that has served for 21 years. Structural deficiencies are being found throughout the vessel and

for the safety of the crew we have made the determination that it is no longer capable of performing during extreme incidents and commercial activities. The vessel will be taken out of service upon delivery of the new patrol vessel, and put up for public auction. We will be replacing the vessel with an aluminum custom-built patrol vessel designed for all weather conditions, firefighting capabilities, and rescue operations.

A complete revision of our Waterways Regulations was approved by Town Meeting this spring. This work is the culmination of two years' work and research, and clarified much of what was previously contained in our By-laws.

The Lifejacket loaner program continues to be a success and is the largest lifejacket loaner program in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Boaters are allowed to borrow a Coast Guard approved lifejacket for infants, children and adults if one is needed. We have incorporated the loaner program into our boating safety initiative and we attend fishing derbies and festivals with water related attractions. This program was made possible by BoatUS Foundation and SeaTow Foundation.

Our ongoing efforts to remove illegal and abandoned mooring gear has paid off for boaters on the very lengthy mooring waiting list. Due to the aggressive clearing of illegal moorings, we have been able to approve many new moorings throughout town.

WDNR operates two pump-out boats, as well as a land-based pump-out station to collect waste from boats. This program is also offered at all local marinas and the yacht club for the convenience of the boaters. This service is funded in part by the Clean Vessel Act. It is a free service to all boaters, but most importantly, it is helping to keep our fragile waterways clean.

### **Animal Control / Fish & Wildlife**

Upon the approval of Town Meeting a reorganization of departments consolidated the Animal Control Department into the Department of Natural Resources effect July 1, 2017. With the consolidation taking place the Department of Natural Resources has been able to rebuild the Animal Control Division back to a full-time operation and providing coverage every day.

Officers respond to a wide variety of calls involving domestic and wild animals from sick and injured to law enforcement. Duties also include investigations of animal abuse cases, barn and stable inspections, working with the Board of Health to create regulations and enforcing dog licenses. Our agency partners with numerous veterinary, rehabilitators, kennels and non-profit wildlife centers that help to provide a variety of services necessary for the protection of our pets and wildlife. In addition, the Department of Natural Resources is an active member of the Cape Cod Rabies Task Force and takes part in the distribution of rabies vaccines throughout the Town of Wareham each year.

Natural Resource Officers patrol areas for freshwater fishing and hunting law compliance and investigate possible poaching incidents in cooperation with the Massachusetts Environmental Police. Officers each year work to provide clear passages to promote spawning of herring. The recorded population data collected by the Division of Marine Fisheries does not support an allowable harvest of herring, so in response laws have been put in place to not allow the harvesting, possession or sale of river herring in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

### **Conservation/Trail**

The Department of Natural Resources works with the Conservation Agent in reviewing Conservation Commission proposals and keeping an eye on active projects to ensure that no wetlands violations or negative impacts to the environment are occurring.

Officers provide assistance for trail maintenance and upkeep for the preservation of conservation properties. Areas are regularly patrolled to ensure that the properties are being respected for their intended uses. As part of the public outreach the conservation areas are regularly patrolled

to help create a proactive interaction between the public and officers for the purposes of natural resources education, awareness and safety.

WDNR was awarded a \$50,000 grant that allowed our department to purchase a mini skid-steer and a flail mower to help maintain the Town trail network. The remainder of the funds were utilized to update the trail network within Minot Forest. New trail maps, trails, parking area and trailheads were created to enhance this 205-acre town property with miles of great walking and biking trails.

I would like to thank the residents and visitors of the Town of Wareham, the boards, committees and organizations, fellow municipal departments and especially the dedicated staff of the Department of Natural Resources for your continued support and cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Garry Buckminster, Director  
Department of Natural Resources

Michael McGuire, Deputy Director/Assistant Harbormaster  
Elena Jimenez, Office Manager  
Eva Golden, Natural Resource Officer  
Morgan Mattioli, Natural Resource Officer  
Devin Cloutier, Animal Control Officer

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/department-natural-resources>

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## Annual Report of the Planning & Community Development Department

July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

Planning and Community Development includes the following offices:

- Planning and Zoning
- Community Development
- Conservation Commission

These offices provide direct support to the following boards and commissions:

- Planning Board
- Zoning Board of Appeals
- Conservation Commission
- Wareham Redevelopment Authority
- Road Commission

The department also provides support to various *ad hoc* and permanent boards and committees.

### PERMITTING

The Planning and Community Development office processes applications for land use, zoning, and development submitted to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board. As of June 30, 2023, the office has processed and the Boards have reviewed the following submissions:

<b>Application</b>	<b>Number FY22</b>	<b>Number FY 23</b>
Approval Not Required (ANR) Plan	18	8
Subdivision	12	2
Special Permit/Site Plan Review	50	25
Variance	24	19
Appeal of Building Inspector's Decision	0	1
Modification to Existing Permit	2	3
Comprehensive Permit	0	1
Total	106	59

The number of applications dropped from the high level of the previous three years. The high number of subdivision plans in FY22 was a result of solar farm developers filing so-called “freeze” plans to preserve existing zoning and prevent the new solar zoning bylaws from applying to their projects. The Planning Board’s agendas were full with continuations of hearings on controversial solar projects continued from the previous year, as well as with enforcement issues regarding compliance with the Special Permits issued previously by the Board.

The major projects included:

- Continuing construction of Littleton Drive, with 93 units of affordable Senior and Family Housing;
- Additional commercial retail, service and convenience at the intersection of Tobey Road and Route 28;
- Bay Pointe continued to expand the residential community of Windward Pines

## TOWN PLANNING

The Planning Office also supported and provided suggested amendments to the Town Zoning By-Laws for action at Town Meetings during this year. The FY 2023 Town Meeting saw the following key zoning amendments:

- A comprehensive downtown core zoning bylaw intended to implement the Urban Renewal Plan drafted by the Wareham Redevelopment Authority
- Amendments to clean up Article 6 , Density and Dimensions
- Inclusion of the U.S. EPA’s MS4 stormwater regulations

## GRANTS

Several grants were obtained from the State during this period. A key grant was \$250,000 received from the Dam & Seawall Program of the EEA (Energy and Environmental Affairs) to design the removal of the Parker Mill Pond Dam at the Tremont Nail Factory. A specialist firm, Fuss & O’Neill from Connecticut, was hired to study the dam and make recommendations on how to remove the dam completely, restore the river to fishing and boating, and eliminate the risk of the dam failing. Other grants included:

- \$205,000 to study downtown resilience
- \$282,000 in three grants to design road improvements

Respectfully submitted

Kenneth Buckland, Town Planner

Sonia Raposo, Assistant to the Planning Department

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/planning-and-community-development>

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/planning-board>

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/zoning-board-appeals>

## **Annual Report of the Wareham Free Library**

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

Fiscal Year 2023 was a busy one at the Wareham Free Library. As we continued to build back from the upheaval caused by the pandemic, library staff found the public very appreciative for all the programs and services provided. From holding the first full summer reading program in many years to the increase in checkouts of downloadable materials, Wareham residents are rediscovering their local library. It is with this positive energy that I bring you the FY 23 Town Report for the Wareham Free Library.

The numbers speak volumes about the increase in library usage. First, nearly 53,000 people walked through the library doors in FY 23, an increase of 14% over the prior year. Circulation of library materials also grew with 107,289 items checked out. This included 85,143 books, 11,813 EBooks and 8,500 downloadable audio books. There were 5,619 reference questions asked and 4,037 people attended children's programs held throughout the year. In a nutshell, the library was a busy place all year.

In FY 23, the Wareham Free Library was a certified library in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. This means that the library met the minimum standards set out in state law and statute. Because the town met these requirements, residents were able to borrow materials and make use of public library resources across the state. It also meant that materials could be sent to Wareham residents from other libraries. This sharing of resources is well used by Wareham residents making us a net borrower in the state. This means that library users in Wareham borrow more items than are lent out to other libraries from here. 19,786 items were sent to Wareham for patrons to use while the library sent out 16,762 items to other locations. With their SAILS issued library card, Wareham residents also have direct access to the 70 libraries that are in the 39 communities comprising the SAILS Library Network.

There were a number of programs for all ages offered over the past year. As mentioned earlier, the Children's department saw attendance triple from the prior year at the 133 programs held. These included story hours, dance parties and the first summer reading program done in many years. Adults had 79 programs to attend, including computer classes, concerts and author talks with an attendance of 1,304 people. So far, there has been no slowdown as we enter FY 24.

During the past year, long standing building issues were addressed. A new roof was put on in the fall, replacing the original one from 1991. The courtyard received a complete makeover in late fall with new plantings and a major cleanup. A burst backflow pipe in March resulted in major flooding from the meeting room through the area in front of the circulation desk. The library was closed for a little over a week as Municipal Maintenance cleaned up the mess and got things working. The result is new carpeting will be installed in FY 24, along with HVAC replacement and meeting room window repairs, all approved at the Annual April Town Meeting.

The past year saw some turnover in library staffing. Melissa Dyer was hired in August as the new Reference/ Outreach Librarian. In September, Johnna Fredrickson resigned from her Library Assistant position. Christina Boutin was hired to fill this void. Kaya Walsh was also hired in September as a Library Assistant and resigned in June. Her position will be filled in FY 24.

The Friends of the Wareham Free Library continued to provide much needed and valued assistance with library programs and services. Over the past year, the Friends paid for all museum passes and the majority of library programs. They also provided funding for library materials so that certification requirements could be met. This group also pays for all utility costs at the Spinney Memorial Branch. We are truly grateful for our Friends.

During FY 23, The Wareham Free Library Foundation also continued to provide support for regular library operations. Thanks to their efforts, the library is able to have the part time staff needed to be open regular, required hours. This included funding a new ten hour per week Library Assistant position that also fills in additional hours, as needed. The Foundation also covered shortfalls in utilities budget for the main library. The Foundation truly “Bridges the Gap” in funding allowing the staff to provide excellent library service to all Wareham residents.

Finally, the library is only as good as its staff. The people of Wareham should be proud of the great staff working at their library. They continuously provide more with less and do it all with a smile, day in and day out. To them and all that they do, the library administration says, “thank you”.

The library is available to everyone, no matter how great the need. Downloadable books, magazines, audios and more are available online twenty four hours a day at [www.warehamfreelibrary.org](http://www.warehamfreelibrary.org). Everyone is encouraged to come in and get a library card. You’ll be surprised to see how far it will take you.

Respectfully submitted  
Patrick W. Marshall  
Library Director

List of Library Staff

Patrick W. Marshall – Library Director

Kathy Murphy – Technical Services Librarian

Melissa Dyer – Reference/Outreach Services Librarian

Christina Boutin– Library Assistant

Johnna Fredrickson– Library Assistant (Resigned 9/22)

Kaya Walsh–Library Assistant (Resigned 6/23)

Marcia Hickey – Children’s Librarian

Briannah Baptista – Library Assistant

Jennifer McCaffrey – Library Assistant

<https://www.warehamfreelibrary.org/>

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## **Annual Report of the Wareham Police Department**

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

I respectfully submit the Annual Report of the Wareham Police Department for the fiscal year 2023. I want to begin by thanking the dedicated sworn officers and civilian staff whose unwavering commitment serves the Wareham community.

I want to further recognize and thank the efforts of the Wareham Police Department Lieutenants and Sergeants (Command Staff) for their collective supervisory effort: Executive Officer Lt. John Gerard, Lt. Peter Flannery, Detective Lt. Michael Smith, Sgt. Daniel Henderson, Sgt. Daniel Flaherty, Sgt. Herbert Noble, Sgt. Paul Somers, Sgt. Steve Soqui, Sgt. Kevin Reilly, Sgt. Bryan Whalen, and Communications Supervisor Edward Johnson. Further, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to Cassandra Cassidy for her continued dedicated work as my administrative assistant. Ms. Cassidy handles a wide range of administrative duties with efficiency, professionalism, and is a benefit to the entire police department.

I also want to commend the Wareham Police Detective Unit, under the leadership of Det. Lt. Michael Smith, for their continued and consistent investigatory follow-up to incidents of various types, many of which are initiated from patrol reports. The Detective Unit handled a variety of cases over the past year, including drug violations, overdose follow-ups, robberies, larcenies, forgery / counterfeiting, rapes, and various other investigations. I want to thank: Det. Lt. Michael Smith, Det. William deSilva, Det. Dean Decas, Det. Zina Kelsch, and Juvenile Detective Karl Baptiste for all their hard work this year.

The Wareham Police Communications Officers, supervised by Edward Johnson, are to be commended for the handling of approximately 30 thousand calls this year. Thanks to: Communications Supervisor Edward Johnson, Communications Officers Sabina Flaherty, Judith Holleran, Christian Tobia, Elizabeth Rich, Scott McDaniel, Taylor Nelson, and newly hired this year, Silas Duquette.

This year, the department added four new officers: Lindsey Vermette, Patrick Fagan, Jack Chapman, and Alexander Polson, a lateral transfer from the New Bedford Police Department. With over two years of experience in a high-volume department, Officer Polson's training and professionalism make him an asset. I am confident each of these officers will provide Wareham with compassionate, dedicated service.

The Wareham Police Department remains committed to community policing through engagement initiatives like park, walk, and talk patrols, which promote constructive dialogues with residents. This year saw over 2,300 documented community engagement interactions. Maintaining consistent police presence in local schools is a particular priority. As one teacher observed, familiar officer presence fosters positive student relationships while providing critical knowledge of school layouts. Our commitment is evident.

I commend Juvenile Detective Karl Baptiste and his many years of service in our schools and with the youth of this community. He is instrumental in supporting our school engagement efforts

through his rapport with students along with Sgt. Daniel Flaherty, who spearheaded documenting officer school visits this year. Thanks to their leadership, we have made great strides in fostering youth relationships and security.

I also want to thank Superintendent Dr. Matthew D’Andrea for his invaluable collaboration in fostering a cohesive partnership between our department and school system, allowing coordinated efforts to promote student safety and well-being.

### **Integrating Communications, Assessment, and Tactics (ICAT)**

This year we implemented the innovative ICAT crisis response-training program, focused on four key principles:

- Enhanced communication skills for de-escalation
- Thorough assessment of risks/options
- Tactical best practices for safety and dynamics
- Increased accountability and transparency

Sergeant Steven Soqui came to me early in the new fiscal year with the request to attend an upcoming ICAT training, explaining that this progressive program aims to strengthen our response, build trust, and exemplify ethical policing.

Sgt. Soqui, Officers Aaron Pacheco, Hannah Salerno, and Justin Sumner completed ICAT instructor training and certified our entire department. By integrating ICAT into our response protocols, the Wareham Police Department aims to improve crisis interventions, strengthen officer safety, build community trust, reduce force incidents, and exemplify ethical policing.

I commend Sgt. Soqui and Officers Pacheco, Salerno, and Sumner for spearheading this cutting-edge training program. Their leadership has set the Wareham Police Department at the forefront of professional crisis response which will have a lasting positive impact.

### **WPD Social Media Advancement:**

We also made progress in expanding social media outreach. Sgt. Bryan Whalen now serves as Public Information Officer, while Sgt. Soqui and Officer Aaron Pacheco joined Communications Supervisor Edward Johnson and Officer Blaise Lalli, who all manage our social media. This enhanced online presence further connects this police department with the Wareham community.

### **Wareham Police Community Services:**

The Wareham Police Department remains committed to serving our community and build off last year’s development of the Wareham Police Community Services Unit to connect citizens to crucial services by partnering with organizations like HighPoint and Plymouth County Outreach. This year we are adding The Basics Southcoast to our arsenal of services. The Basics Southcoast ([www.thebasicssouthcoast.org](http://www.thebasicssouthcoast.org)) is a group to support vibrant learning and brain development among infants and toddlers. The core principles of the “The Basics” are a five science-based parenting and caregiving tenets that support social, emotional, and cognitive development of children from birth to

age three. We hope the young parents of this community take advantage of WPD's connection to the The Basics.

We hope to expand our Community Service and Outreach efforts in the coming year. Our Officers work diligently to link residents to assistance with homelessness, addiction, domestic violence, food insecurities, elderly concerns, and more. By collaborating with clinicians from these groups, we can provide customized support and resources for individuals and families struggling with various issues.

**FY23 Report Conclusion:**

The state of our department is strong, and we remain committed to transparent, compassionate, and dedicated service to the Wareham community. I am proud to lead this team of professionals and also want to thank the Select Board Chair Judith Whiteside and the entire Select Board, Town Administrator Derek Sullivan, Assistant Town Administrator / Human Resources Director Dorene Allen-England, Esq. Further, I want to thank the Wareham and Onset Fire Departments (Chief John Kelley and Chief Jeffrey Osswald respectively) along with Emergency Medical Services Director David Evans, Department of Natural Resources / Harbormaster Director Garry Buckminster, and Emergency Management Services Director / Board of Health Agent Patrick McDonald and Municipal Maintenance Director David Menard. Each one of these above-named persons and their departments has been supportive of the Wareham Police Department once again this fiscal year.

Respectfully submitted,

Walter W. Correia, Jr.  
Chief of Police

**ADMINISTRATION**

Walter W. Correia, Jr., Chief of Police  
Lieutenant John E. Gerard  
Lieutenant Peter F. Flannery  
Administrative Assistant, Cassandra Cassidy

**DETECTIVE DIVISION**

Lieutenant Michael F. Smith  
William C. deSilva      Dean J. Decas      Zina Kelsch      Karl S. Baptiste

**PATROL SERGEANTS**

Daniel J. Flaherty      Daniel J. Henderson      Herbert P. Noble      Paul T. Somers  
Steven A. Soqui      Kevin A. Reilly      Bryan M. Whalen

## **PATROL OFFICERS**

George C. Dionne	James M. White
Charles H. Pillsbury	Christopher R. Smith
Jon J. Verhaegen	Jennifer L. Braley
Blaise Lalli, Jr.	Michael D. Phinney
Joseph J. Cardoza, Jr.	Eric V. Machado
Christopher M. Corner	Robert C. McLain
Ryan G. Gomes	Aaron M. Pacheco
Matthew J. Donovan	Calib T. LaRue
Stephen S. Harrison	Justin Silveira
Lorenzo A. Grosso	Scott J. Cowan
Mailk K. Wilkes	Hannah M. Salerno
Justin L. Sumner	Andrew C. Ring
William L. Roush	Thomas J. Bilodeau
Lindsey N. Vermette	Patrick A. Fagan
Alexander M. Polson	Jack A. Chapman

## **COMMUNICATIONS OFFICERS**

Edward Johnson, Supervisor	
Sabina Flaherty	Judith Holleran
Christian Tobia	Elizabeth Rich
Scott McDaniel	Taylor Nelson
Silas Duquette	

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**Cases and Complaints Investigated**

<b><u>Offense</u></b>	<b><u>Reported</u></b>		
Assaults	257	Larceny from Motor Vehicle	7
Burglary / B & E	69	Liquor Law Violations	9
Community Engagement	2,354	Medical Calls	760
Directed Patrols	12,186	Motor Vehicle Stops	1378
Disorderly Conduct	84	Murder	1
Drug Overdoses	88	MV Theft	14
Drug Overdose Follow-ups	127	OUI Liquor / Drugs	118
Drug Violations	19	Protective Custody	52
Family/Domestic Disturbances	652	Receive Stolen Property	12
Forcible Rape	10	Robbery	9
Forgery/Counterfeiting	82	Shoplifting	166
General Disturbances	371	Statutory Rape	6
Identity Theft	30	Suspended License	109
Kidnapping / Abduction	1	Unlicensed Operator	19
Larceny	191	Vandalism	121
Larceny from Building	16	Weapon Law Violations	31
Male Arrests: .....	452		
Female Arrests: .....	210		
Persons Summoned.....	266		
Warrant Arrests .....	105		
Other Arrests .....	291		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>662</b>		
M/V Accidents Reported.....	875		
M/V Accidents with Injuries .....	84		
Fatalities .....	1		
Citations Issued .....	705		

**Revenues Generated**

Civil Motor Vehicle Infractions....	\$10,715.00
Detail Service Fees .....	\$44,402.91
Firearms Permits .....	\$10,487.50
Public Info Requests.....	\$3,020.33
<b>Total Revenues.....</b>	<b><u>\$68,625.74</u></b>

## **Annual Report of the Wareham Public Schools:**

**July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

Wareham Public Schools promises to provide opportunities for all to discover the greatest versions of themselves by acquiring knowledge, wisdom, and skills to explore, formulate, realize, and reflect. We will think critically, communicate, and persevere. With tenacity and trust, we will continue to learn all that is essential to living our best lives and positively impacting the community and the world.

### **Wareham Elementary School**

The Wareham Elementary School is proud to present its second annual report to the community of Wareham. Nine hundred twenty seven students from preschool to Grade 4 were enrolled in Wareham Elementary School. Our school attendance climbed to almost 93% attendance rate this year.

This year our students attended class regularly. Courses included English Language Arts, mathematics, science, and social studies. The core courses were highlighted this year with the addition of programmatic materials, including Empowering Writers, CKLA materials, and online programming to improve our content and technological knowledge.

In literacy, Core Knowledge Language Arts, or CKLA, was implemented within our school with in-house teacher trainers who worked to support this literacy initiative. CKLA brings a skilled approach to reading while adding knowledge-based lessons that help students understand the world in which they live. Human systems, Ancient Greece, The Solar System, and Famous Massachusetts Citizens were among the topics of knowledge study.

In mathematics, our students learned the core mathematics standards through programming, including lessons from Envisions and ST Mathematics. This year our school was a top prize winner, out performing schools all over the Commonwealth in ST Math. Our outstanding participation afforded us ST Math's mascot prize penguin costume named GIGI.

Students at Wareham Elementary School this year participated in STEAM classes. Students learned how to program robots, read about aeronautics, wrote programs, and about learned about life cycles. Students also attended presentations from the community, including a forester on Arbor Day, a seminar on electricity from NSTAR, and learned about how bees pollinate from a local beekeeper.

In art class, students created various works using several mediums. 3-D sculptures, stills, landscapes, and portraits were created and displayed at the well-attended art show. While in physical education, students used the gymnasium and outdoor fields to participate in sporting events.

During the 2022-2023 school year, collaborative teaching and integrated groupings allowed students to work at their level with prescriptive and targeted instruction. This teaching method provided students with opportunities to learn from more than one teacher while also allowing teachers to collaborate on best practices with one another.

Wareham Elementary School continued to provide 1:1 technology throughout the school. All students have the unique ability to readily access the curriculum at their own pace, maximize their learning time, and use technological features that accentuate their learning. In addition, each classroom has the latest online computer screen that provides whiteboard capabilities and online resources.

In 2022-2023, Wareham Elementary School's evening events were in full swing beginning in May of 2023. Wareham Elementary families enjoyed a very successful STEAM Night, where Smither's Laboratories, Wareham Fire Department, Wareham Police Department, and the Wareham Land Trust were invited to present. In addition, the Wareham Public School PTA hosted a very successful literacy and book fair evening for families and raised money for our students for enrichments and field trips. In conjunction with the Council for Families and Community Engagement, WPS Beyond School Time hosted a Kindergarten Rally to welcome our new kindergarten students. This successful event included an ice cream social, face painting, a balloon artist, and a book walk!

Finally, WES was able to host several enrichment events for students due to the money raised by the Wareham Public School PTA and the support of our staff. Students learned about the Cape Cod Canal, visited Battleship Cove, were visited by farm animals, and were not tricked by the Reading Magic Show. Other entertainers like Toe Jam Puppet Band and Mike the Bubble Man came to our fantastic school to dazzle our students.

Wareham Elementary School would again like to thank the Town of Wareham for their support, kindness, and help in educating our youngest citizens.

### **Wareham Middle School**

This was a wonderful school year for Wareham Middle School's students and staff. We returned to a school year that was filled with learning, progress, laughter and many displays by our students of our Viking Strong motto of being responsible, respectful, and thoughtful. Our students supported the community this year by donating non-perishable food for Damien's Place Food Pantry, and donating toys and volunteering at Turning Point.

Wareham Middle School offered accelerated math classes in grades 5-7 and advanced literacy classes in grades 6 and 7. Our STEAM offerings were available to all grades this year. We continued our commitment to providing high academic expectations and offerings that provide challenging, innovative, and engaging educational experiences. Our students displayed their academic growth through presentations, writing benchmarks, academic tests, ST Math challenges and performance-based assessments.

Our students' amazing talents were exhibited throughout the year through academic successes as seen by our honor roll and inductees into our honor society. We continued to celebrate with families and students through our Scotty Monteiro Jr. awardees, high honor roll breakfasts and students of the month for each grade level. Our students demonstrated their talents in our after-school activities that include chorus, art club, intramurals and student council just to name a few. Two band concerts were presented to our families and the community. Our chorus also presented a concert. Winter and spring art shows displayed many talented artists and creative art projects. The drama club returned this year and our community was delighted with a fabulous presentation of Jungle Book Kids. We were also able to provide our fourth-grade students from Wareham Elementary School with a sneak peek of the drama presentation this year. Our famous talent show in the spring ended our year and did not disappoint!

As part of our college and career month, volunteer community members participated in a college and career interview panel. WMS students posed questions regarding our panelists' careers and education during three grade level assemblies. This was just one of many activities students engaged in during the month of March to support our students in thinking about their futures.

Wareham Middle School has a very active PTA and community of volunteers. We appreciate everyone's support and investment in our children. Our PTA supported us in appreciating our staff and a school-wide field trip in which all families were welcome to celebrate the end of the school year with us. Our district PTA meetings were well attended virtually and in-person this year.

Our students, families and staff demonstrated every day how "Viking Strong" they are. We are grateful for our families and the community's continuous support. Our students are our top priority and we appreciate everyone's effort in supporting the children of this town.

### **Wareham High School**

Wareham High School began the new school year with a refreshed set of guiding principles, created by students and staff, titled the WHS Vision of a Graduate. The WHS Vision of a Graduate provides a set of performance outcomes, which drive teaching and learning, that all students will have mastered by the time they graduate from Wareham High School as seniors. The performance outcomes include Critical Thinking, Communication, Perseverance, Responsibility, and Emotional Intelligence. The bell schedule, newly implemented last school year, remained the same; four 60-minute classes, a 30-minute advisory period, and a 105-minute long block occurring in the middle of the day to accommodate three separate lunches. Twice a week, during advisory, students participated in Viking Block where they were able to sign up to meet with their teachers for extra support. There were several new courses added this year, which include Foundations of Baking, Social Media Marketing, IB Language and Literature SL, News Broadcasting, Integrated Arts and Sciences, and Intro to Lab Sciences.

WHS conducted a successful NEASC Decennial Accreditation Visit, which took place November 13 through 16, 2022. The high school was first accredited in 1960 and has continued to maintain its accreditation every year since. The next accreditation visit will take place in 2032. The Student Council had another active year sponsoring a fall spirit week, pep rally,

Homecoming dance with an Enchanted Forest theme, and Haunted Hallways event. The Wareham Viking Theater Company performed several plays for the community this year, including *She Kills Monsters*, *An Experiment*, and *Sweeney Todd*. The WHS Music program performed a winter and spring concert. The Key Club was once again very active in the community volunteering at Damien's Food Pantry, Wareham Recycle Center, and the Wareham Free Library. They conducted an electronics recycling drive and a kids-free winter coat drive at WHS, as well as shared messages of positivity throughout the school and community, to name a few of their community service endeavors. The Astronomy Club conducted monthly Astronomy Nights, and the National Honor Society inducted 30 new students this year. In May, the WHS Art, Music, and Culinary Departments, along with the WHS Student Council, put on a Fairy and Gnome Art Walk for the local community. Activities such as scavenger hunts, fairy house-making, sidewalk chalk drawing, and face painting entertained children and adults alike. JROTC participated in the HEAR (helping everyone achieve respect) workshop, visited Mass Maritime, participated in a Homes for Our Troops ceremony, volunteered at the Kendrick House, and participated in training at Fort Devens and Joint Base Cape Cod. DECA students competed at the district, regional, and international levels. They conducted a craft fair, home show, and auction as fundraisers for the program. There were numerous instances of collaboration throughout the school year with the local Community Youth Empowerment (CYE) group.

WHS and Plymouth County Teachers Federal Credit Union conducted a Grand Re-Opening of the PCT Federal Credit Union's Viking Branch, which operates within the school store at Wareham High School. During the ceremony, the school store was officially named the "Cliff Sylvia School Store". Later in the year, the store was named an Outstanding School-Based Enterprise by the national DECA Club.

Students participated in various daytime field trips throughout the school year including but not limited to the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, UMASS Dartmouth college visit and Festival of Light, the Gleason Family YMCA, Museum of Fine Arts, Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum, and Bridgewater State University college visit to name a few. The eighth grade Washington D.C. trip was back in full swing for the first time since the pandemic shut it down in 2020. There were 70 eighth grade students who had the opportunity to travel to the nation's capital on a four-day trip.

At awards night on June 1, the Wareham High School senior class received over \$346,000 in local scholarships. 72% of the senior class plan on furthering their education in a two- or four-year institution. 21% will join the workforce, 2% will be going into the military and 5% are uncertain. Additionally, 28 seniors earned the John and Abigail Adams Scholarship, the state's largest merit-based scholarship program.

LTC Matthew Stanton, a JROTC and history teacher at WHS, was named as a semifinalist for the 2023 Massachusetts Teacher of the Year Award. Samantha Terasconi, a WHS math teacher, was recognized as the January 2023 Teacher of the Month by the local FUN 107 radio station.

The athletic programs had another successful year highlighted by the boys' basketball team winning the Division 4 State Championship. We also had two state championship spring track athletes; Diego Mello won the 400 hurdles and Aiden Roberts won the 110 hurdles. The

volleyball, softball, girl's tennis and both the boys and girls cooperative hockey teams both made the state playoffs. The volleyball team won its first tournament game in over two decades. The Wareham High School Unified Track & Field participated in the State Championship.

Thank you to the citizens of Wareham for the continued support of the young Wareham citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

Matthew D'Andrea LP.D.

Superintendent of Schools

Scott Palladino, Principal, Wareham High School

Tracie Cote, Principal Wareham Middle School

Bethany Chandler, Principal, Wareham Elementary School

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Facebook/Wareham Public Schools

## **Annual Report of the Water Pollution Control Facility**

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and Residents of Wareham

2022 has been a year of many challenges. Supply Chain issues continue to make projects difficult to plan and to complete.

The Wastewater Facility and the Wastewater Collection System continue to bring many components beyond its useful life. The challenge to do the needed repairs and or replacements needed will continue to stress the budget and patience of all. These issues need to be tackled, despite varying opinions. We must work together to make sure that appropriate repairs and upgrades are made.

The upgrade of the denitrification filters and the addition of the covered equalization basin has been stalled by many supply chain issues. There were engineering changes, and we are almost there to completion. We are in the warranty period and making any and all adjustments as needed.

Activated Sludge is when Sludge Particles produced in raw or settled wastewater (primary effluent) by the growth of organisms in aeration tanks in the presence of dissolved oxygen. The term “Activated” comes from the fact that the particles are teeming with bacteria, fungi, and protozoa. Activated Sludge is different from primary sludge in that the sludge particles contain many living organisms that can feed on the incoming wastewater.

Activated Sludge Process is a biological wastewater treatment process that speeds up the decomposition of wastes in the wastewater being treated. Activated sludge is added to wastewater and the mixture (mixed liquor) is aerated and agitated. After some time in the aeration tank, the activated sludge is allowed to settle out by sedimentation and is disposed of (wasted) or reused (returned to the aeration tank) as needed. The remaining wastewater undergoes more treatment.

Sludge Disposal has been a major problem for the facility and many other facilities in New England. The sludge produced in New England is a higher volume than the region’s ability to process and handle the sludge. As we grow as a community, we generate more sludge as the plant flow increases. Many people agree the solution to the sludge disposal issue is not anywhere in the near future. We have a three (3) year contract in place for sludge disposal with a sludge receiving facility, and will continue doing our best to dispose of our sludge. We will look at and have been looking at long term sludge solutions that will address the problem in the long term for the Town of Wareham.

Through all of these issues and more, the Enterprise has been able to provide service to the many users. We thank you for your time, and it is a pleasure serving the Town of Wareham.

Respectfully,  
Guy Campinha, Director

## **Annual Report of the Appointing Authority**

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

Under the Charter there are three permanent committees whose members are appointed by the Appointing Authority, which consists of the Town Moderator, the Chair of the Select Board, and either the Chair of the Finance Committee or the Chair of the Planning Board. Members of the Finance Committee as well as the Capital Planning Committee are appointed by the Moderator, the Chair of the Select Board, and the Chair of the Finance Committee. Members of the Planning Board are appointed by the Moderator, the Chair of the Select Board, and the Chair of the Planning Board.

The Authority meets on an as-needed basis to make appointment, or reappointments.

Margaret Ishihara, Moderator

Judith Whiteside, Chair of the Select Board

Norma Scogin, Chair of the Finance Committee

Michael King, Chair of the Planning Board

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/appointing-authority>

**COMMITTEES REQUIRED BY CHARTER  
APPOINTED BY SPECIFIC APPOINTING AUTHORITY**

**CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Derek Sullivan	Town Administrator	
John Foster	Finance Director	
Gerald Stefanski, Chair	Finance Committee Rep	2023
Sam Corbitt	Planning Board Rep	2023
Charles Klueber	Citizen-at-large	2023
Sandra Slavin	Citizen-at-large	2025
James R. Gibert (Resigned)	Citizen-at-large	2024

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Norma Scogin, pro tem Chair		2024
Matthew T. Rose		2024
Dominic A. Cammarano, Jr.		2024
Joseph R. Smith, Jr.		2025
Gerald Stefanski		2023
Julie Moran		2025
Thomas Worthen		2023
Bernard R. Pigeon (Resigned)		2023
Thomas Hannon (Resigned)		2025

**PLANNING BOARD**

Michael A. King, Chair		2024
Carl Schulz		2025
Jane Gleason		2023
Sam Corbitt		2023
Michael A. Baptiste, Sr.		2023
Sherry Quirk, Associate		2023

## Annual Report of the Capital Planning Committee

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and Residents of Wareham

The Capital Planning Committee is charged with developing a capital needs plan which is inclusive of all Wareham Town Departments, including Wareham Public Schools (WPS) and the Wareham Pollution Control Facility (WPCF). We also recognize that this Committee must also consider the availability of financing options as the payment for these capital expenditures. A copy of the current five-year plan is found on our website.

There are extraordinary items within the plan which may require a Proposition 2 ½ override and/or debt exclusion funding at some point in the future. It is also appropriate to list potential expenditures, even if beyond the 5 year plan, as past items for the WPS and WPCF have been shown to appear out of nowhere like magic.

The Committee meets with department heads as necessary to address the needs of each department. The Committee also meets with the WPCF to review that facility's long term capital needs plan. The Capital Committee will also require a 5-year plan from WPS. As new capital expenditure issues arise, they may be included in the plan, which plan would then be re-prioritized.

The Town's available amount of Free Cash is usually the determining factor in regards to what items will be purchased each year. The ultimate goal would be to establish a dedicated funding source to address these items annually in the budget.

As always, our Town Administrator and Finance Director explore any and all grant opportunities to finance capital needs. To sum up, the Town of Wareham's largest, future capital expenditure issues will be related to the infrastructure of the WPCF as well as the financing of a Police Station (or Public Safety Complex).

Respectfully Submitted,  
Gerald Stefanski, Chair, Finance Committee representative

### Committee Members

Charles Klueber	Clerk/Citizen-at-large	2023
Sandra Slavin	Citizen-at-large	2025
Sam Corbitt	Planning Board representative	
Derek Sullivan	Town Administrator	
John Foster	Finance Director	

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/capital-planning-committee>

## **Annual Report of the Finance Committee**

**July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and Residents of Wareham

The Finance Committee had a busy year, reviewing thirty warrant articles for Fall Town Meeting in October of 2022 and another thirty-eight for Spring Town Meeting in April of 2023. In the weeks leading up to a Town Meeting, the Committee spends hours reviewing the articles and supporting materials and hearing presentations by the proponents (and sometimes opponents) of those articles. We then discuss (and sometimes disagree on) our recommendations to Town Meeting before a final vote. In doing so, we seek to fully understand the issues, proposed solutions, and possible alternatives, all with the needs and reasonably expected resources of the Town in mind. We strive to be fiscally responsible and ever mindful of what is best for the citizens of Wareham. You can be sure that Committee members take their job seriously.

Among the expenditures the Town approved in FY23: high school boiler replacement and middle school roof replacement projects; purchase of equipment, vehicles, and vessels for Municipal Maintenance, Inspectional Services, Schools, Police, EMS, and Natural Resources to replace outdated items; and funds to make Bayview Park in Onset more accessible for the enjoyment of all our citizens.

Of course, a major part of our work each spring is devoted to reviewing and recommending the budget for the coming fiscal year, and this year was no exception. We are fortunate to have an experienced Town Administrator in Derek Sullivan. His grasp of the rules of town finance and ability to explain the budgetary needs and financial position of the Town are essential to our review of the big numbers we deal with. With his leadership, we maintain an AA+ bond rating, reducing our cost of borrowing needed funds for major projects like the new elementary school building.

The Town faces many challenges going forward. Among the most pressing are needed repairs and eventual expansion of the Water Pollution Control Facility. Parts of our system are beyond their useful life. Environmental and capacity issues are of particular concern. If we are to grow as a town and accommodate anticipated increases in population and business development, we must be creative in our problem-solving with a particular emphasis on collaboration. Our schools must tackle the problems of aging middle and high school buildings, along with learning loss and other challenges resulting from Covid. They must do so on a limited budget due to caps on revenue and our need to balance priorities. We also face the issue of what to do about a police facility that does not meet current needs in light of the huge cost of a new building. The Finance Committee will give thoughtful consideration to all those and other matters we face in the coming years.

Regarding membership and staff: Our longtime Chair, Bernie Pigeon, resigned in early May when he was elected to the Sewer Commission, where we expect he will serve with distinction.

Longtime member Tom Worthen has also “retired” from the Committee as of the end of June. Our minutes have been skillfully prepared by Kelly Barrasso. All of us who carry on in FY24 will strive to serve the Town to the best of our abilities.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Scogin, Chair	2024	Matt Rose, Clerk	2024
Dominic Cammarano, Jr.	2024	Heidi Churchill	2026
Julie Moran	2025	Joseph R. Smith, Jr.	2025
Gerald Stefanski	2023		

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/finance-committee>

## SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Derek D. Sullivan

### AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICER

Derek D. Sullivan

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Amy Wiegandt, MD, Chair	2023
Lawrence M. Perry	2024
Catherine Phinney	2025
Jean Connaughton, Associate	2023
Jilian Morton, Associate	2023

### BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

Holli Van Nest, Chair	2024
Deanna Bonner	2023
Sarah Corbitt	2025
Larissa Fuchs	2026
Peter Gold	2025
Margit Price	2024
Nancy Rice	2025

### BY-LAW REVIEW COMMITTEE

David Heard	2024
Sherry Quirk	2024

### BUZZARDS BAY ACTION COMMITTEE

Joshua Faherty, Conservation Administrator  
(Delegate)

### CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Matthew Underhill, Chair  
Daniel Butler  
David Rogers

### CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Kathleen Bird, Chair	2024
Susan M. Akins	2025
Jack Silva	2025
David Menard	

### COMMUNITY EVENTS

#### COMMITTEE

Lori C. Benson, Chair	2025
Jean Connaughton	2023
Kevin A. Costa	2024
Linda Gay	2024
Alan Slavin	2024
Derek Sullivan	

### COMMUNITY PRESERVATION

#### COMMITTEE

David Heard, Chair	2025
Jean Connaughton	2023
Sam Corbitt	2024
Patrick Lester	2024
Sandra Slavin	2023
Sherbie Worthen	2023

### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Sandra Slavin, Chair	2024
Kwame Bartie	2025
Carol Malonson	2023
Michael Mercier	2023
Jessica Parr	2025
Denise Schulz	2024
Autumn Wood	2023
Nichole Locurto (Resigned)	2023

### CONSTABLES

Shelli M. Mobilia (Elected)	2023
Karen M. Blair	2023
Richard J. Coletti	2023
Steven P. Coughlin	2023
Ian Daley	2023
Cynthia A. Follis	2023
Luiz Gonzaga	2023
Gregory S. Kamon	2023
George W. Morse	2023
Robert E. Short	2023
Joel C. Thomas	2023

**SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**COUNCIL ON AGING  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Sharon Boyer	2025
Sharon Frank	2024
Melissa Kauranen	2025
Elaine LeMoine	2025
Marie Riley	2023
Nancy Sawyer	2023
Lynn Wheatley-Beaupre	2024
Janet V. Wilson	2025
Jody Santagate (Resigned)	2024

**GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

James R. Giberti, Chair	2024
George Barrett	2024
Jeffrey Burrows	2024
Peter Hasenfuss	2024

**MINOT FOREST COMMITTEE**

Sandra Slavin, Chair	2023
Angela Dunham	2025
Linda Scharf	2025
Autumn Wood	2024

**OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE**

Sandra Slavin, Chair	2025
Helen Bradbury	2023
Peter Gold	2023
Patrick Lester	2025
Carol Malonson	2024
Michael Mercier	2024
Linda Scharf	2023

**RECYCLING COMMITTEE**

Jennifer Gady, Chair	2024
Ann Marie Brooks	2023
Amanda Cobb	2024
Earl J. Russell	2023

**RECYCLING COORDINATOR**

Marilyn Russell

**REGISTRAR OF VOTERS**

Debra Gremo, Town Clerk

**ROAD COMMISSIONERS**

Joseph Cardoza	2023
Marie Greig	2025
Howard Smith	2023
Walter Correia	
Kenneth Buckland	
David Menard	

**TOWN COUNSEL**

Richard Bowen

**VETERANS COUNCIL**

Ryan Langlois	2024
Julio Roderick	2025
Jesse Walsh	2024

**WAREHAM AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING TRUST**

Carl Schulz, Chair	2023
Heidi Churchill	2024
Missy Dzikczek	2023
Sandra Slavin	2024
Patricia Wurts	2023

**WAREHAM CULTURAL COUNCIL**

Wendy Brogioli, Co-Chair	2023
Jamie Wiksten, Co-Chair	2023
Jackson Gillman	2023
Marcus Gomes	2025
Amariet Karahalas	2023
Christy LaGue	2023
Wendy St. Julien	2023

**SELECT BOARD APPOINTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**WAREHAM HISTORIC  
DISTRICT COMMISSION**

Robert Blair, Chair	2023
Angela Dunham	2025
Cheryl Knapp	2024
Patricia Neal	2024
Samantha Nichols	2023

**WAREHAM HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

Angela Dunham, Chair	2024
Robert Blair	2025
Leonard Boutin	2025
Pam Foley	2023
Cheryl Knapp	2024

**WAREHAM REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY**

Daniel Butler, Chair	2024
Ronald Besse	2023
Judith Whiteside	2023
Kenneth Buckland	
Derek Sullivan	

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS**

Nazih Elkalassi	2025
Veronica Debonise	2026
James Eacobacci	2027
Jacob Morrison	2024
Richard Semple	2026
Troy Larson, Associate	2023

## **Annual Report of the Cable Advisory Committee**

**July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and Residents of Wareham

The Cable Advisory Committee was formed to negotiate a new/renewal cable contract on behalf of the Cable Commissioners (Select Board) who are the franchising authority for the Town of Wareham.

The committee is identifying the current and future cable television needs and interests of the town. We are reviewing the performance of the cable operators under the current franchise term. A survey has been developed to assist in ascertaining the satisfaction of the subscribers with the services being provided.

The committee has negotiated a new five year contract renewal with Verizon to continue to provide cable television services to Wareham from April 2023 to April 2028. Negotiations with Comcast have begun.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matthew J. Underhill, Chair  
Daniel Butler, Clerk  
David Rogers

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/cable-advisory-committee>

# **Annual Report of the Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District Report**

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Carver and Wareham

During the 2023 Fiscal Year the Carver, Marion, Wareham Regional Refuse Disposal District (CMWRRDD) Board of Directors has been busy completing work on a new agreement between the Towns of Carver and Wareham (the Town of Marion withdrew from the CMWRRDD at the end of December 2020). The new agreement, once approved by the residents of Carver and Wareham at their Town Meetings, will replace the original 1973 agreement. Carver at their April 2022 Annual Town Meeting voted to adopt the new agreement. Wareham voted to approve the new agreement at their October 2022 Special Town Meeting.

The Town of Wareham has been operating the Route 28 Transfer Station for the residents of Carver and Wareham. The current lease agreement will extend thru December 31, 2025, and Wareham has the option to extend the lease for another year thru December 2026. The Route 28 Transfer Station will continue to provide Trash Disposal and Recycling Services for the residents of Carver and Wareham at a reasonable cost. During the period July 2022 to June 2023 an average of 704 vehicles weekly disposed bags of trash and 603 vehicles per week dropped off recyclables

The CMWRRDD Board of Directors, in an attempt to improve the rate of return on funds in the bank, decided to invest \$500,000 of the District funds in a five-year Bond Ladder with Eastern Bank. The Bond Ladder was approved in August 2022. It is anticipated that the ten Bonds will return 4%.

The Board of Directors has also decided to invest \$150,000 with Plymouth County OPEB Trust Program (PCOT) and the Public Agencies Post-Retirement Health Care Plan and Trust to cover the Health Care costs of former CMWRRDD employees. This agreement should provide a 4-6% rate of return which will cover the health care costs for retirees.

The CMWRRDD Board of Directors also invest \$500,000 in three 12-month CDs during the first half of 2023. These 12-month CDs have a rate of return ranging from 4.33% to 4.59%

The CMWRRDD Board of Directors will continue to exist for the foreseeable future to administer to any issues that may arise with the closed Carver Landfill and to minimize any potential costs to the Towns of Carver and Wareham. The Board will be renewing a \$10 Million 10-year Carver Landfill Environmental Liability Policy in 2025.

THE CMWRRDD Board of Directors would like to thank the Residents of Carver and Wareham for their cooperation and patience during the past year. The Board would like to thank former Chairman Robert Belbin and Board Member Mary Dormer for their years of service representing the Town of Carver.

Submitted by CMWRRDD Board of Directors

Amanda Cobb, Chairperson and Secretary (Wareham)

Kevin Bradshaw, Treasurer (Carver)

David Menard (Wareham)

Judith Whiteside (Wareham)

Executive Director, Jeffrey Osuch

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/cmwrdd>

## Annual Report of the Cemetery Commissioners

July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The Cemetery Commissioners meet every three months on the third Wednesday of the month at 2:15 PM at the Municipal Maintenance building, located at 95 Charge Pond Rd, Wareham Ma 02571. All citizens are welcome to attend.

The Town of Wareham through the Municipal Maintenance Department maintains three cemeteries which encompass more than 30 acres of land. Under Massachusetts General Law, the commissioners are responsible for the sole care, superintendence and management of these Town owned properties.

During the fiscal year 2022-2023 the cemeteries recorded the following number of interments:

Agawam Cemetery	23
Centre Cemetery	16
Longneck Cemetery	1
Burial Licenses sold	13

This year we are approaching the end of the 5-year plan for finances and after review of all rates the cemetery commissioners have decided not to increase rates at this time.

The Commissioners would like to thank Director of Municipal Maintenance Mr. David Menard and his dedicated staff for their ongoing efforts to maintain the cemetery grounds. We appreciate all you do for the citizens of Wareham.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen Bird, Chairperson 2024

Susan M. Akins, Clerk 2025

Jack Silva 2025

[www.wareham.ma.us/cemetery-commissioners](http://www.wareham.ma.us/cemetery-commissioners)

## Annual Report of the Community Events Committee

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The Community Events Committee's mission is to sponsor and encourage community events, projects, activities, services, programs, and public improvements which are of mutual interest to the visitors and residents of the Town of Wareham which strengthen the Town by fostering community involvement and spirit. By a Legislative Act refiled in 2015, a portion of hotel/motel/B&B room tax collected by the MA Dept. of Revenue Services and Town parking receipts is annually reimbursed to the Town of Wareham for these promotional purposes. Meetings are scheduled the fourth Monday of each month and are open to the public.

Anyone approved for CEC funds must submit detailed reports and receipts upon the completion of their event in order to be reimbursed. The committee asks each organization to use the CEC logo in their promotional materials as a way of letting the residents know the source of the funding. Town events have been ramping up since 2021 and the number of applicants increased in 2022. We're hopeful that the upward trend will continue.

The following grants totaling \$30,482 were awarded for the purpose of advertising and promoting Wareham and Onset 2022 events:

Onset Bay Association	\$19,140
Advertising and promoting OBA events: Kayak Poker Run, Summer of Fun Music Series, Chalk Street Festival, Christmas in the Parks, Sandcastle Day, Fall Festival (fireworks), Blessing of the Fleet	
Wareham Land Trust	\$ 1,140
Friends of the Wareham Library	\$ 6,560
Onset Bay Center	\$ 480
Wareham Garden Club	\$ 168
Wareham Historical Society	\$ 400
Gleason YMCA	\$ 180
Friends of the Wareham Library	\$ 5,240
Advocates for Wareham Seniors	\$ 3,734

Respectfully submitted,  
Lori C. Benson, Chair 2025

Linda Gay, Recording Secretary 2024  
Kevin Costa 2024  
Alan Slavin, Select Board 2024

Jean Connaughton 2023  
Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/community-events-committee>

## Annual Report of the Community Preservation Committee

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator, and the Residents of Wareham

The Community Preservation Act, MGL chapter 44b is legislation which allows cities and towns in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to adopt a property tax surcharge, with surcharge revenues plus matching funds from the State to be allocated for the “acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, creation and preservation of historic structures and landscapes and the creation and preservation of community housing.”

In 2002, Wareham enacted the Community Preservation Act (CPA) approving a 3% real estate tax surcharge (with initial \$100,000 property value exclusion) which qualifies the Town to receive State funds from the Commonwealth each year. The State funds are generated by recording fees at the Registry of Deeds. To date the Town of Wareham has received \$6,604,704. of these funds.

In FY23, the Town of Wareham estimates it will collect \$910,000 in CPA funds from our surcharge and has received \$487,169 from the state. With funds unspent from the prior year, Community Preservation Commission (CPC) had an estimated starting balance of \$5,327,508 to support approved projects. Final FY23 amounts will not be available until FY23 financials are officially closed.

FY 23 Estimated revenue	
3% surcharge collected by Town	910,000
State matching funds	487,169
Interest income	<u>10,000</u>
	1,407,169
Previous funds balance	
Unallocated from prior years	2,720,238
Open space reserve	311,722
Affordable housing reserve	406,388
Historic preservation reserve	<u>481,991</u>
	3,920,339
Total estimated funds balance	5,327,508
Funds approved/designated at FY 23 Town Meetings	
Tremont Nail Factory debt service	227,208
Little Harbor Debt service	139,051
Littleton Drive	300,000
Bayview Park	1,080,000
801 Main Street	300,000
Funds returned/unused	<u>(200,000)</u>
Net funds expenditures	1,846,259

Net funds balances YE 2023	
Open space reserve	456,722
Affordable housing reserve	273,188
Historic preservation reserve	629,991
Administration reserve	72,500
Funds unallocated	<u>2,051,848</u>
 Total estimated funds balance	 3,481,249

Littleton Drive and 801 Main St projects are for affordable housing construction. Bayview Park is for the restoration of the green in Onset Center. The returned funds are from the funds that were not used to restore the Freight Building at Tremont Nail Factory.

#### FY23 Community Preservation Committee

David Heard – Chair, citizen-at-large	2025
Sherbie Worthen – Clerk, citizen-at-large	2023
Sandra Slavin – Treasurer, Conservation Commission	2023
Sam Corbitt – Planning Board	2024
Jean Connaughton – Housing Authority	2023
Patrick Lester– Open Space Committee	2024
Open – Historic Commission	

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/community-preservation-committee>

## **Annual Report of the Conservation Commission**

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator, and the Residents of Wareham

The protection of Wareham's coastal and freshwater resources lies in the hands of the Conservation Commission. This regulatory body oversees projects that could impact any wetland resource area.

During this year, the Commission conducted 95 public hearings, consisting of 52 Notices of Intent, 6 Amended Orders of Conditions, 37 Requests for Determination of Applicability, and 56 Certificate of Compliance requests. Furthermore, Joshua Faherty, the Conservation Administrator, has reviewed an additional 160 building permits to ensure their compliance with wetland permitting regulations, which encompassed a wide range of projects from minor household repairs to commercial construction. The Commission also investigates reported cases of illegal construction, pollution, and destruction of wetlands.

To increase public awareness of the Wetlands Protection Act, the Wareham Wetland Protective By-Law, and the critical roles wetlands play, the Commission strives to educate the public. Living in a coastal community like Wareham, it's vital that residents are aware of our environment's fragility. To learn more about the Conservation Commissioners' responsibilities and the significance of wetlands, educational pamphlets are available at the Conservation Office.

The projects submitted for review by the Conservation Commission come in a wide range of scopes and natures. These include reconstructions of seawalls, pier projects, single-family dwellings, and septic repair projects, which make up most of the new applications. Additionally, the Commission reviews more extensive commercial projects, such as the construction of solar fields and commercial buildings.

Conservation meetings were originally held in person, later transitioned to online 'Zoom' meetings and are now 'hybrid' as in-person meetings that also allow on-line participation, as required by Wareham Town Meeting. Despite the change in format, the Commission received a consistent flow of applications for various projects. Because projects that were previously approved were being constructed throughout the fiscal year, ongoing monitoring was necessary.

Throughout this fiscal year, there have been ongoing hearings regarding large-scale commercial solar projects. However, these projects have been met with controversy as they propose to clear-cut significant portions of forested land to make way for commercial solar arrays. Various citizen groups have remained active in their efforts to stop the continued loss of natural resources due to these installations. Multiple appeals have been filed against local decisions in an attempt to halt these projects, or to overturn negative decisions.

The citizens' group known as "CAMP," Clean-up Agawam Mill Pond, continued their efforts aimed at treating invasive aquatic vegetation in Agawam Mill Pond by the application of an approved herbicide. This year they did a maintenance herbicide application to spot-treat previously treated areas of the pond and treated for another invasive plant that had become more prominent. Monitoring of this project will be ongoing.

The Commission remains committed to advocating for the protection of open spaces. These properties play a crucial role in providing wildlife habitats and natural areas for the public to enjoy. The Town Conservation properties have been well-maintained by both Town staff and volunteer groups. The Commission expresses its gratitude to all those who generously volunteered their time to assist with the clean-up and maintenance activities.

The Wareham Land Trust has been actively working towards preserving Wareham's open spaces. The Town of Wareham joins hands with the Land Trust and the Buzzards Bay Coalition for conservation projects. The Commission acknowledges and appreciates the relentless efforts of the Wareham Land Trust and the Buzzards Bay Coalition in promoting projects aimed at conserving environmentally sensitive areas in town. This year, the Wareham Land Trust secured funds to acquire two properties, which further expanded the contiguous open land area protected for recreation and environmental significance.

David Pichette, the Conservation Administrator, represented the Town in the Buzzards Bay Action Committee (BBAC) until he departed from the position. Mr. Pichette was consistently attending the BBAC's monthly meetings where essential topics were discussed. When Joshua Faherty arrived, he continued to attend the BBAC meetings and was eventually nominated for the position of Executive Vice President. The ongoing discussions have provided valuable insights and timely solutions to address the issues that affect the long-term health of Buzzards Bay. The efforts to monitor and enhance storm water discharges are crucial to improving the water quality within the Bay.

The Conservation Commission has taken an active role in dealing with various wetland violations, some of which have caused significant damage to wetland areas. The Commission has the authority to impose fines on violators, who may include property owners or contractors undertaking unpermitted activities close to wetland resource areas. Property owners planning to engage in building projects, land clearing, filling, landscaping activities, etc., in areas under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission should seek advice from the Conservation Administrator beforehand to avoid violations and the associated expenses such as fines and wetland restoration costs.

A total of \$31,246.50 has been collected this year by the Conservation Commission for Wetland Permit filing fees. The Commission also took in \$1900.00 collected in fines issued for violations of Wetland Laws.

Joshua Faherty, a full-time Conservation Administrator, manages the Conservation Office. The Conservation Commission has scheduled meetings every first and third Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM in Room 320 of the Wareham Multi-Service Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Joshua Faherty,

Sandra Slavin, Chair 2024

Denise Schulz, Vice Chair 2024

Kwame Bartie 2025

Jessica Parr 2025

Carol Malonson 2023

Michael Mercier 2023

Autumn Wood 2023

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/conservation-commission>

**Annual Report of the Golf Advisory Committee**

**July 1, 2022 -June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The committee has met this past year as deemed necessary to address any issues that arose as a result of the Town’s management of Little Harbor Golf Course.

The past year has seen an increase in play and an uptake in leagues playing at the course. Near the end of last season Disk Golf and Glow Golf tournaments were introduced and well received. This will be repeated near the end of the regular season. Tournament play also increased to 20 outings. Several memberships were lost do the uncertainty of ownership and whether or not the course would be available. That concern has been addressed and we are diligently working on attracting more members.

A membership is being offered that allows you to play additional courses under the LHGC Umbrella.

Seven tee boxes on the course have been leveled. Efforts have been made to speed up the greens, but lack of consistently functioning equipment has been problematic. Updated golf carts are needed and some new ones have been purchased for the upcoming season.

We had a drought to deal with and were afraid we were going to run out of water. As a result, we cut back on the amount of watering that was being done until the situation stabilized.

A certain level of food service was available through the end of the year. Going forward we hope to be able to increase the available offerings.

As with all departments in the Town, there are pros and cons. On the whole the relationship the Town has with Sterling Golf Management has been positive. There are tweaks that will be made going forward. We both have suggestions and the working relationship that presently exists promises to be a win-win for the future.

James Giberti, Chair 2024  
George Barrett 2024  
Peter Hassenfuss 2024  
Jeff Burrows 2024

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/little-harbor-golf>

## **Annual Report of the Board of Library Trustees**

**July 1, 2022-June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The Board of Library Trustees (the “Board”) advocated for the Library, worked to encourage fundraising and supported active participation by town residents in Library programs and resources while supporting the cultural, educational, and recreational heart of the Wareham community. The Board expanded the concept of how their advocacy could be achieved and continued to build and maintain open communication with Town leaders, State Representatives and Wareham residents to encourage their ongoing support of the library.

The Board of Library Trustees held a retreat in the Fall to decide on goals for the coming year. Long-term, the Board’s focus is to support the Library, to increase the Library’s budget, improve the building and increase the support structure between the Board and the Library. Five goals were identified to help work towards these long-term goals.

1. Improve relationship with Town Government
2. Increase community outreach and awareness of the Library
3. Increase the membership and diversity of the Board
4. Strengthen communication and partnership among the Board, the Friends of the Wareham Free Library and the Wareham Free Library Foundation.
5. Continued focus on Board responsibilities and processes

Each Board member identified one or more of the five goals they would work on for the year, creating the committee for that goal, and one Board member was designated a point person for each goal.

Goal #1 – Improve relationship with Town Government

- Board members maintained and increased regular and open communication between the Board and Town government, including regular communications with the Library liaison from the Select Board. This included communicating the goals the Board had agreed upon and ongoing action towards those goals.
- Regular meetings and communication between the Board Chair and the Library Director.
- Efforts were made to have a table of Library recruitment materials primarily, and secondarily Library program materials, at Town Meeting.
- Questions and confusion regarding the 2009 Settlement Agreement were discussed among the Board, the Director, the Select Board Chair and others in Town government. Final recommendation was made to transfer the remaining money to the Library Gift account.
- The Board continued to emphasize the importance of maintenance and upkeep of the Library in conversations with the Director and Town officials.
- Agendas and minutes were posted to the Town website to ensure transparency within the public domain.

## Goal #2 – Increase community outreach and awareness of Library

- The Outreach Committee developed a public outreach plan for the Long Range Plan sessions.
- The Board gathered names and contact information for over 30 Town organizations to be used for future outreach efforts.
- The Board sent outreach e-mails to over 30 Town organizations inviting their membership to participate in the Long Rang Plan sessions.
- Members of the Board used excerpts from the Director’s Finance Committee report to create a handout for the community on Library information.
- The Board staffed a table at the Showcase Wareham event and the Onset Bay Center’s (OBC) Opening the Bay Community Day to bring information about the Library and its programs to people attending those events.
- Board members met with the Garden Club, Community Youth Empowerment and Head Start to share Library information, hear from members of those groups about their suggestions for the Library and to spread the word about joining the Board.
- The Board Chair was interviewed for a Wareham Week article where she talked about what the Library is doing for the community and the need for Board members.

## Goal #3 – Increase the membership and diversity of the Board

- The number of Board members stayed the same as last year.
- Two members left at the end of their terms in June 2022.
- Two new members were recruited and joined the Board this year. Those new members brought different experiences and perspectives to complement and enhance the experiences and perspectives of the current membership.

## Goal #4 – Strengthen communication and partnership among the Board, the Friends of the Wareham Free Library and the Wareham Free Library Foundation.

- The Board Chair met twice with the Friends and the Foundation Chair to discuss ways to work together.
- In the Fall, we held a Meet and Greet event with members of the Friends and the Foundation.
- In January, we held a staff appreciation party with the Friends and the Foundation.
- Members of the Board regularly attended Friends and Foundation meetings and kept the rest of the Board informed of ongoing activities.
- Members of the Board attended Foundation fundraisers.
- Members of the Board volunteered for the Foundation’s mini-golf fundraiser.
- Members of the Board volunteered for the Friends book sales and the duck race.
- Materials from the Friends and the Foundation were included in the Library tables at the Showcase Wareham and the OBC event.
- Discussions were held with members of the Foundation re: Board support of a future fundraising Gala.

Goal #5 – Continued focus on Board responsibilities and processes

- The Board participated in discussions of the structure of and process for the Long Range Plan, including community input meetings and surveys.
- The Board reviewed, discussed, and approved the revisions to the Request for Reconsideration policy.
- The Board updated the bylaws to reflect changes from the now approved Wareham Charter.

The Board has worked diligently with the Director and Library staff to ensure that the library remains a living, growing, thriving community resource.

Respectfully submitted,  
Holli Van Nest, Chair 2024

Deanne Bonnar, Vice Chair 2023  
Sarah Corbitt, Treasurer 2025  
Nancy Rice 2025  
Margit Price 2024  
Peter Gold 2025  
Larissa Fuchs 2026

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/library-board-trustees>

**Annual Report of the Minot Forest Committee**

**July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The Town of Wareham received a Massachusetts Trails Grant and approval of a Community Preservation Grant for improvements to the trails within the Minot Forest, for kiosks, trail signage and a parking lot.

The Minot Forest Committee wants to thank the Department of Natural Resources and especially Garry Buckminster for his work improving and maintaining the trails in the Minot Forest.

Working with Wildlands Trust and Garry Buckminster, the committee developed three looped trails and connector trails within the forest to better ‘show off’ the 200 acres of the Minot Forest. Trail signage, kiosks and trailheads were completed.

The three loops were named for Wareham residents who had a major impact on the town’s preservation of open space.

Don’s Loop is named for Donald Hall, long time member of both Open Space and Minot Forest committees.

Marjorie’s Loop is named for Marjorie Teitelbaum, who served on the Open Space, Minot Forest, and Community Preservation Committees.

Anne’s Loop is named for Anne Campbell, long time member of the Open Space Committee.

A map of the trails has been placed on the Town of Wareham’s Minot Forest Committee web page.

On June 17<sup>th</sup> we held a ribbon cutting to promote the improvements to the forest.

Please come visit your forest. There is parking behind the Elementary School (when it is not in session), Crooked River Road (by the Wildland Trust trail head), and the new parking lot at the corner of Indian Neck Road and Stillman Drive.

Minot Forest Committee

Sandra Slavin, Chair 2023                      Linda Scharf, Clerk 2025

Angela Dunham                      2025                      Autumn Wood                      2024

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/minot-forest-committee>

## Annual Report of the Open Space Committee

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator, and the Residents of Wareham

The Committee continued to work on the creation of the new Shangri-La playground and are pleased that the playground equipment has been ordered. Wareham's Municipal Maintenance Department has created retention basins to solve the rain run-off problem that has historically flooded the playground area.

Shangri-La play equipment has been installed and is being enjoyed. Carol Malonson is the force behind this project. A basketball court is being installed by Wareham's Municipal Maintenance Department. A pavilion, picnic benches and kiosk are next on the list.

The Committee worked with Christy Patalano, project manager and park representative for the Swift Beach Improvement Association, on their new recreation site at the Joseph W Conway, Sr. Swift's Beach Playground. The play equipment has been installed and the grand opening of the playground was held on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Wareham's Municipal Maintenance Department installed a picket fence around the play area and is replacing the chain link fence along the street with a picket fence. Pickets were bought through CORE, a simple fundraising effort where pickets could be engraved with people's names. Funds for the fence came from Community Preservation Grants and donations. Pending improvements to the site are be picket ball and basketball courts.

There are a lot of outdoor recreational opportunities in Wareham, and many are not easy to find. Linda Scharf and Peter Gold developed 'A Guide to Outdoor Recreation in Wareham' which has made it easy to find them. This guide covers it all from baseball fields to tennis courts. A link to the guide can be found on Town of Wareham's website Open Space Committee web page.

The Committee continues working on the Bryant Farm Conservation site to create a parking area off Sandwich Road. We have approval from the Conservation Commission and are now working on a Management Plan to submit to the Wareham Land Trust, the holder of the Conservation Restriction, before any work can be started.

We will begin the review and update to the Open Space and Recreation Plan that expires in 2024.

FY23 Open Space Committee

Sandy Slavin, Chair	2025	Carol Malonson, Clerk	2024
Helen Bradbury	2023	Peter Gold	2023
Patrick Lester	2025	Michael Mercier	2024
		Linda Scharf	2023

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/open-space-committee>

## **Annual Report of the Recycling Committee**

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The Recycling Program continued its good work in FY 2023. The number of recycler visits was over 5,500. Volunteers donated over 1000 hours to the center and helped to make the operations of the program a success. Open meetings were held the third Wednesday of the week at 6:00pm in the town hall. Zoom meetings were held when required. The following report details the individual functions of the center and provides information on all aspects of the Recycling Program.

**Hours of Operation:** The Recycling Center opens to the public Saturdays from 9am to 1pm and on Wednesdays from 1pm to 3pm. No sticker required – Trash not accepted! Summer hours Saturday 9-12 noon.

**Center Operating Budget:** Our finances are currently stable. At the 2018 Spring Town Meeting, the voters approved a \$25,000 appropriation, which we mainly utilized for our ABC Disposal Service tipping fee for our recyclables. In January 2023 we received a grant in the amount of \$13,000 through the D.E.P. Recycling Dividends Program. We were able to receive this grant because Wareham has contracted with one trash hauler rather than several, and because of the points earned in our services offered at the Wareham Recycling Center. This grant can only be used for items and services related to recycling in Wareham.

**Volunteers:** The few volunteers that we were lucky to have remain committed to the Program. The total number of individuals who volunteered during the period was 8. Our volunteers help recyclers with their recyclables and maintain the area by mowing and keeping the site clean and safe. Volunteer work is much appreciated and created a value of approximately \$13,500 to the Town at minimum town wages (useable figures for grants).

**Area Use:** At the center, we handled over 18 tons of recyclable materials, such as: paper, cardboard, tin, glass, packing peanuts, white goods (metal items) and plastic and 5.50- tons of non-recyclable items such as TVs, monitors, white goods, paint, used tires and batteries, making the total tons of handled material 23.5 tons. The center also accepts several hazardous waste items including items containing mercury, fluorescent bulbs and used medical needles (sharps). There is no other single location in Wareham or surrounding town that accepts all of these items. We also received thousands of returnable bottles and cans, which helped us meet the needs of our budget.

**Our Book Shed** is in full operation. We have hundreds of great donated books for swap or a small donation. We gladly accept any books on an ongoing basis.

The center operates a small shed which houses our swap items. We accept any working appliances or electronics as well as clean re-usable other items.

The Coordinator and the committee have been working together very hard to upgrade the service to residents and to be more efficient. We invite anyone interested in recycling to attend our monthly meetings.

Media coverage of the recycling effort has been excellent with articles appearing in our local newspaper and on our local cable TV station. The Coordinator's efforts have increased in an attempt to keep recycling in the forefront of the public eye, and to gain more volunteers to assist with educational programs, as well as Recycling Center help. The information is provided by answering phone calls, communication with media outlets, word of mouth -- but most importantly it is provided through the actions of our cheerful, supportive, and friendly volunteers helping all who come to visit. During FY23 over 200 phone calls were made to the center with questions and requesting advice as to the proper handling of recyclable items.

Marilyn Russell, Wareham Recycling Coordinator for the Recycling Committee

Jennifer Gady, Chair	2024
Amanda Cobb, Secretary	2024
Earl Russell, Treasurer	2023
Ann Marie Brooks, Citizen at Large	2023

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/recycling-committee>

Facebook/Wareham Recycling Center

## **Annual Report of the Road Commissioners**

**July 1, 2022 - June30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and Residents of Wareham

The Road Commission continued its role in studying and acting on parking and traffic safety issues on town roads. The Commission heard a steady number of complaints and issues regarding signage and parking. There was an equal number of requests for traffic control signage and residential parking controls. Coordination between the Police Department and Municipal Maintenance facilitated quick responses on most matters. SRPEDD provided its survey equipment for recording travel on town roads. Densely developed Onset had more than its fair share of complaints. One issue that will be dealt with in the coming year is creating a policy and program for traffic controls to handle the many requests for new signage.

Respectfully submitted

Ken Buckland, Town Planner

Walter Correia, Chief of Police

Dave Menard, Director of Municipal Maintenance

Joseph J. Cardoza      2023

Marie Grieg              2025

Howard A. Smith        2023

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/road-commission>

**Annual Report of the Wareham Affordable Housing Trust**  
**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

During the past year the Wareham Affordable Housing Trust (Trust) had a full board of five members and held regular monthly meetings both in person and remotely.

Members of the Trust attended webinars sponsored by state agencies and not-for-profit housing advocacy groups on operation of trusts, methods for funding, and issues and concerns commonly faced.

The Trust has \$137,746.22 dollars in its operating budget. In addition, there is a grant from CPA funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 that is available to the Trust.

The Trust focused on formalizing processes and procedures for processing grant applications. DRAFT formal Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA), grant instructions and grant application were finalized for use in 2023. An email mailbox, [AHT@wareham.ma.us](mailto:AHT@wareham.ma.us), and a mail slot in Town hall were established to facilitate communications.

The Trust contacted and / or met with possible sources of support. The Trust met with Laura Shufelt of the Massachusetts Housing Partnership as well as members of the Wareham Housing Authority to determine if there were ways in which they might provide administrative support to the Trust. No path forward was agreed upon.

The Trust met with Mr. Steven Beauchemin multiple times to discuss his projects at 6 Chapel Lane and 20 Depot St. An application to provide support to the 6 Chapel Lane project is pending before the Trust.

The Trust also met with representatives of the Woodland Cove project to discuss processes and procedures for providing rental assistance to qualified applicants.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Carl Schulz, Chair 2023

Heidi Churchill 2024  
Missy Dziczek 2023  
Sandra Slavin 2024  
Tricia Wurts 2023

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/affordable-housing-trust>

## Annual Report of the Wareham Cultural Council

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

The Wareham Cultural Council is part of the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a program which provides funds for programs throughout the Commonwealth in the areas of Arts, Humanities, and Sciences. The Council's goal is to bring diverse cultural events to the town of Wareham through the disbursement of grants to local artists. These programs include everything from field trips, to musical events, to science exploration and beyond.

This year, the Wareham Cultural Council held its second annual reception for local grant recipients. The event was held on May 3, 2023 at the Buzzards Bay Coalition Onset Bay Community Center as was well attended.

The Grant Cycle begins September 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. During the 2023 grant cycle, the Wareham Cultural Council awarded over \$18,654 to 22 different applicants. The following were recipients of the 2023 Cultural Council Grants:

Bruno, Roger: A Celebration of Song - The Great American Songbook and Beyond	\$700
Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc.: Onset Bay Center Community Events and Engagement	\$1,800
Dog Park Affiliation of Wareham, Inc.: Unleash the PAWsibiliites Area Youth Creative Arts Contests	\$775
Friends of the Wareham Free Library, Inc.: Adult Programs Library Summer Reading Program	\$1,200 \$1,500
Lewis, Stephen: May Day - An International Poster Exhibition	\$154
MUSIC Dance.edu: Hip Hop Chair Dance for Seniors!	\$500
Music from Land's End Wareham: Music from Land's End Wareham	\$1,200
Native Plant Trust, Inc.: Plant Communities of Massachusetts	\$700

New Bedford Festival Theatre, Inc.:			
Go, Go, Go! New Bedford Festival Theatre's Summer Academy 2023			\$500
Old Colony Historical Society:			
Passport to History 2023			\$200
Onset Bay Association, Inc.:			
Onset Summer of Love Concert Series			\$1,500
Onset Bay Association, Inc.:			
Chalk-Full-O-Fun Festival			\$1,084
Rogers, Stephen:			
Gateway Improv			\$641
Swifts Beach Improvement Association, Inc.:			
Grand Opening for New Inclusive/Multigenerational Playground Swifts Beach			\$600
The New England Coastal Wildlife Alliance, Inc.:			
Recreational Fishermen to Protect the Diamondback Terrapin in Wareham Waters.			\$500
Tri-County Music Association, Inc.:			
Complimentary Senior Tickets			\$200
Wareham Council on Aging:			
Music for the Ages			\$1,600
Wareham Land Trust, Inc.:			
Winter Wonder Program Series			\$800
Wareham Minutemen and Militia Companies, Inc.:			
Wearing Wareham - A 1776 Colonial Fashion and History Presentation			\$1,500
Wilson, Mary:			
Puppets, Paul & Mary Show			\$500
York, Matt:			
Johnny Cash Songs & Stories			\$500

Wendy Brogioli, Co-Chair	2023	Jackson Gillman, Member	2023
Jamie Wiksten, Co-Chair	2023	Marcus Gomes Member	2025
Christy LaGue, Secretary	2023	Wendy St. Julien Member	2023
Amariet Karahalidis, Treasurer	2023		

CulturalCouncil@wareham.ma.us  
<https://www.wareham.ma.us/cultural-council>

## **Annual Report of the Wareham Historic District Commission**

**July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator, and the Residents of Wareham

The mission of the Historic District Commission is to protect and preserve the properties within Wareham's three historic districts. These districts are designated as Parker Mills, Centre Park, and the Narrows historic districts. Each district has its own character and unique history told through the properties and structures within. We are pleased to report the following activities in Wareham's three Historic districts during the past twelve months.

### **Narrows Historic District**

3 Cedar Street: Renovation of this property was completed in the spring. We would again like to thank Mr. Scott Attwood for all his hard work in saving an important example of period waterfront housing.

59 Main Street: Construction of the new restaurant and event space at 59 Main Street has overcome many obstacles but is now nearing completion. The owner has been relentless and resolute in his goal of completing this new addition to the Wareham waterfront, without sacrificing the cultural and architectural history that surrounds it. The WHDC applauds his vision of turning a long neglected industrial property into something people can enjoy and be proud of.

100 Main Street: The Wareham Historical Society has contracted for the much-anticipated renovations to the Captain John Kendrick House. Work will include replacement of the roof with period appropriate wood shingles, and the repair and replacement of the windows and siding with historically accurate materials and style. This property is owned and operated by the Historical Society as a Museum that highlights the incredibly important part it has played in the history of both our Town, and the Nation as well.

### **Centre Park Historic District**

The Commission continues to study the feasibility of expanding this historic district to protect more historic and architecturally significant properties.

### **Parker Mills Historic District**

Tremont Nail Factory property: the Commission continues to work with the Town Planner and the Redevelopment Authority to determine the best usage for the redevelopment of the Tremont Nail Factory complex.

The Commission is currently working to develop a comprehensive set of guidelines to assist property owners with selecting historically appropriate design and materials. This effort is ongoing and the WHDC is competing for limited grant funding from the Massachusetts Historic Commission to aid in this endeavor.

The Commission continues to work in concert with the Wareham Historic Commission and the Historical Society to further our mutual goals of preserving Wareham's rich and historically significant past.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Blair, Chair 2023

Cheryl Knapp, Clerk 2024

Patty Neal 2024

Angela Dunham 2025

Samantha Nichols 2023

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/historic-district-commission>

## Annual Report of the Wareham Historical Commission

July 1, 2022 - June 30, 2023

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of the Town of Wareham

The Wareham Historical Commission (WHC) is a municipal agent of the local government. It works in cooperation with other municipal agencies to ensure that the goals of historic preservation are considered in planning for future development of the community.

The mission of the Wareham Historical Commission is to identify, protect and preserve Wareham's historical records and property, in collaboration with other Wareham organizations and boards that share this goal. WHC coordinates with the Wareham Historic District Commission, the Wareham Historical Society, local schools, and the Wareham Free Library to preserve the future of our history. Archival materials have been purchased by the WHC to preserve historic documents in town owned, climate-controlled storage.

WHC continues to deliver historic plaques to proud Wareham and Onset homeowners through its online program in partnership with the Wareham Historical Society. WHC also continues to contribute historical information on a regular basis to other Town and private organizations.

The Wareham Historical Commission is responsible for holding Demolition Delay Hearings for properties that are 75 years of age or older. Applications are available online through the Wareham Town Website, Inspectional Services Department. To address those applications this past year met on the first Wednesday of each month, unless otherwise noted on the town website calendar.

This year The Wareham Historical Commission, in collaboration with Wareham Town Planner, Ken Buckland, organized and presented a historical display about The Tremont Nail Factory for The Vernacular Architecture Forum 2023 based in Plymouth, Massachusetts, which focused on the buildings and landscapes that survive from 1661 to the present. Over one hundred people from all over the United States attended the onsite event, which received excellent reviews from attendees and coordinator, Sally A. McMurry.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela M. Dunham, Chair	2024		
Cheryl Knapp, Clerk	2024	Leonard Boutin, Treasurer	2025
Pam Foley	2023	Robert Blair	2025

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/historical-commission>

## Annual Report of the Wareham Redevelopment Authority

July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and Residents of Wareham

The Wareham Redevelopment Authority (WRA) continued to advance the Economic Development Strategy adopted in 2019. Projects completed this last year included: leasing of WRA property along Littleton Drive in the Swifts Beach area to develop affordable senior, family, and workforce community housing; studies, planning, and redistricting/rezoning in the downtown village center; and, establishment of a WRA internship program to involve college and graduate students in planning and implementation of WRA projects. Urban renewal planning focused on Wareham Village was ongoing as FY23 came to a close.

**Littleton Drive.** On March 9, the WRA executed a 99-year lease agreement for a 16 acre WRA property on Littleton Drive, Wareham, with Pennrose, LLC, a housing development company, for the purpose of developing affordable, workforce and senior housing. Site preparation commenced spring of 2023 to develop a community of 93 new family and senior apartments. Forty-four of the 93 apartments will have age restrictions, available to seniors 62 and older. One-, two- and three-bedroom affordable and workforce apartments will be available at various income tiers (30%, 60%, 100% AMI (area median income)). A housing lottery will be conducted, with a goal being to give preference to Wareham residents for the initial leasing of residences in the new community. The new community will include walking trails, common green space, a playground, and a community center available to the public. Construction was ongoing in June 2023 with a projected completion date of November 2024.

**Redistricting/rezoning of Wareham Village.** In furtherance of WRA's goal to revitalize Wareham Village by attracting new private investment to the Village, the WRA collaborated closely during the year with the Wareham Planning Board and Town Planning and Community Development staff to develop a Village redistricting and rezoning proposal the WRA and Planning Board could jointly recommend to our Select Board, Town Administrator and citizens of Wareham. Following several public meetings, two joint meetings of the WRA and Planning Board, a public hearing, and extensive detailed drafting of the proposal by a working group of Planning Board members and Wareham's Planning and Community Development staff, a warrant article proposal to create a new subdistrict, WV-1R, and associated zoning changes, was recommended to the Town's Select Board and placed before the voters at a Special Town Meeting on April 24, 2023. Town Meeting voters approved creation of the new subdistrict WV-1R and associated rezoning.

**WRA Internship Program.** On May 25, 2023, the WRA committed \$20,000 to fund college and graduate student internships to support WRA project planning and implementation. These future interns will work on WRA priorities under the supervision and mentorship of seasoned Town Planning and Community Development staff. I'm excited about this new initiative and

hopeful it will attract committed, energetic, thoughtful, creative future urban planners and civic leaders who can help us make Wareham even better, faster.

**Wareham Village Urban Renewal Planning.** Creation of WV-1R was one pillar in an evolving urban renewal planning effort to revitalize Wareham Village. WRA’s objective is to transform the Village into a destination that beckons Wareham citizens and visitors to “live, work and play” in the Village. To that end, the WRA held several business and public meetings during FY23 to educate citizens on planning parameters, zoning limitations, climate resiliency considerations, and to elicit citizen input and feedback on the plan as it was being drafted. Additionally, members of the WRA’s Urban Renewal Planning Citizens Advisory Group and a member of the WRA conducted several interviews of “stakeholders” within the Village to help ascertain business and property owner sentiment regarding the current state and potential future of the Village.

On March 30, 2023, the WRA sponsored an all-day “Showcase Wareham” event in the Town Hall auditorium, complete with local entertainment, to showcase Wareham small businesses, community organizations, the Council on Aging, ongoing development (Littleton Drive and the “Warren Property” and marina adjacent to Besse Park), Wareham’s proud history, the aforementioned redistricting and rezoning proposal, and the draft urban renewal plan for Wareham Village. This event was well-attended, videotaped by WCTV for public broadcasting, and covered by other local print and electronic/web media.

Following extensive review and discussion of the evolving draft urban renewal plan for the Village by WRA members during the winter and spring, the WRA submitted the draft plan to the Massachusetts State Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) for a preliminary “completeness review” on May 22, 2023. On June 16, 2023, EOHLC provided recommended revisions to the plan. WRA revision of the plan was ongoing as FY23 concluded.

Significantly, the Wareham Village urban renewal planning and revitalization effort will be “anchored” at one end by the Tremont Nail Factory redevelopment and new development and a new marina adjacent to Besse Park on the other end. Main Street and Town property along Merchants Way will connect these two anchor developments. The WRA, in close collaboration with the Town Planning and Community Development Department, has been encouraging and subsidizing studies necessary to inform Town planners and citizens regarding potential improvements in this area. The WRA has applied for grants to 1) further the process of designing and permitting removal of the Parker Mill Dam, an essential precursor to Tremont Nail Factory redevelopment; 2) design a boardwalk, pedestrian railroad crossing, and fishing pier along Merchants Way; and, 3) examine climate resiliency considerations along this exposed waterfront to inform future planning and development.

Speaking for the WRA, as we transition from FY23 into FY24, we intend to stay the course with respect to revitalizing Wareham Village. I anticipate this will include a careful examination of how air rights over Town property along Merchants Way could significantly enhance our effort to attract exciting and tasteful development in the new WV-1R subdistrict. I hope to have a refined and thoughtful urban renewal plan for Wareham Village to recommend to our Town

Planning Board, Finance Board, Select Board, and Town Administrator for your consideration and subsequent recommendation to the citizens we serve. I would like to explore ways to improve Wareham’s critical infrastructure in order to attract thriving businesses, good jobs, and families to our town that might otherwise look to other modernizing communities in our region. Finally, I hope to begin work on other urban renewal planning opportunities that have potential to beautify and enrich our Town and our citizens. I thank you for the privilege of serving in my current capacity as a member of the WRA.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Butler, Chair      2024

Derek Sullivan, Town Administrator

Judith Whiteside, Select Board representative      2023

Ronald Besse, Select Board representative      2023

Kenneth Buckland, Director of Planning and Community Development

[www.wareham.ma.us/redevelopment-authority](http://www.wareham.ma.us/redevelopment-authority)

## **Annual Report of the Sewer Commissioners**

**July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

This year the Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) has had more and different challenges facing the staff of the plant. Between labor shortages, material shipping delays of extended periods, increased Government regulations, disposal difficulties and unfunded mandates we are continuing to operate.

We are dealing with an aging infrastructure that is succumbing to the ravages of wear, tear and time. Like your car, when something breaks you fix it to keep it going. We are at that point of having items break and having a time lag to repair them. The repair/replacement costs are climbing. This is a result of the Covid pandemic as well as the overall cost of materials and supplies. However, the repairs and upgrades are necessary to keep the plant operating.

Our Capital Planning Committee keeps a ‘running’ list of capital expenditure requests. The plan covers 5 years of projected capital needs, and is created in concert with the department heads of the Town. Most of the WPCF projects have been carried on this list, but, of course, there are always unforeseen requests

A controversial issue this year was the repairs necessary for the Swifts Beach area. Fortunately, the Town was able to work out a solution that did not require the property owners in that area to install grinder pumps.

We continue to look and apply for any grants that may be available to help us keep the costs down.

With your continued support we will do our best to maintain the WPCF to the level of performance that this plant is noted for to serve the Town and you the sewer users in the best possible way.

Respectfully submitted,

James R. Giberti, Chair (elected May 2021)

Sandra Slavin (elected May 2021)

Peter Dunlop (elected May 2022)

Bernard Pigeon (elected May 2023)

Robert Scanlan (elected May 2023)

Malcolm White (term end May 2023)

Donna Bronk (term end May 2023)

<https://www.wareham.ma.us/sewer-commissioners>

**Annual Report of the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District  
(SRPEDD)**

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**

To the Honorable Select Board, Town Administrator and the Residents of Wareham

2022 year-end report to the Town of Wareham from the commissioners of the Southeastern Regional Planning & Economic Development District (SRPEDD)

The Town of Wareham is a member of the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District. Originally founded in 1956, SRPEDD (pronounced “sir-ped”) is one of 13 regional planning agencies (RPAs) across the state and one of approximately 550 across the country.

SRPEDD serves 4 cities and 23 towns in southeastern Massachusetts. Through our work, we address common issues facing the region, including economic development, growth and land use, safe and efficient transportation, environmental stewardship, municipal partnerships, community development and affordable housing, and general planning. A Commission of local mayors, selectmen, planning board members, and at-large members govern SRPEDD. Federal and state grants, local assessments, and local contracts fund our activities. In 2022, the Town of Wareham paid \$4,234.57 to SRPEDD, based upon an assessment of 20.17 cents per capita. SRPEDD’s annual budget in 2022 was \$2,720,262.

SRPEDD also serves as the region’s staff for the Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization ([SMMPO](#)) and the regional Economic Development District ([EDD](#)) with the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA). In both roles, SRPEDD works with numerous partners to program tens of millions of dollars to directly invest in our region’s infrastructure and community development.

Please visit SRPEDD’s recently updated agency website at [www.srpedd.org](http://www.srpedd.org) to review our work, read our [2022 Annual Report](#), and tour new projects, including: our [Drone Program](#) and [Virtual Building Tours](#); our work to support communities as they comply with the [new Section 3A of Chapter 40A](#); our [watershed](#) and [resilience](#) planning work program; our [Complete Streets](#) and [Multi-Use Path](#) transportation projects; our work with the Southeastern Region Homeland Security Advisory Council ([SRAC](#)); our work with school districts and public safety officials to create [Active Shooter/Hostile Event \(ASHE\) Response Tools](#); and various municipal projects, such as [Redevelopment Studies](#) and [Community Master Plans](#). Our website also includes departmental web pages, a calendar of events, and recent news.

Please do not hesitate to [contact us](#) with any questions, concerns, or project ideas.

**Local citizens/officials representing Wareham in SRPEDD activities:**

Alan Slavin (Chair) and Michael King on the SRPEDD Commission.

Alan Slavin and Jared Chadwick on the Joint Transportation Planning Group (JTPG)

<https://srpedd.org/>

**In 2022, SRPEDD provided technical assistance to Wareham in the following areas; please note that funding sources and project web pages are provided, where available:**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>More Information</b>
Bicycle Committee Technical Assistance	MassDOT	
Coastal Resilience Project Support	MassAudubon	
Green Communities Program Assistance	DOER	<a href="https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/">https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/</a>
Plymouth Ave (White Island Shores Neighborhood), Traffic (Speed & Volume) Counts	MassDOT	
Traffic counts on several roadways (details available by request)	MassDOT	
Turning Movement counts on several roadways (details available by request)	MassDOT	
Village Plan	DLTA	

**Highlights from SRPEDD’s general 2022 Work Program include the following:**

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>More Information</b>
Agriculture Retention Workshops	DLTA	
Arts and Culture Community Development Initiative	DLTA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/arts-and-culture/">https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/arts-and-culture/</a>
Assawompset Ponds Flood Management Program	DER	<a href="https://srpedd.org/comprehensive-planning/environment/watershed-planning/assawompset-ponds-complex-and-nemasket-river-watershed-planning/">https://srpedd.org/comprehensive-planning/environment/watershed-planning/assawompset-ponds-complex-and-nemasket-river-watershed-planning/</a>
<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>More Information</b>

Assawompset Ponds Groundwater Hydrologic & Hydraulic Study	DER	
Brownfield Community Wide Assessment Grant	EPA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/environment/brownfields-redevelopment/">https://srpedd.org/environment/brownfields-redevelopment/</a>
Bus Stop Capital Investment Plan	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/</a>
Bus Stop Inventory Update	MassDOT	
CARES Act/COVID-19 U.S. EDA Technical Assistance	SRPEDD, U.S. EDA	
Cranberry Bog Program Technical Assistance	DER	
FEMA Flood Map Bylaw Update	SRPEDD	
FFY20 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	<a href="https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/">https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/</a>
FFY21 Homeland Security Program and Project Management	MAPC	<a href="https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/">https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/</a>
Freight Action Plan	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/freight-action-plan/">https://srpedd.org/freight-action-plan/</a>
Green Communities – Annual Reports and Competitive and Designation Grant Applications	EOEEA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/">https://srpedd.org/environment/climate-resilience-planning/green-communities/</a>
Justice, Equity, and Community Development (JECD) Initiative	DLTA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/">https://srpedd.org/justice-equity-and-community-development/</a>

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>More Information</b>
Mass. Assoc. of Regional Planning Commissions (MARPA)	RPAs	
MBTA Multi-Family Zoning Support	DLTA, DHCD	
Old Rochester Regional High School Active Shooter Response Job-Aid Tool	DLTA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/ashe-response/">https://srpedd.org/homeland-security/ashe-response/</a>
Pavement Management - Federal Aid Road Network	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/#pavement-management">https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/#pavement-management</a>
PDA/PPA Update for MBTA Communities	MBTA, DLTA	
Regional Housing Services Office Feasibility Study	DLTA, MassHousing	<a href="https://srpedd.org/comprehensive-planning/housing/regional-housing-services-office/">https://srpedd.org/comprehensive-planning/housing/regional-housing-services-office/</a>
RTP Continuous Public Outreach	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/regional-transportation-plan-rtp/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/regional-transportation-planning/regional-transportation-plan-rtp/</a>
Rural Policy Advisory Council	DLTA, sister RPAs	<a href="https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rural-policy-advisory-commission-rpac">https://www.mass.gov/service-details/rural-policy-advisory-commission-rpac</a>
South Coast Administrators Committee	SRPEDD	
SRPEDD Regional Resilience Plan (SRRP)	DLTA, CCC EDA, MassDOT	
Taunton River Stewardship Council Upper Nemasket Implementation	TRSC	

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Funding Source(s)</b>	<b>More Information</b>
Taunton River Trail	MassDOT	
Taunton Watershed Pilot Project	SNEP, Mass-Audubon	<a href="https://srpedd.org/comprehensive-planning/environment/watershed-planning/#ongoing-watershed-projects">https://srpedd.org/comprehensive-planning/environment/watershed-planning/#ongoing-watershed-projects</a>
Technical Assistance Planning and GIS	GATRA	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/public-transit/</a>
Traffic Counting and Turning Movement Counts	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/traffic-counting/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/transportation-infrastructure/traffic-counting/</a>
Trails Mapping (Off Road)	MassDOT	<a href="https://srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/regional-trails-mapping-project/">https://srpedd.org/transportation/bicycle-and-pedestrian-networks/regional-trails-mapping-project/</a>

**Massachusetts Department of Revenue**

**Division of Local Services**

**Bureau of Accounts**

**Statement of Indebtedness**

**Wareham, Massachusetts**

**FY 23**

Long Term Debt Inside the Debt Limit*	Outstanding July 1, 2022	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2023	Interest Paid in FY 23
Building	15,000	-	15,000	-	638
Departmental Equipment	-	-	-	-	-
School Buildings	-	-	-	-	-
School Other	85,000	-	85,000	-	1,615
Sewer	3,577,029	8,109,000	660,996	11,025,033	107,456
Solid Waste Landfill	-	-	-	-	-
Other Inside	1,140,000	-	160,000	980,000	45,726
<b>SUB-TOTAL Inside</b>	<b>4,817,029</b>	<b>8,109,000</b>	<b>920,996</b>	<b>12,005,033</b>	<b>155,434</b>
Long Term Debt Outside the Debt Limit*					
Airport	-	-	-	-	-
Gas/Electric Utility	-	-	-	-	-
Hospital	-	-	-	-	-
School Buildings	21,940,000	-	975,000	20,965,000	752,257
Sewer	8,433,444	-	2,000,857	6,432,587	170,063
Solid Waste Landfill	-	-	-	-	-
Water	-	-	-	-	-
Other Outside	794,214	-	180,526	613,688	17,000
<b>SUB-TOTAL Outside</b>	<b>31,167,658</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,156,383</b>	<b>28,011,275</b>	<b>939,319</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>35,984,688</b>	<b>8,109,000</b>	<b>4,077,380</b>	<b>40,016,308</b>	<b>1,094,754</b>

Short Term Debt *	Outstanding July 1, 2022	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2023	Interest Paid in FY 23
RANs - Revenue Anticipation	-	-	-	-	-
BANs - Bond Anticipation	-	-	-	-	-
Buildings	-	-	-	-	-
School	2,600,000	2,975,000	2,600,000	2,975,000	51,856
Water	-	-	-	-	-
Other BANs	518,000	326,000	518,000	326,000	4,959
SAANs - State Grant Anticipation	-	-	-	-	-
FAANs - Federal Grant Anticipation	-	-	-	-	-
Other Short Term Debt	-	-	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL SHORT TERM DEBT</b>	<b>3,118,000</b>	<b>3,301,000</b>	<b>3,118,000</b>	<b>3,301,000</b>	<b>56,815</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL DEBT</b>	<b>39,102,688</b>	<b>11,410,000</b>	<b>7,195,380</b>	<b>43,317,308</b>	<b>1,151,568</b>

TOWN OF WAREHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

AUTHORIZED UNISSUED DEBT

DATE OF AUTHOR.	ARTICLE #	AMOUNT ORIGINALLY AUTHORIZED	AMOUNT BONDED PAID DOWN OR REINVESTED	DATE BONDED PAID DOWN OR REINVESTED	AMOUNT AVAILABLE TO BE BONDED	PURPOSE	LAW CITE	MAXIMUM TERM	NOTES OUTSTANDING	MATURITY DATE	ROLLOVER	STATUS OF LEGAL APPROVALS	ORIGINAL ISSUE DATE	YEAR BD.
4/25/16	16	1,000,000	300,000	MSBA G - 4/25/16	700,000	Wareham Elementary (Wood Forest) Feasibility Study - EXEMPT	44-7(1) & 7(2) or 7(8) &	5 or TBD				RL 5/19/16, P.O. 02/716	5/19/16	
4/25/16	17	2,442,181	1,529,068	MSBA A-4-10/25/16	779,686	Dodge School Repairs/Replacement	44-7(3) or 7(8)	30				RL 5/19/16, P.O. 02/716	5/19/16	2019
3/9/18 & 11/8/2018	5, 04	80,474,183	5,415,000	B - 4/8/18	18,889,938	Wareham Elementary (Wood Forest) School Construction - EXEMPT (MSBA 75.9% or 21,453,233 max)	44-7(1) or 7(8)	30	2,890,000	4/29/24	48/2023	RL 12/18/18, P.O. 2/27/19	4/7/2022	2019
			650,000	B-4/18/20					370,000	4/29/24			9/28/2023	
			60,000	B-4/18/20										
			1,205,000	B-4/18/20										
			1,690,000	B-4/18/20										
			40,000	B-3/20/22										
			60,000	B-4/18/20										
			1,205,000	B-4/18/20										
			1,690,000	B-4/18/20										
			40,000	B-3/20/22										
10/27/18	11	1,430,000	650,000	B-4/18/20	456,000	Temon Mill Factory Contamination Remediation	448	10	20,000	1/25/2024	9/20/19, 8/19/20, 12/18/2020, 7/18/2021, 1/29/2022, 1/27/2023, 8/19/2020, 12/18/2020, 7/18/2021, 1/29/2022, 1/27/2023	RL 12/18/18, P.O. 1/30/19 & 2/7/19	5/27/2019	2019
			60,000	B-4/18/20					270,000	1/25/2024			12/18/2020	8/19/2020
			118,000	PD - 12/1/23					20,000	1/25/2024			12/18/2020	8/19/2020
10/25/19	1	420,000	115,000	PD - 12/19/2019	60,000	Over Per Dock Replacement	44-7(1)	30				RL 12/19/19, P.O. 2/27/19		
			250,000	9/8/18/20										
10/25/19	21	350,000	350,000	B - 10/17/2020	350,000	Septic Systems Repairs & Upgrades	111 & 127B 12 & 26C	20				RL 11/13/19		
10/25/19	23	1,800,000	1,530,000	B - 10/17/2020	-	Water Equalization Basin & User Pollution Control Process Improvements	44-7(1) & 26C	30				RL 11/13/19, P.O. 12/18/18		
			270,000	BP - 12/17/2020										
12/1/20	18	9,000,000	9,000,000	MOVT B - 12/1/20	-	Wastewater Treatment and Pollution Control Facilities and Sanitary Systems	44-7(1) & 26C	30				RL 1/6/21		
			810,000	MOVT B - 12/1/20										
			810,000	MOVT B - 12/1/20										
2/22/22	1	1,000,000	980,000	B - 4/28/2022	-	Off-Corral Land Acquisition	44-7(1) & 48	30						
			20,000	BP - 4/28/2022										
4/28/22	16	3,000,000	3,000,000	R - 10/24/2022	3,000,000	Swift Beach Sewer Line Replacement	44-7(1), 8(14) & 26C	30				RL 10/27/22		
4/28/22	17	3,000,000	3,000,000	R - 10/24/2022	-	Line Force Main/Repairs	TBD	TBD				RL Requested 8/8/23		
10/24/22	15	2,000,000	2,000,000.00	R-4/24/23	-	WPCF Secondary Clarifier Upgrade/Replacement Engineering	44-7(7)	5				RL 10/27/22 (Complete)		
10/24/22	18	2,000,000	2,000,000.00	R-4/24/23	-	WPCF Headworks Replacement Engineering	44-7(7)	5				RL 10/27/22 (Complete)		
10/24/22	17	2,000,000	2,000,000.00	R-4/24/23	-	WPCF Swift Beach's Smith Street Pump Station Sewer Line Conversion Engineering	44-7(7)	5				RL 10/27/22 (Complete)		
10/24/22	19	8,000,000	2,462,014	High School boiler Replacement	8,000,000	Line Force Main (Narrow to WPCF)	44-7(1), 8(14) & 26C	30				RL 10/27/22 (Complete)		
10/24/22	20	2,462,814	1,500,000	Middle School Roof Replacement	1,500,000	High School boiler Replacement	44-7(1) & 26C	30				RL 10/27/22 (Complete)		
10/24/22	27	1,500,000	1,500,000	Middle School Roof Replacement (no MSBA reimbursement)	1,500,000	Middle School Roof Replacement	44-7(1) & 26C	30				RL 10/27/22 (Complete)		
4/24/23	23	650,000	650,000	Paired Visual	650,000	Paired Visual	44-7(1)	5/20				RL 4/7/23 (Complete)		
4/24/23	18	7,491,377	7,491,377	Additional Middle School Roof Replacement (Town will invoice MSBA reimbursement)	7,491,377	Additional Middle School Roof Replacement	44-7(1) or 7(8)	30				RL 4/7/23 (Complete)		
										3,300,000				
										42,336,883				

**Town of Wareham, Massachusetts**  
**Long-Term Debt Outstanding as of July 1, 2022**  
**Inside the Debt Limit**

**Par Amounts Of Selected Issues**

May 15 2005 non-called -Sewer Planning (I).....	30,000.00
May 15 2005 non-called -Land Acquisition (I).....	10,000.00
May 15 2005 non-called -Remodeling (I).....	5,000.00
May 15 2005 non-called -Remodeling 2 (I).....	10,000.00
December 9 2008 MWPAT CW-05-10 (I).....	1,567,029.48
June 22 2016 SHSLN.....	85,000.00
August 10 2016 -Cur Ref of Sept 15 05- Sewer (I).....	595,000.00
August 10 2016 -Cur Ref of Sept 15 05- Pump Stations (I).....	145,000.00
June 18 2020 -Onset Pier Dock Replacement (I).....	150,000.00
December 17 2020 Wastewater (I).....	1,240,000.00
April 28 2022 Golf Course Land Acquisition (I).....	980,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>4,817,029.48</b>

**Town of Wareham, Massachusetts**  
**Long-Term Debt Outstanding as of July 1, 2022**  
**Outside the Debt Limit**

**Par Amounts Of Selected Issues**

August 25 2004 MWPAT CW-01-41 Sewer (O).....	615,000.00
November 23 2004 MWPAT T5-97-1019-2 (OE).....	20,000.00
December 14 2006 MWPAT Sewer CW-02-49 (O).....	1,594,000.00
December 18 2007 MWPAT T5-97-1019-3C (OE).....	60,000.00
December 9 2008 MWPAT CW-02-49A (O).....	191,290.25
July 8 2010 MWPAT CWS-07-37 (O).....	3,281,341.00
November 22 2010 MWPAT T5-97-1019-D (O).....	84,214.00
May 22 2013 MWPAT 97-1019-E (OE).....	110,000.00
May 30 2014 MWPAT CWS-07-37-A (O) revised.....	2,571,813.14
January 7 2015 MCWT T5-97-1019-F (OE).....	130,000.00
April 9 2019 Elementary School (OE).....	8,460,000.00
October 24 2019 MCWT CWT-16-01 (OE).....	180,000.00
June 18 2020 -Wareham Elementary School Construction (OE).....	11,140,000.00
June 18 2020 -Decas School Repairs/Replacement (O).....	380,000.00
June 18 2020 -Tremont Nail Factory Contamination Remediation (O).....	390,000.00
March 3 2022 Elementary School (OE).....	1,960,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>31,167,658.39</b>

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**Town of Wareham, Massachusetts**  
Long-Term Debt Issued During FY 2023  
Inside the Debt Limit

**Par Amounts Of Selected Issues**

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December 14 2022 MCWT CWP-20-09 (I).....	8,109,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>8,109,000.00</b>

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**Town of Wareham, Massachusetts**  
**Long-Term Debt Retired During FY 2023**  
**Inside the Debt Limit**

**Par Amounts Of Selected Issues**

May 15 2005 non-called -Sewer Planning (I).....	30,000.00
May 15 2005 non-called -Land Acquisition (I).....	10,000.00
May 15 2005 non-called -Remodeling (I).....	5,000.00
May 15 2005 non-called -Remodeling 2 (I).....	10,000.00
December 9 2008 MWPAT CW-05-10 (I).....	300,996.34
June 22 2016 SHSLN.....	85,000.00
August 10 2016 -Cur Ref of Sept 15 05- Sewer (I).....	150,000.00
August 10 2016 -Cur Ref of Sept 15 05- Pump Stations (I).....	40,000.00
June 18 2020 -Onset Pier Dock Replacement (I).....	50,000.00
December 17 2020 Wastewater (I).....	140,000.00
April 28 2022 Golf Course Land Acquisition (I).....	100,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>920,996.34</b>

**Town of Wareham, Massachusetts**  
**Long-Term Debt Retired During FY 2023**  
**Outside the Debt Limit**

**Par Amounts Of Selected Issues**

August 25 2004 MWPAT CW-01-41 Sewer (O).....	615,000.00
November 23 2004 MWPAT T5-97-1019-2 (OE).....	10,000.00
December 14 2006 MWPAT Sewer CW-02-49 (O).....	792,000.00
December 18 2007 MWPAT T5-97-1019-3C (OE).....	10,000.00
December 9 2008 MWPAT CW-02-49A (O).....	38,258.05
July 8 2010 MWPAT CWS-07-37 (O).....	336,113.00
November 22 2010 MWPAT T5-97-1019-D (O).....	10,526.00
May 22 2013 MWPAT 97-1019-E (OE).....	10,000.00
May 30 2014 MWPAT CWS-07-37-A (O) revised.....	209,486.37
January 7 2015 MCWT T5-97-1019-F (OE).....	10,000.00
April 9 2019 Elementary School (OE).....	350,000.00
October 24 2019 MCWT CWT-16-01 (OE).....	10,000.00
June 18 2020 -Wareham Elementary School Construction (OE).....	420,000.00
June 18 2020 -Decas School Repairs/Replacement (O).....	130,000.00
June 18 2020 -Tremont Nail Factory Contamination Remediation (O).....	130,000.00
March 3 2022 Elementary School (OE).....	75,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>3,156,383.42</b>

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**Town of Wareham, Massachusetts**  
**Long-Term Debt Outstanding as of June 30, 2023**  
**Inside the Debt Limit**

**Par Amounts Of Selected Issues**

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December 9 2008 MWPAT CW-05-10 (I).....	1,266,033.14
August 10 2016 -Cur Ref of Sept 15 05- Sewer (I).....	445,000.00
August 10 2016 -Cur Ref of Sept 15 05- Pump Stations (I).....	105,000.00
June 18 2020 -Onset Pier Dock Replacement (I).....	100,000.00
December 17 2020 Wastewater (I).....	1,100,000.00
April 28 2022 Golf Course Land Acquisition (I).....	880,000.00
December 14 2022 MCWT CWP-20-09 (I).....	8,109,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>12,005,033.14</b>

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**Town of Wareham, Massachusetts**  
**Long-Term Debt Outstanding as of June 30, 2023**  
**Outside the Debt Limit**

**Par Amounts Of Selected Issues**

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November 23 2004 MWPAT T5-97-1019-2 (OE).....	10,000.00
December 14 2006 MWPAT Sewer CW-02-49 (O).....	802,000.00
December 18 2007 MWPAT T5-97-1019-3C (OE).....	50,000.00
December 9 2008 MWPAT CW-02-49A (O).....	153,032.20
July 8 2010 MWPAT CWS-07-37 (O).....	2,945,228.00
November 22 2010 MWPAT T5-97-1019-D (O).....	73,688.00
May 22 2013 MWPAT 97-1019-E (OE).....	100,000.00
May 30 2014 MWPAT CWS-07-37-A (O) revised.....	2,362,326.77
January 7 2015 MCWT T5-97-1019-F (OE).....	120,000.00
April 9 2019 Elementary School (OE).....	8,110,000.00
October 24 2019 MCWT CWT-16-01 (OE).....	170,000.00
June 18 2020 -Wareham Elementary School Construction (OE).....	10,720,000.00
June 18 2020 -Decas School Repairs/Replacement (O).....	250,000.00
June 18 2020 -Tremont Nail Factory Contamination Remediation (O).....	260,000.00
March 3 2022 Elementary School (OE).....	1,885,000.00
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>28,011,274.97</b>

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**Town of Wareham, Massachusetts**  
**Interest Paid on Long-Term Debt During FY 2023**  
**Inside the Debt Limit**

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May 15 2005 non-called -Sewer Planning (I).....	1,275.00
May 15 2005 non-called -Land Acquisition (I).....	425.00
May 15 2005 non-called -Remodeling (I).....	212.50
May 15 2005 non-called -Remodeling 2 (I).....	425.00
December 9 2008 MWPAT CW-05-10 (I).....	28,330.62
June 22 2016 SHSLN.....	1,615.00
August 10 2016 -Cur Ref of Sept 15 05- Sewer (I).....	15,600.00
August 10 2016 -Cur Ref of Sept 15 05- Pump Stations (I).....	3,750.00
June 18 2020 -Onset Pier Dock Replacement (I).....	6,250.00
December 17 2020 Wastewater (I).....	58,500.00
April 28 2022 Golf Course Land Acquisition (I).....	39,051.11
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>155,434.23</b>

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**Town of Wareham, Massachusetts**  
**Interest Paid on Long-Term Debt During FY 2023**  
**Outside the Debt Limit**

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August 25 2004 MWPAT CW-01-41 Sewer (O).....	15,375.00
November 23 2004 MWPAT T5-97-1019-2 (OE).....	750.00
December 14 2006 MWPAT Sewer CW-02-49 (O).....	39,580.50
July 8 2010 MWPAT CWS-07-37 (O).....	62,265.69
May 30 2014 MWPAT CWS-07-37-A (O) revised.....	49,341.40
April 9 2019 Elementary School (OE).....	310,600.00
October 24 2019 MCWT CWT-16-01 (OE).....	3,500.00
June 18 2020 -Wareham Elementary School Construction (OE).....	367,831.26
June 18 2020 -Decas School Repairs/Replacement (O).....	15,750.00
June 18 2020 -Tremont Nail Factory Contamination Remediation (O).....	16,250.00
March 3 2022 Elementary School (OE).....	58,075.56
<b>TOTAL.....</b>	<b>939,319.41</b>

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Bureau of Accounts

Part Four

Wareham, Massachusetts

FY 23

Short Term Debt Report by Issuance	Outstanding July 1, 2022	+ Issued	- Retired	= Outstanding June 30, 2023	Interest Paid in FY 23
January 28 2022 TAXABLE BAN - Tremont Nail Factory Contamination Remediation	518,000	-	518,000	-	4,959
April 7 2022 BAN - Elementary School Construction	2,600,000	-	2,600,000	-	51,856
January 7 2023 TAXABLE BAN - Tremont Nail Factory Contamination Remediation	-	326,000	-	326,000	-
April 6 2023 BAN - Elementary School Construction	-	2,600,000	-	2,600,000	-
June 29 2023 BAN - Elementary School Construction	-	375,000	-	375,000	-
<b>TOTAL SHORT TERM DEBT</b>	<b>3,118,000</b>	<b>3,301,000</b>	<b>3,118,000</b>	<b>3,301,000</b>	<b>56,815</b>

\*Does not reflect Interim Loan Notes issued through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust.

Employee Name			Earnings	Employee Name			Earnings
Sullivan	Derek	D.	210,886.01	Rich-Byrne	Nichole	F	110,881.50
Gerard	John		195,704.41	Wade	Nichole	E	110,553.13
Correia	Walter		194,446.88	Machado	Eric	V.	110,406.18
White	James		184,817.93	Paling	Richard		108,870.83
Baptiste	Karl		174,254.66	Noble	Jennifer	Braley	107,219.28
Flannery	Peter		170,994.71	Smith	Christopher		106,966.32
Smith	Michael		165,004.92	Nichols	Jacqueline		106,436.26
Barrows	Glenn		163,427.82	Murray	Michael	J	105,962.85
Somers	Paul		155,268.28	Gomes	Ryan	G.	105,553.04
Whalen	Bryan		153,089.49	Kashner	Megan	E	105,485.81
Flaherty	Daniel		153,087.54	Sumner	Justin		105,074.65
Seamans	Joan	M	152,672.96	Frain	Katherine	T	104,908.86
Allen-England	Dorene		149,576.56	Silveira	Justin	D.	104,658.87
Schwamb	Andrea	B	149,477.03	Roche	Patrick		104,542.17
Foster	John	D.	148,904.93	Spenard	Carol	A	104,542.17
Palladino	Scott		148,853.90	Whritenour	Karen		104,054.21
Noble	Herbert		147,225.27	Cinelli	Christine	E	103,987.07
Decas	Dean		145,521.05	Taber	Suzanne		103,461.49
Reilly	Kevin		143,755.71	Kelsch	Zina		102,824.58
Phinney	Michael		141,332.13	Kolby	Amanda	B	102,465.91
Menard	David		139,470.27	Thatcher	Toni	Ann	102,389.33
Cardoza	Joseph		139,135.05	Pacheco	Aaron	M	102,307.31
Shaver-Hood	Kimberly	B.	137,654.10	Dionne	George		102,189.74
Cote	Tracie	Ann	137,085.73	Clark	Tina		101,894.90
Fay	Melissa	J	135,943.66	Tricker	Thomas	G	101,849.63
Ponte	Sandi	J	135,694.35	Dineen	Charlene	M.	101,594.43
Chandler	Bethany		134,786.67	Smith	Marissa	J.	101,306.42
Soqui	Steven		133,824.71	Semple	Deanna		101,216.83
Desilva	William		132,144.92	Marcus	Joseph	R	100,743.56
Corner	Christopher	M.	131,955.75	Brown	Sean	Christopher	100,200.20
Holleran	Judith		131,110.64	Gardner	Christopher	B	100,155.04
LaRue	Calib		130,024.15	Lehane	Jenna	May	99,871.63
Buckland	Kenneth		127,240.67	Breese	Lisa	Tingley	99,607.58
Cannon	Andrea	Lenore	127,056.73	Lapointe	Anastasia		99,317.29
Henderson	Daniel		126,813.45	MacDonald	Patrick		99,313.02
Lefavor	Daniel	William	126,548.58	Lyons	Michelle	Kehoe	98,817.74
Lasorsa	Bonnie	Lynn	126,201.68	Miller	Brian		98,504.75
Tobia	Christian		124,027.50	Frazier	Eileen	Marie	98,154.04
Gibbs	Jo-Anne	M	123,640.08	Defilippo	Teresa		97,916.49
Wilkes	Malik		123,532.83	Pichette	David		97,889.07
Evans	David		122,945.91	Dion	Amy	P	97,040.58
Murphy	Robin		121,409.34	Hunter	William	D	96,883.67
Curry Beaulieu	Kathleen	E	119,172.85	Cowan	Scott		96,760.34
Collins-Fondulis	Jane		119,109.04	Gately	Jeffrey		96,604.89
Grosso	Lorenzo		117,809.15	Rego	Anna	M	96,604.89
Buckminster	Rollin		115,785.51	Hanson	Nancy	Gail	96,597.67
Underhill	Matthew		115,747.79	Borges	Manuel		96,481.15
Russo	Sara	E	113,706.42	Skelly	Justin	T.	96,228.62
Campinha	Guy	S.	113,249.15	Russo	Michael	D	95,978.60
Aronson	Nathaniel	R.	113,065.07	Dyer	Charles		95,542.49
Cavicchi	Kimberly	E	111,777.84	Flynn	John	Patrick	95,223.23
Lauzon	Judith	M.	111,629.20	Ottaviano	Lisa	Anne	95,194.65

EARNINGS = REGULAR PAY, OVERTIME, OFF DUTY DETAILS AND ALL OTHER COMPENSATION

Employee Name			Earnings	Employee Name			Earnings
Bakeman	Helen		95,149.15	Ohman	Lisa	Marie	89,128.81
Barnett	Paul	A	95,149.15	Owens	Wendy	J	89,044.29
Petipas	Keith	William	95,149.15	Braley	Kathleen	Cooney	88,733.12
Welburn	Karol	A	95,149.15	Hokanson	Melissa	H	88,389.91
Degrace	Jacqueline		95,061.93	Lefrancois	Michele		88,173.52
Boardman	David		94,626.50	Houghton	Michelle	A.	87,974.45
Ericson	Andrea	Lynn	94,624.86	Floeck	Alison	B	87,662.22
Faniel Jr.	Stephen	D	94,466.12	Schnorbus	Martha	Anne	87,651.98
Bilodeau	Thomas		94,215.37	Heard	Jennifer	L	87,537.06
Trowbridge	William		94,189.65	Pol	Laura	Katan	87,537.06
Fillion	Anne Marie		94,090.18	Trahan	Erik	J	87,500.65
Nault	Wendy	Ann	93,980.79	McGuire	Michael	M.	87,360.35
Tricker	Jacqueline	Ann	93,904.50	Salerno	Ashleigh	M	87,153.18
Andrews	Wendy		93,755.46	Cassidy	Cassandra		86,993.36
Hague	Elizabeth	A	93,695.15	Brousseau	Amanda	L	86,709.03
Medina	Michelle	C	93,601.53	Rogers	Stephen		86,437.48
Harrison	Stephen		93,473.32	Anastasia	Deborah		86,417.00
Pugsley	Gerard		93,347.95	Wagner	Karen	L	86,198.00
Giuffrida	Beth	A	93,021.32	Hart Jr	Russell	T	86,153.60
Pillsbury	Charles		93,001.04	Cardoso	Julie		86,134.00
Branion	Amando	M	92,978.09	Conlon	Jennifer		86,134.00
Wolfe	Lindsay	Fader	92,962.55	Johnston	Thomas	M	86,134.00
Vieira	Carolyn	M Gomes	92,860.69	Tierney	Brianne	M	86,053.89
McLain	Robert	C.	92,806.91	Petracca	Jane	M	85,820.10
Allen	Suzanne	Marie	92,756.51	Gedraitis	Cynthia	J	85,702.55
Panzone	Patricia		92,374.96	Fitzgerald	Brian	Andrew	85,624.06
Devoe Jr.	Donald		92,352.76	Dever	Elizabeth	Rose	85,594.04
Johnson	Susan		92,352.76	Antonellis	Lisa	Lauren	85,556.10
Snider	Kerry	Ann	92,352.76	Skolnik	Michelle	Marie	85,549.64
Marshall	Patrick		91,896.65	Crimaldi	Jennifer	D	85,436.52
Layton	Ryan		91,767.32	McDonald	David		85,308.86
Brogioli	David	J	91,669.66	Mytarkina	Elena	A	85,236.94
Bean	Katherine	L	91,652.11	Gorman	Kristin	R	85,216.66
Sullivan	Harriette	J	91,589.50	Orzechowski	George		85,208.33
Stanton	Matthew	Meacom	91,189.82	Jacinto	Marie	A	85,198.66
Foster	Heather	A	91,113.03	Brangwynne	Janelle	M	85,113.64
Kiernan	Marybeth	T	90,939.39	Kelley	Kristen		85,088.71
Johnson	Edward		90,898.92	Laber	Jennifer	M.	85,088.71
Houde	Elizabeth	A	90,703.84	Medeiros	Jenifer	L	84,870.75
Jane	Liza		90,697.54	Pires	Stacey	L	84,830.56
Cunha	Lisa	V	90,543.45	Bergamini	Kimberly	M.	84,643.52
Bissonnette	Michele		90,507.71	Damaso	Laura	M	84,494.37
Sylvester	Christine	M.	90,503.99	Berriault	Craig		84,286.23
Andrews	Jessica	L	90,329.78	Shaw	Mary	A.	84,285.72
Hamel	Gene		90,122.52	Sampson	Michelle	A	84,254.91
McDaniel	Scott		90,056.19	Donovan	Matthew	J.	84,094.37
Roush	William		90,028.99	Keller	Deborah	A	84,083.20
McQuade	Darlene	Annette	89,899.43	Wood	Cheryl		84,083.20
Fitzgerald	Amanda	M	89,795.94	Davis	Sara	A	84,009.64
O'Neil	Karyn	Marie	89,776.34	Iacobucci	Marianne	C	84,009.64
D'Andrea	Matthew	T	89,691.49	Lemire	Katherine	Earle	84,009.64
Kuppens	Margaret	Stewart	89,492.94	Johnson	Cristine	Louise	83,998.10

EARNINGS = REGULAR PAY, OVERTIME, OFF DUTY DETAILS AND ALL OTHER COMPENSATION

Employee Name			Earnings	Employee Name			Earnings
Hyland	Nicole	M	83,975.35	Sasson	Benjamin	J	74,398.36
Bauman	Melissa	G	83,817.18	Keough	Dorothy	E	74,295.85
Burke	Kelly	A	83,803.77	Allen	Bradford		74,097.01
Houdlette	Michael	W	83,802.69	Ambrose	Danielle	A	74,080.83
Wilga	Evan	Vincent	83,497.33	Sellars	Wayne		74,014.50
Breda	Joseph	C	82,567.08	Barros	Matthew	R.P.	73,697.89
Newton	Nancy	A	82,478.77	Guise	Erin	Chapell	73,525.77
Wiksten	Jamie	L	82,333.67	Owen	Helene	Terese	73,428.56
Harunk	Katherine	Ann	82,283.21	Hart	Caleb		73,251.61
Landerholm	Robert	K	82,269.06	Sullivan	Valerie		73,011.89
Lalli	Blaise		81,699.14	Tagger	Laurence		72,434.96
Ring	Andrew		81,448.29	Arnold	David	F	72,290.37
Byrd	Katherine	A	80,798.87	Curry	Steven		72,109.54
Lake	Donald		80,708.33	Weintraub	Aislinn	C	72,100.70
Brale	Sheila		80,596.89	Drew	Ariel	L	72,056.30
Egger	Jeffrey	C.	80,550.93	Doyle	Macee	E	71,749.52
Hens	Susan	S	80,550.93	Kent	Stephanie	J	71,749.52
Rich	Elizabeth	M.	80,358.67	Lefrancois	Jennifer	Lynn	71,495.34
Salerno	Hannah		80,177.38	Nelson	Taylor		71,470.79
Akins	Susan		80,150.22	Miller	Ryan	M	70,893.64
Martins	Jeanne	M.	80,005.38	Pike	Natasha	M	70,657.34
Weiss	Ann		80,005.38	Stuart III	George	W	70,077.33
Navarro Jr	Alfonso	Rafael	79,943.90	Westberg	Robin	L	69,677.33
Scott	Kimberlee	H	79,703.18	Cederholm	Nancy		69,340.49
Greene	Sarah		79,244.70	Janicki	Michael	D	69,209.18
Emory	Richard	W	79,155.90	Ramsey Jr.	Steven	Roy	69,195.25
Haetinger	Dori		79,150.26	Ramos	Matthew		69,009.74
Debonise	Mark		78,996.13	Murphy	Patrick		68,698.56
Robinson	Philip	A	78,930.99	Rezendes	Steve	M	68,443.21
Zajac	John		78,851.41	Hathaway	Jessica	A.	68,431.26
Donovan-Lynch	Tracy		78,682.60	Hackett	Marilyn		68,378.91
Linehan	Michael		78,588.12	Petrie	Kayla	A	68,249.98
Duarte	Jose	D.	78,390.66	Austin	Karen	H	68,151.28
Rhodes	Donna		78,208.18	Fafard Jr	William	E	68,027.24
Branch	Stephanie	L	77,764.42	Ferreira	Michael	R	67,947.21
Coles	Vanessa		77,325.62	Scully	Jennifer	R	67,753.12
Defreitas	Steven		77,031.34	Lassila	Ashley	T	67,496.55
Verhaegen	Jon		76,993.45	Ansell	Kristine	A	67,405.00
St Don	Paul		76,961.07	Bousfield	David		67,399.60
Flynn	Kristin	L	76,846.04	Terasconi	Samantha	M	67,224.60
Francese	Caitlin	M	76,789.50	Ledwell	Lauren	K	67,207.78
Letourneau	Michele	K	76,538.86	Gibbs	David		67,144.25
Roth	Jason	F	76,263.80	Boyerski	Stephen	C.	66,928.19
Peabody	Mary		76,060.76	Russo	Maddison	P	66,910.47
Mershimer	Robert		75,761.27	Summers	Helen		66,618.39
Brogioli	Wendy	Ludwig	75,749.06	Hazard	Amber		66,574.44
Neal	Patricia	A	75,566.04	Bromberg	Allison	J	66,562.51
Blake	Catherine	A	75,250.30	Myers	Rebecca	L	66,510.39
DoCanto	Quirino	B.	74,869.79	Whalen	Lilly		66,461.37
Cannon	Jenna	Marie	74,662.19	Gallagher	Jessica	A	66,439.24
Gummow	Domenique	D	74,420.56	Ferreira	Marie	E	66,320.85
Roberge	Nicole	A	74,398.36	White	Andrew		65,936.26

EARNINGS = REGULAR PAY, OVERTIME, OFF DUTY DETAILS AND ALL OTHER COMPENSATION

Employee Name			Earnings	Employee Name			Earnings
Marcosa	Barbara	M	65,816.87	Roche	Timothy		55,038.24
Hayes	Elizabeth	L	64,931.26	Connelly	Timothy	J	54,884.50
MacElhiney	Barbara	Jean	64,885.81	Muir	Robert	J	54,730.41
Smith	Mikayla	A	64,859.26	Shalhoub	Collette	I	54,710.15
Herrera	Ninoska		64,775.27	Matathia	Kristin	Berg	54,458.14
Ault	Karen	E	64,641.51	Ennis	Michelle	M	54,252.27
Lail	Thiphaphorn	S	64,613.86	Potter Teixeira	Kerry	A.	54,252.27
Rebhan	Christopher		64,477.24	Richardson	Erin	K	54,252.27
Kauranen	Erika	L	63,884.77	Bungert	Tanya	M	54,155.06
Sanon	Wilgins		63,735.78	Colombo	Holly	R	53,688.14
Slazas	Christina	M	63,606.05	Gelzinis	Jenna	B	53,523.25
Sharples	Amanda	M	63,387.74	Corley	Justin		53,176.74
Hickey	Marcia		63,140.59	Jennings	Jackson	H	53,166.68
Tavares	Nancy	T	63,106.20	Laperriere	Christine	E	53,041.17
Murphy	Kathy		63,064.41	Besso	Tyler		52,660.35
Tipton	Tiffanie	M	62,928.70	Parker	Merle		52,465.44
Joyce	Catherine	E	62,798.32	Marchessault	Cathleen	A.	52,419.27
Drinkwater	Sarah	A	62,738.24	Wells	Anastasia	E	52,176.25
Campia	Ryan		62,409.54	Mattioli	Morgan		51,643.70
Granville	Carly	B	62,057.68	Roth	Nancy		51,574.05
Holmgren	Robert		62,033.28	Ray	Kristin	L	51,546.41
Catarius	Madison	E	61,305.51	Pires Jr	Anthony		51,397.99
Estevez	Elias		61,091.04	Holmgren	Rosemarie	A	51,359.03
Cleveland	Richard	Paul	61,074.44	Oliveira	Jessa	L	51,308.87
Deligiannidis	Sofia		61,033.69	Rodrigues	Edward		50,673.98
Shulenburg	Wendy		60,950.10	Edwards	Joseph	P	50,646.54
MacRae	David	B	60,737.20	Cleveland	Leona		50,504.98
Bennette	James	A	60,484.16	Calef	Robert	R	50,488.45
Gomes	Tyler		59,856.62	Carbone	Mary	L	50,235.28
Mattos	Raymond	J	59,618.53	Reid	Kendal	E	50,106.82
Lydon-King	Erin	L	59,490.59	Turner	Paul		49,938.16
Simpson	Lisa	Marie	59,186.85	Adams	Donna		49,901.80
Golden	Eva		59,142.79	Borges	Jimmie		49,686.54
Cannon	James	Donald	59,043.70	Nord	Paula	A	49,402.55
Cuneo	Colleen	M	59,021.87	Prunier	Andrew		49,318.75
Johnson	Elaine	M	58,973.46	Miranda	Michael	T	48,621.01
Day	Nicole	F	58,821.94	Lima	William		48,263.49
Vess	Rebecca	A	58,541.32	Maraccini	Robin	E.	48,205.10
Munson	Sandra	Lee	57,578.67	MacKenzie	Louanne	B	48,164.88
Coutu	James		57,105.54	Pacheco	Michael	G	48,129.00
Parks	Patrick	J	56,964.59	Hunter	Amanda	L	47,960.06
Souza	Christina	M	56,646.05	O'Neill	Laurie	C	47,562.94
Butler	Lynn	Marie	56,347.73	Thomas	Alinda	C	47,552.91
Medeiros	Allison	L.	55,980.94	Edwards	Rachel		47,477.28
Moreno	Brandon		55,520.50	Jean	Catherine	A	47,308.79
Alper	Jennifer	N	55,496.33	Jacinto	Douglas		47,252.52
King	Holly		55,402.13	Wurlitzer	Erin	M.	47,233.00
Cahoon	Deirdre	Ann	55,361.18	Lenihan	Corinne		46,953.00
Foley	Heidi	L	55,361.18	Lee	Sheila	J	46,711.63
Linehan	Jessica	A	55,313.54	Yates-Paquin	Ashlie	M	46,632.44
Lanner	Aaron	I	55,246.85	Raposo	Sonia		46,338.09
Saddler	Kyle	S	55,099.60	Bailey	Sherri	M.	46,103.51

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Barboza	Sandra	Lee	45,971.45	Comrack	Carol	P	39,179.26
Linhares	Lisa		45,874.29	Lima	Sydney	M	38,796.04
Arnold	Susan	L	45,774.74	Abraham	Christine	M	38,525.69
Flaherty	Sabina		45,770.76	Campbell	Debra	E	38,462.00
Silvia	Peter		45,442.96	Coe	Katherine	L	38,335.14
Walcek	John		45,433.93	Kearney	Stephen		38,238.40
O'Brien	Kevin	M	45,132.78	Karlson	Joanne		37,782.50
Jorge	Izaiah	L	44,972.06	Horton	Kimberly	A	37,537.51
Jaspon	Melissa	H	44,739.50	Abreu	Alison	Marie	37,503.30
Melo	Rachel	M	44,692.21	Richards	Teri	L.	37,336.14
Fitzgerald	Francis	E	44,022.19	Elliot-Kleber	Marybeth		37,115.41
Upton	Tyler	L	43,904.71	Miceli	Danielle	M	36,969.53
King	Sean	A	43,724.91	Teixeira	Jessica	A	36,828.66
DiPietro	David	A	43,706.98	Bishop	Adrienne	N	36,496.52
Amrose	Ashley	Ferreira	43,667.08	Brown	Ann	M	36,404.96
Holman	Brian	S	43,570.25	Wright	Cathy	Marie	36,372.87
Mendes	Anita	L.	43,377.41	Barrett	Megan	C	36,247.09
Andrade	Deborah		43,372.27	Duffy	Gary	R	36,222.07
Slaney	Cassandra		43,367.70	Schofield	Lara	H	35,885.76
Hatch	Grace	E	43,367.61	Deane	Abigail		35,826.64
Ewan	David	W	43,340.65	Guerrieri	Antonio	M	35,792.02
Rakoski	Marjory		43,239.65	Rizzitano	Samantha	M	35,546.55
Driscoll	Natalia		43,142.64	Letendre	Suzanne	P	35,337.33
Nash	Heather	C	43,128.46	Gallagher	Luke		35,139.96
Alexander	Jeninne		43,055.17	Leblanc	Jennifer	L	34,920.82
Macomber	Tracie	L	43,050.86	Tetrault	Nancy	M	34,307.56
Deane	Jenna		42,996.82	Fritzell	Kathy	A.	34,268.96
McGraw	Tracy	A	42,988.78	Teasdale	Ashley	M	34,034.87
Akins	M. Renee		42,971.71	Tuell	Giovanna		33,992.73
Cloutier	Devin		42,895.06	Kelso	Karen	Ruth	33,663.71
Avila	Nicole	E	42,774.99	Zuccala	Taryn	R	33,544.22
Ellertson	David		42,701.32	Peterson	Lynn		33,526.42
Jimenez	Elena		42,084.23	Ewan	Katy	H	32,836.56
Callahan	Joseph		42,069.17	Burke	Joseph		32,729.10
Lattin	Stacey	A	42,066.45	Cavicchi	Marie	Ruth	32,424.08
Cassels	Laura	A	41,860.88	Simmons - Mayo	Lisa		32,384.20
Ellis	Lori	A	41,637.07	Rego	Courtney	A	32,287.07
Butler	Margaret	L	41,580.37	Cattabriga	Sally		32,254.52
Martin	Kathleen	Ann	41,341.11	Nielsen	Mary	T	32,196.06
Morris	April	L	41,325.30	Krystofolski	Pamela		32,046.17
Mooney	Jolaine		41,275.55	Brightman	Kati	A	31,257.34
Rogers	Joseph	N	40,862.55	O'Hearne	Ramona		31,112.00
Parsons	Brenda	F.	40,794.53	Anctil	Terri-Ann		31,064.75
Ramos Jr	George	J	40,714.87	Mitchell	Kim	L	31,012.56
Affonso	Kerri		40,656.25	Taber	Jeffrey	A.	30,865.78
Edwards	Lucas		40,520.64	Miller	Steven		30,689.90
Rogers	Sonya	R	40,442.99	Currier	Terri	Ann	30,537.22
Mestieri	Samantha	A	40,345.45	King	Sara	M	30,341.39
Callinan	Christine		40,053.50	Leighton	Linda		30,297.51
McDuffy-Garbetti	Sharon	L	39,985.70	Fernandes	Renee		30,280.89
Burns	Jessica	M	39,812.19	Cadin	Sarah	L	30,271.36
King	Kathryn		39,464.75	Santos	Ryan	J	30,057.59

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Nobrega	Dennis	A	29,937.60	St. Germaine	Brittney	P	24,284.30
Morrell	Kathy	S.	29,725.36	DeGrace	Janessa	A	24,200.51
Ewan	Julie	Ann	29,673.91	Peirce	Colleen	E	24,177.91
Carson	Crystal		29,440.08	Pacheco	Jared		23,820.99
Beech	Brendon		29,332.87	Riquinha	David		23,764.12
Daniel	Paula	G	29,261.72	Dillen	Renucar	M	23,564.25
L'Homme	Brendan		29,231.58	Murdock	Jessica	L	23,540.02
Thomas	Christine	L	29,192.94	Pelletier	Jamie	L.	23,459.30
Whitney	Alice	P	29,140.14	Amaral	Rebecca	J	23,447.97
Buckley	Andrea	Louise	29,127.67	Mendonca	Michelle	J	23,247.85
Rosenfield	Flora		28,953.77	Murphy	Ann Marie		23,107.11
Benoit	Brigette		28,703.48	Pierce	Brooke	A	23,088.91
Tripp	Doreen	J.	28,692.99	Rego	Stephanie	A	23,087.78
Souza	Elizabeth		28,433.27	Santos	Stephanie	L.	23,059.16
Nelson	Ellen	M	28,426.90	Myette	Lisa	D	23,047.62
Marrero	Leigh	A.	28,399.32	Saucier	Mary	C	22,889.95
Ferro	Lisa	Ann	28,361.03	Kovalski	Thomas		22,818.27
Knight	Marjorie		28,348.81	Lyons	Kara	F	22,634.35
Monteforte	Karen	Lee	28,306.85	Nascimento	Rene		22,415.38
Borden	Jennifer	M	27,824.88	Sabourin	Karl	Steven	22,211.70
Figueroa	Cesar		27,706.08	Bussiere	Samantha	L.	22,029.65
Bray	Karen	L	27,573.61	Hayman	Kathleen	E	21,947.68
Raimonde	Cristine	Rider	27,462.59	Mejia	Erick	E	21,672.60
Prada-Putzig	Samantha	R	27,427.45	Mayo	Matthew	J	21,628.02
Ballard	Debra	A	27,383.04	Borsari	Peter	A	21,540.00
Maloney	Shannon	R	27,324.12	Haskell	Colleen	L	20,794.24
Shaheen	Aaron		27,232.66	Garrity	Haley	S	20,437.51
Joy	Stephen	K	27,211.05	Bettencourt	Kayla		20,371.40
Shubert	Cheryle	L	26,927.63	Garrity	Marie		20,265.49
Underhill	Dawn	Marie	26,712.50	Breiter	Henry	M	20,190.70
Rorke	Mary Alice		26,628.33	Gouveia	Stacey	L	20,104.53
Booth	Matthew	J	26,420.67	Farrington	Catherine		20,009.81
Kingsley	Lisa	J	26,398.00	Campinha	Kerry	Allen	19,884.75
Goldmann	Heather	L	26,392.37	Lang	Morgan	L	19,644.79
Booth	Leeandra	E	26,302.53	Fernald	Lisa	Ann	19,595.54
Zac	Amanda	Rene	26,167.44	Ikenberry	Danielle	C	19,350.94
Miceli	Gwendolyn	R	26,028.08	Cardoza	Tammy		19,189.53
Walton	Roberta	M.	25,843.51	Gilbert	Dawn	A	19,085.80
Iacobucci	John		25,828.62	Rice	Sharon		19,082.16
Ramsey	Marilyn	C	25,741.55	Silvia	Joseph Jr		19,074.00
Bean	Margaret	T	25,661.04	Fehr	Karen	J	18,710.76
Taggart	Samantha	M	25,639.18	Monast	Samantha		18,666.03
Bridge	Andrea	C.	25,627.75	Cooney	Patricia	A	18,626.67
Keating	Janet	S	25,469.06	Potter	Laura	M	18,579.41
Denson	Lori	A.	25,239.67	Holmes	Tyler	M	18,533.03
Tello	Heather	J	24,735.49	Holley	Angela	J	18,342.84
White	Amanda	M	24,663.81	Nagel	Theodore		18,122.98
Gagnon	Patricia	L	24,659.00	Robbins	Christiana		18,095.22
Savoie	Jacob	A	24,559.49	Hoksch	Steven	P	18,010.22
Paling	Coleby	J	24,514.48	Pelletier	Brianna	M	17,889.35
Sprague	Gayla	Marie	24,491.13	Dziczek	Marilyn		17,687.54
Provost	Alison	J	24,302.63	Dyer	Melissa		17,600.32

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Johnson	Daniel	L	17,144.28	MacKenzie	Randy		11,910.49
Oliveira	Kalyn	M	17,144.28	Baptiste	Kendall	J	11,862.50
MacDonald	Kathryn	J	17,144.00	Amaral	Dahlia	E	11,844.50
Houdlette	Michael		16,983.00	Gregory	Donna	I	11,835.84
Murdock	Kayla	M	16,976.21	Johnson	Maura	L	11,704.00
Ozdogru	Sertac		16,867.14	Evans	Diana	A	11,640.09
Woodside	Kristen	M	16,150.22	Hansen	Joseph		11,524.22
Balano	Anna	M.	16,064.00	Ramsey	John	R	11,424.28
Savoie	Christine	C	15,993.13	Suckow	Christine	D	11,341.11
Marcosa	Lexi	M	15,724.45	Dillon	Patricia	A	11,135.75
Morin	Daniel		15,582.07	Cox	Anne	L	11,005.60
Johansen	Russell		15,473.42	Kott	Carlton		10,939.50
Luch	James		15,400.86	Robidoux	Richard		10,885.00
Bumpus	Allison	A	15,362.69	Bobola	Tanisha	M	10,800.00
O'Brien	Sean		15,283.06	Getchell	Russell		10,698.29
Mitko	Amy	C	15,267.00	Sears	Claudia	A	10,680.00
Dooley	Paul	E	15,151.68	Peckham	Deborah		10,644.34
Kaliny	Wafaa	S	15,121.00	Tribble	Hayley	A	10,602.76
Samuel	Rauth	A	15,036.00	Kuklinski	Kristi		10,597.01
Parrish	Maria	A	14,997.21	Lang	John	T	10,243.04
Lefrancois	Gabrielle	E	14,994.38	Meech Jr	Francis	X	10,086.49
Cooney	Joan	C	14,919.20	Urichuk	Megan	D	9,994.20
Lindquist	Samantha	R	14,916.57	Duarte	Lisa		9,877.00
Mobilia	Shelli	M	14,771.49	Snider	Sally		9,779.11
Feeney	Jennifer	B	14,569.10	Souza	Nicole	R	9,753.36
White	James Sr		14,549.13	Paschal	Zakia	C	9,703.75
Laycock	Anna	M	14,503.25	Lugo-Lopez	Ninoshka	S	9,649.50
Woodward	Thomas		14,496.30	Gifford	Glen		9,418.76
Costa	Meghan	D	14,363.88	Wynne	Katarina	M	9,227.64
Lynch	Alexis		14,164.87	Vermette	Lindsey		9,092.00
Silva	Makayla	E	14,145.19	Rathbun	Alice	R	9,077.31
Caldeira	Stephanie	T	14,127.72	Mendes	Ryan	N	9,025.00
McCaffrey	Jennifer		14,097.63	Mckernan	Catherine	D	8,900.60
Knight	Elaine	F	13,945.80	Pina	Peter	E	8,835.50
Pellerin	Tianna	J	13,715.10	Fredrickson	Johnna		8,770.03
Brophy	Patrick		13,515.00	Colp	Andrea		8,737.26
Hayes	Leanne	E	13,486.32	Machado	Derek		8,533.47
Welch	Kevin	C	13,388.00	Vitt	Thomas	M	8,493.00
Baldwin	Monique		13,230.92	Cass	Francis	J	8,471.00
Hadley	Theresa	A	12,995.70	Foote	Marie	Louise	8,419.92
Mulcahy	Erin	L	12,995.03	Kennedy	Karen		8,332.50
Baptista	Briannah		12,888.17	Fitzpatrick	Charlene	L	8,320.12
Oliveira-Defreitas	Pamela		12,723.75	Fernandes	Marshall		8,260.00
Oliver	Joshua		12,721.60	Beach	Ralph	B	8,219.84
Elgar	Paul	W	12,485.56	Gallerani	Randi	M	7,996.91
Santiago	Noal	E	12,433.22	Westgate	Lori	B	7,977.99
Savastano	John		12,433.19	Wallace	Irving		7,926.75
Golemo	Maria		12,389.64	Gardina	Michelle		7,907.08
McEwan	Jamie	L	12,229.64	Costello	Laura	E	7,888.95
Simon Smith	Taylor	J	12,079.61	Palker	Karla	J	7,260.00
Knox	John		12,061.56	Gomes	Patricia		7,167.10
Patten	Diana		12,012.00	Semple	Ashley	M	7,094.50

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Frazier	Jordan		6,996.80	Messier	Erin		3,929.39
Bulgar	Bradford		6,915.00	MacRae	Kari	D	3,898.68
Costa	David	R	6,909.12	Collette	Allyson	J	3,813.00
Wormald	Patricia	M	6,907.73	Lantigua	Morgynne	R	3,792.00
Atwood	LeAnne	R	6,858.92	Kelley	John		3,780.00
Allen	Rachel		6,797.01	Swett	Geoffrey	W	3,720.00
Glennon	Matthew		6,649.50	Lopes	Lindsay	M	3,707.36
Valatkevicz	Richard	E	6,609.00	Hennessey	Abigail	J	3,698.46
Brasells	Christopher	M.	6,602.83	Camboia	Danielle		3,673.15
DeGowin	Daryl	F	6,600.00	Littlefield	David	C	3,564.00
Pereira	Sierra	E	6,546.89	Extradeur	Courtney	L	3,558.00
Watkins	Lukas	H	6,518.00	Smith	Anne	I	3,532.72
Lupone	Justin		6,396.00	Fernandez	Darien	V	3,471.00
Powell	Keith	A	6,320.00	Bliss	Cynthia		3,461.53
Ethier	Cheryl		6,264.79	Johnson	Hannah	R	3,408.25
Lufkin	Elizabeth		6,247.50	Rodenbush	Mary Ann		3,404.00
Johnson	Dale		6,240.16	Cadena	Rudy		3,307.00
Gougeon	Amanda	M	6,180.00	Kaulbfliesch	Christopher	J	3,198.00
Wooley	Stephanie	E	6,159.95	Rezendes	Jordan	R	3,198.00
Deane	Jennifer	N	6,046.71	Picher	Kevin		3,154.00
Kosboski	Molly	B	5,930.00	Phillips	Richard		3,153.38
Benoit	Ellen	W	5,852.00	Quigg	Kathleen	M	3,150.00
MacKay	Paula	R	5,819.56	St.Germaine	Ariel	L	2,940.94
Erha	Kyle	J	5,785.00	Pratt	Raschel	A	2,892.00
Rezendes	Cheryl	A	5,702.00	Pires	Brendan		2,865.87
Snell	William		5,688.23	Daniels	Nancy		2,835.00
Benjamin	Kathleen		5,566.00	Pender-Vezina	Jessica	M	2,831.25
Braillard	Ellen	M	5,545.93	Mitnik	Christina	T	2,802.18
Brosseau	Troy	L	5,515.44	Decas	Cameron	A	2,782.50
Elicier	Jordan		5,406.00	Fagan	Patrick		2,727.60
Perreira	Corey	E	5,390.00	Butwill	Krystal	J	2,726.00
Cabe	Christopher	G	5,330.00	Tricker	Andrew	T	2,691.00
Alves	Bette	L	5,288.25	Dillen	Adreanna	E	2,652.00
Remillard	Nancy		5,187.63	Richard	Kevin	R	2,602.24
Perkins	Joseph	M	5,082.60	Baxter	Elizabeth	Jane	2,511.54
Williams	Tracie	M	5,081.25	Short-White	Kelli	Janet	2,484.00
Pina	Tracy		5,051.09	Brault	Marie		2,477.84
King	Dale	Ann	4,922.00	Potter	Lain	M	2,370.00
Nault	Nicole	M	4,900.89	Rakoski-Calvin	Lexus	E	2,362.50
Medeiros	Caitlyn	J	4,740.71	Boutin	Christina		2,315.25
Gabriel	Christina	E	4,720.00	Canastra	Sierra	R	2,287.80
Belanger	Nancy	A	4,620.00	Trahan	Autumn	P	2,287.80
Walsh	Myles	A	4,620.00	Hublely-O'Donnell	Robin		2,217.63
MacAuslan	Jane	L	4,567.50	Broglioli	Ava	L	2,208.75
Howes	Sherrie	M	4,527.97	Poirier	Jeffrey	S	2,208.75
McMasters	Kevin		4,320.95	Foye	Julia	A	2,205.00
Rumbolt	Steven	B	4,305.00	Sylvia	Emma	R	2,205.00
Johansen	Candace	B	4,152.00	Sylvia	Robert	F	2,205.00
Norton	Teresa		4,136.00	Andrews	Zora	G	2,118.75
Kuklinski	Rachel		4,130.46	Fernandes	Jayla	M	2,118.75
daPonte	Kyle	M	4,064.40	Seaver	Chelsea	M	2,116.00
Morss	Angela	M	3,945.92	DiSola	Felicity	A	2,115.00

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Walsh	Kaya		2,102.64	Zine	Sharon	L	690.00
Catarus	Eliese	S	2,087.87	Bird	Christine	L	667.25
Murphy	Madison	N	2,047.50	Pierce	Sheila		660.00
Wiksten	Abby	E	2,036.25	Duffy	Kelsey	A	652.00
Fardy	Josh		2,014.00	Hankey	Celeste	D.	649.35
Graham	Laura		2,008.10	Freitas	Deborah		630.00
Bannon	Carol	S	1,995.00	Kirby	Colleen		630.00
Giron	Catalina	R	1,995.00	Anderson	Catherine	C.	623.00
Phillips-McDuffy	Patricia	V	1,950.00	Scherer	Regina	M	617.00
Thissell	Bonnie	J	1,917.60	Skena	Devin		600.00
Gusciora	Katherine	E	1,909.13	Rogers	David	D	560.25
Faherty	Joshua		1,904.91	Cooper	Jada	S	552.00
Gilbert	Danielle		1,872.00	Tavares-Campinha	Tae Sean		540.00
DeCosta	Craig		1,805.00	Short	Robert		539.50
Duquette	Silas		1,774.10	Kawadler	Linda		533.00
Nolan	Alisson	M	1,748.16	Antonino	Dolores		481.00
Sylvester	Nicole	R	1,748.16	Maraccini	Marietta		479.37
Wiley	Luke	L	1,710.00	Marden	Richard		461.50
Cogswell	Paige	J	1,680.00	Trahan	Colleen		442.00
Clemons	Briana	J	1,610.00	Hesse	Alan		441.35
Reigel	Wendy	A	1,602.48	Brandolini	Cynthia	J	439.00
Vanscoy	Alexis	J	1,577.00	Foley	Elizabeth	A.	429.00
Hall	Tristan	J	1,572.50	Babula	Constance		396.00
Turner	Ryan	S.	1,534.16	Grassi	Judith	M.	396.00
DeCollibus	Kevin	M	1,530.00	Lavoie	Rene		396.00
Dunfee	Michelle		1,520.85	Lavoie	Doris		396.00
Geigle	Laura	A	1,470.00	Short	Charlotte	D.	396.00
Barton	Janice	L	1,428.00	Plant	Lucie		390.00
Mazzarelli	Carol		1,338.35	Long	Patricia	J.	387.00
Bruno	Michelle	T	1,312.00	Averill	Elizabeth	S.	381.00
Stearns	Jourdan	M	1,242.00	Banfield	Glenda		381.00
Torraco	Mary	E	1,207.89	Freeman	Sandra		378.00
Houlihan	Cassandra	H	1,196.00	Rossi	Amy		378.00
Benoit	Bambi	L	1,162.50	Choquette	George		372.00
Quigg	Walter	L	1,155.00	Miceli	Philip		369.25
Amsler	Emily	D	1,150.00	Campinha	Corey	J	365.28
Giron	Blanca	M	1,102.50	Branco	Nicole	M	331.02
Samuels	Annalise	L	1,077.00	Lopes	Linda		324.00
Owen	Brenda	M	1,042.19	Martins	Melissa	G	315.00
Amaral	Sheena	M	1,023.00	Murphy	Tammy	A	285.00
Lara Nova	Dianny	A	971.25	Preston	Allyson	J	250.00
Fisher	Katelynne	L	966.00	Ganeto	Elsie	M.	231.60
Thompson	Andrew	M	945.00	Dunn	Lisa	Mary	230.00
Johnson	Tanya	L	893.50	Lopes	Laura		216.00
Hodgson	Patrick	C	840.00	Mendes	Gloria		204.00
Duggan	William		833.00	Arsenault	Hattie	E	200.00
Georges	Kissamy	A	832.50	Boyer	Sharon		186.00
Owens	Caroline	E	828.00	Simbro	Patricia		168.00
Sylvester	Stella	L.	767.00	Duquette	Melissa	Marie	157.50
Ponte	Janet		728.00	Ridings	Aidan	C	157.50
Downey Jr	Thomas	S	710.60	Moran	Ashley	I	92.00
Ghazal	Hannah	L	697.50				
				<b>TOTAL EARNINGS</b>			<b>43,637,438.97</b>

EARNINGS = REGULAR PAY, OVERTIME, OFF DUTY DETAILS AND ALL OTHER COMPENSATION

**Massachusetts Department of Revenue Division of Local Services  
BUREAU OF ACCOUNTS - AUTOMATED TREASURER'S YEAR-END CASH REPORT**

Town of Wareham , for the Year Ending Jun 30, 2023  
(City, Town, County, District)

**PART I: A. Cash and checks in office** **\$ 1,427.50**

**B. Non - Interest Bearing Checking Accounts**

Collateral'd Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
Y	Cape Cod 5	Payroll Checking	N/A	421.10	
Y	Cape Cod 5	HS Activities	N/A	12,805.60	
Y	Cape Cod 5	MS Activities	N/A	(7,120.34)	
Y	Cape Cod 5	Elementary Acts	N/A	7,489.70	
Y	Cape Cod 5	Partnership Acts	N/A	548.61	
			N/A		<b>\$14,144.67</b>

**C. Interest Bearing Checking Accounts**

Collateral'd Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
Y	Cape Cod 5	Vendor Account	0.40	24,884.61	
					<b>\$24,884.61</b>

**D. Liquid Investments**

Collateral'd Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
Y	Cape Cod 5	GF Investment	3.32	1,822,174.29	
Y	Cape Cod 5	GF Investment	3.32	19,462.46	
Y	Cape Cod 5	53G Accounts	1.26	505,055.14	
Y	Cape Cod 5	HS Activities	0.40	45,072.88	
Y	Cape Cod 5	MS Activities	0.40	24,659.06	
Y	Cape Cod 5	Elementary Acts	0.40	0.00	
Y	Cape Cod 5	Partnership Acts	0.40	1,735.44	
Y	Cape Cod 5	School EV Fees	0.69	16.54	
Y	Cape Cod 5	Pre-School	0.69	8,764.70	
Y	Cape Cod 5	Drivers Ed	0.69	15,203.57	
Y	Cape Cod 5	Beyond Schl Time	0.69	3,640.86	
Y	Cape Cod 5	WHS AP Testing	0.69	9,804.79	
Y	HarborOne	GF Investment	4.60	3,976,138.76	
Y	HarborOne	GF Several Accts	4.60	4,600,145.50	
Y	Leader Bank	GF Investment	4.00	3,312,522.71	
Y	Leader Bank	Lockbox	4.00	2,240,620.10	
Y	Leader Bank	WPCF Investment	4.00	17,977,462.43	

Y	Rockland Tr	GF Investment	0.65	1,507,673.14	
Y	Rockland Tr	GF Several Accts	0.25	201,153.71	
Y	Rockland Tr	Program Income	0.25	34,198.38	
Y	Rockland Tr	Economic Develop	0.25	956,310.98	
Y	Rockland Tr	Rte 195 Infor Cntr	0.25	2,315.63	
Y	Rockland Tr	53G - JAS	0.25	508.55	
Y	Salem Five	GF Investment	4.51	6,121,500.24	
Y	TD Bank	GF Investment	3.40	1,109,200.51	
Y	TD Bank	Food Services	3.40	635,998.53	
Y	Webster Bank	GF Investment	0.25	46,869.47	
Y	Webster Bank	GF Several Accts	0.25	16,742.47	
					\$45,194,950.84

Note: Attach additional sheets if needed.

E. Term Investments

Collat eral'd Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
				Sub - Total	\$0.00
	U.S. Treasury Bills				
	Repurchase Agreements				
	Other				
				Sub - Total	\$0.00
				Sec. E Total	\$0.00

F. Trust Funds

Collat eral'd Y or N	Financial Institution	Purpose	Interest Rate	Balance	Sub - Total
Y	HarborOne	CPA	4.50	6,893,379.14	
Y	HarborOne	Stabilization	4.50	4,726,691.82	
Y	HarborOne	Stabilization - MF	4.50	1,038,527.36	
Y	HarborOne	Stabilization - SPED	4.50	110,831.57	
Y	HarborOne	Stabilization - Opioid	4.50	159,681.54	
Y	HarborOne	Trust & Investments	4.50	1,694,997.02	
Y	Salem Five	Trust & Investments	4.61	701,903.19	
Y	US Bank	PCOT	4.91	2,640,941.68	
					\$17,966,953.32

Total: All Cash and Investments

\$ 63,202,360.94