

WAREHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

AND

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

APRIL 25, 2022



History reference is from the 2009 Tremont Nail Factory Conditions Assessment and Feasibility Study by Menders, Torrey & Spencer, Inc.

In 1796 a fulling mill was built on the Wankinco River followed by a cotton factory built in 1812. Then in 1814 the British set fire to the structure and part of the factory was burned. The factory was repaired and the cotton mill continued in operation. Cotton was replaced by iron manufacturing some time between 1819 and 1822 and the factory started to produce cut nails. But wait, there was another fire in 1836 and this time none of the buildings survived. Historical documents indicate that in 1847 construction at the Centre Nail Factory was started and by 1850 it was cutting nails as the Parker Mills. In 1887 Parker Mills was taken over by the Tremont Nail Company.

The existing Bell Tower that sits on top of the factory building can be seen in a photo from 1895.

The sign on the office building is from 1887 when Tremont Nail Company took over the factory site. It reads "TREMONT NAIL COMPANY OFFICE. NAIL MANUFACTURERS WORKS ESTABLISHED 1819".

There are four signs on the roof ridge of the factory building that tells everyone what was being made at the site. "HARDEN STEEL NAILS .. TREMONT NAIL Co". They can be seen from Wareham's center.

The fifth sign on the factory building promotes 181 years of making nails.

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ANTICIPATED AND PROJECTED REVENUES

	FISCAL2020	FISCAL2021	FY2022 ESTIMATED	FY2023 PROJECTED
REAL ESTATE TAX:				
Levy Limit	40,402,466	42,000,357	43,623,594	45,183,810
(Previous Fiscal Yr.+ 2.5% Growth)	1,010.062	1,050,009	1,090,590	1,129,596
Estimated New Growth	587,829	567,991	469,626	375,000
Debt Exclusion	660,387	1 447 222	1 447 222	1 633 363
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$42,660,744	\$45,065,579	\$46,631,032	\$48,321,769
STATE AID:				
School Chapter 70	13,381,730	13,381,730	13,449,800	13,689,648
Charter School Reimbursement	293 780	391 355	326 828	840,913
TOTAL SCHOOL STATE AID	\$13,675,510	\$13,773,085	\$13,776,628	\$14,530,561
GENERAL GOVERNMENT:				
Unrestricted Government aid	2,100,976	2,100,976	2,174,510	2,233,222
Vetems Benefits	239,072	253,015	271,230	261,580
Exemptions - Veterns, Blind, Elderly	140,345	148,204	126,843	121,841
State Owned Land	106 632	109 405	123 753	123 753
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$2,587,025	\$2,611,600	\$2,696,336	\$2,740,396
TOTAL CHEERY SHEET AID	\$16,262,535	\$16,384,684	\$16,472,964	\$17,270,957
ESTIMATED LOCAL RECEIPTS:				
Motor Vehicle Excise	3,055,295	3,319,625	2,750,000	3,000,000
Local Meals Excise	568,012	551,053	510,000	510,000
Hotel/Motel Tax	267,582	381.502	240,000	340,000
Short Term Rental Tax				
Boat Excise	58,494	37,730	50,000	40,000
Cannabis	555,046	453,664	150,000	150,000
Penalties & Interest	217,022	413,766	260,000	300,000
Fees	658,253	853,194	595,000	650,000
Rentals	103,991	101,520	67,500	50,000
License & Permits	1,624,322	1,463,324	1,195,000	1,200,000
Fines & Fo1teits	69,544	101,734	62,500	50,000
Investment Income	216,954	80,934	125,000	100,000
Medicaid	289,649	215,389	260,000	240,000
Misc. RecUITing	287 418	142 305	250 000	250 000
TOTAL ESTIMATED LOCAL AVAILABLE FUNDS	\$7,971,582	\$8,115,740	\$6,515,000	\$6,880,000
Stabilization Fund		600,000		
Free Cash				
Harbor Service Permit Fees	85,000	90,000		
Waterways Improvement	30,000	25,000		25,000
Wetlands Protection	25 000	25 000		15 000
TOTAL AVAJLABLE FUNDS	\$140,000	\$740,000	\$0	\$40,000
SEWER ENTERPRISE:				
Direct Cost Transfer	\$918,168	\$897,773	\$875,000	\$863,766
TOT ALCENERAL FUND	\$67,953,029	:571,203,776	\$70,493,996	\$73,376.492
LESS OFFSETS				
ASSESSORS OVERLAY	325,000	325,000	325,000	225,000
COUNTY & STATE ASSESSMENTS	5 174 375	4 845 039	5,245 598	5 869 925
TOTAL OFSETS	\$5,499,375	\$5,170.030	\$5,421,844	\$6,094,925
OTHER BUDGET ARTICLES				
Upper Cape Voe-Tech School	\$3,678,385	\$3,703,661	\$367,529	\$3,209,689
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$65,767.743	\$66,329,309	\$70,423,205	\$73,376,492

WHERE DOES THE MONEY GO?

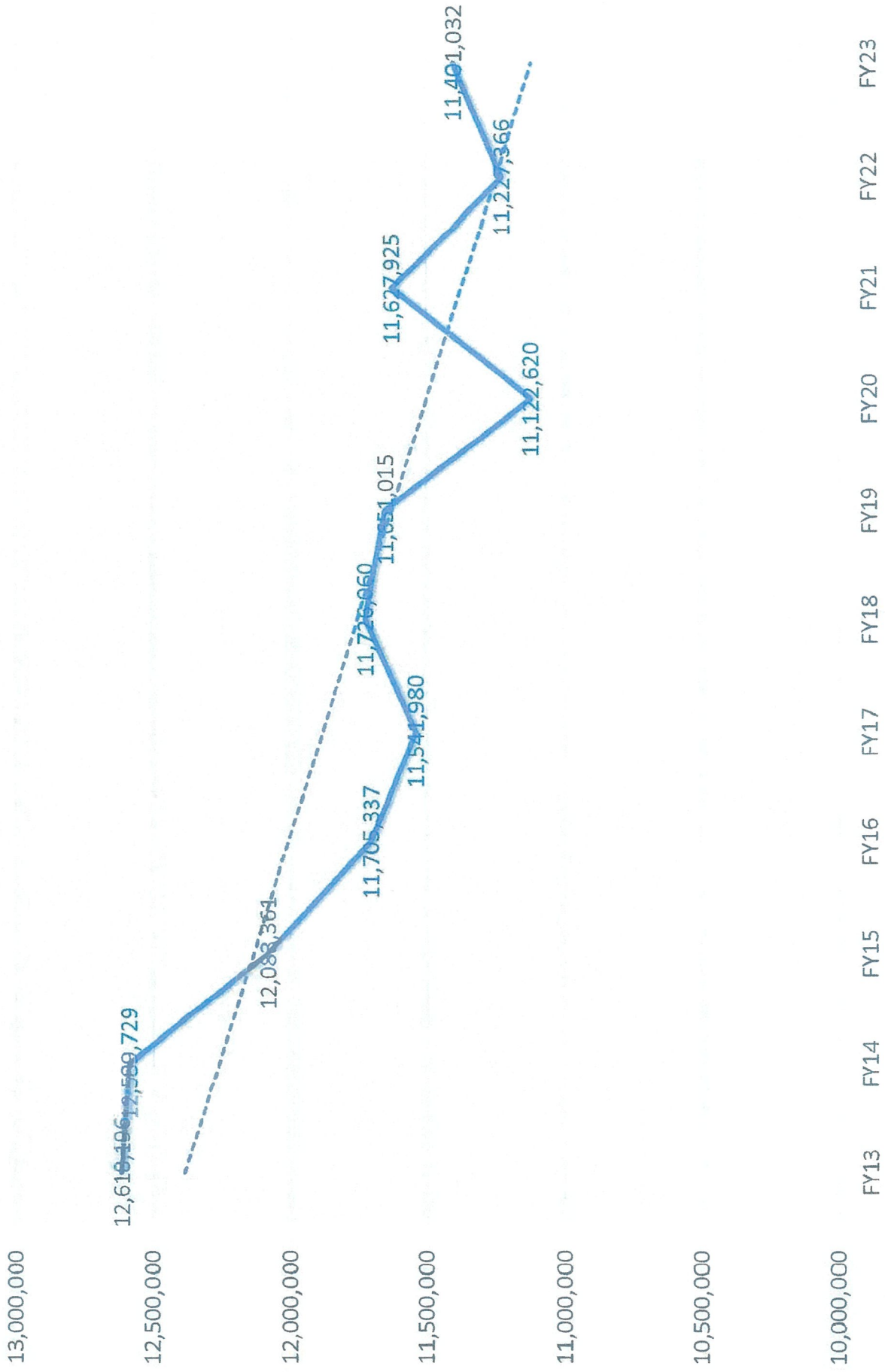
Revenue Summary

FY23 TAX LEVY		
FY22 Levy Limit	45,183,810	
2.5% Increase	1,129,596	
Estimated New Growth	375,000	46,688,406
Debt Exclusion – New School	1,448,431	48,136,837
<u>OTHER REVENUE</u>		
State Aid Chapter 70	13,689,648	
Charter School Tuition Reimbursement	840,913	
State Aid General Government	2,740,396	
Estimated Local Receipts	6,880,000	
Available Funds	60,000	
Enterprise Fund Direct Costs Transfer	863,766	25,054,723
Total Estimated Revenues		73,376,492

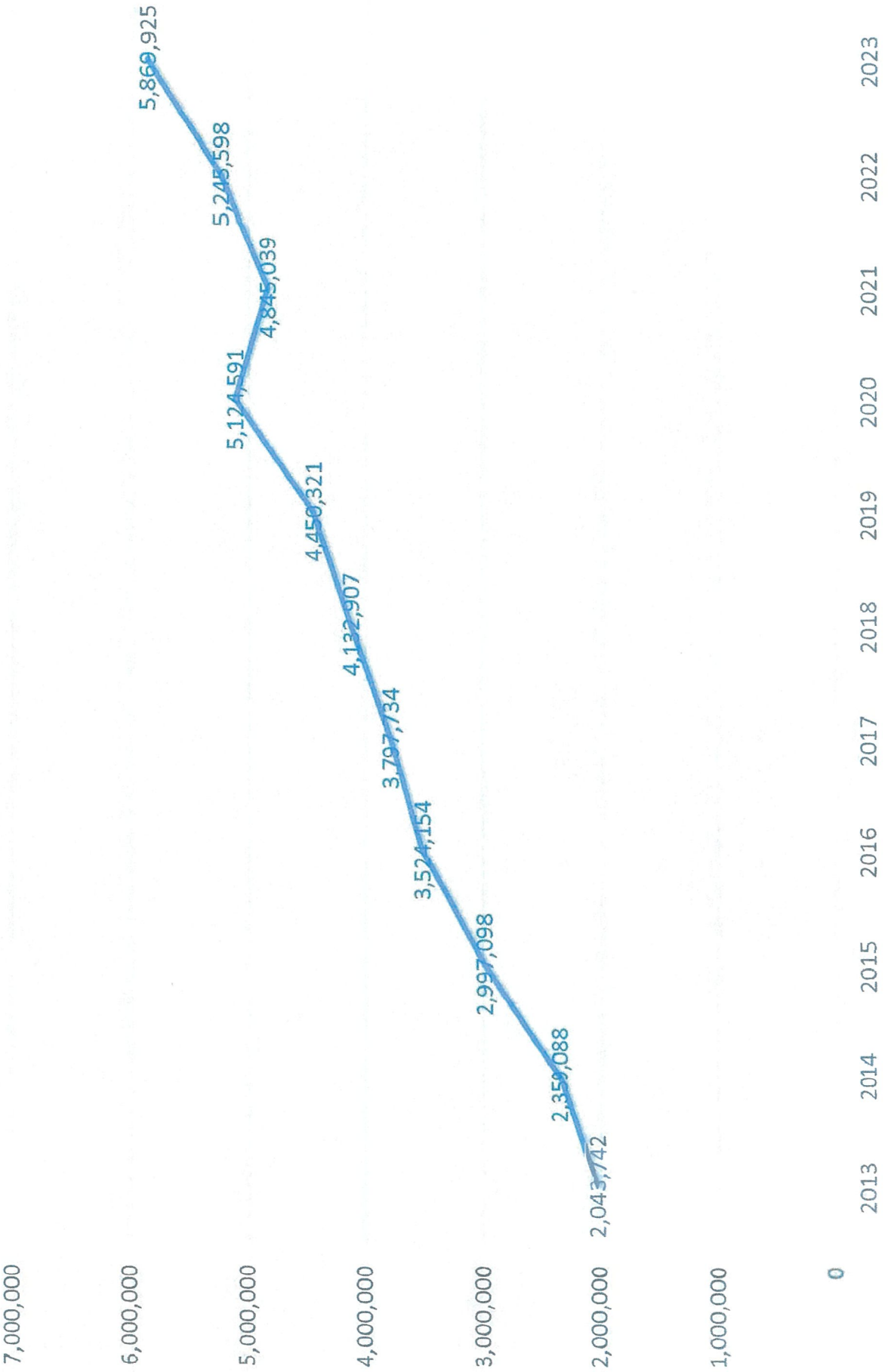
FY22 vs FY23 Revenues

Revenue Type	FY22	FY23	Delta	% Increase/ (Decrease)
Levy Limit	43,623,594	45,183,810	1,560,216	3.58%
2.5% Increase	1,090,590	1,129,596	39,006	3.58%
Debt Exclusion - New School	1,447,222	1,633,363	186,141	12.86%
Estimated New Growth	469,626	375,000	(94,626)	-20.15%
State Aid Chapter 70 & Charter School	13,776,628	14,530,561	753,933	5.47%
State Aid General Government	2,696,336	2,740,396	44,060	1.63%
Estimated Local Receipts	6,515,000	6,880,000	365,000	5.60%
Available Funds	-	40,000	40,000	
Enterprise Fund Direct Costs Transfer	875,000	863,766	(11,234)	-1.28%
	70,493,996	73,376,492	2,882,496	4.09%

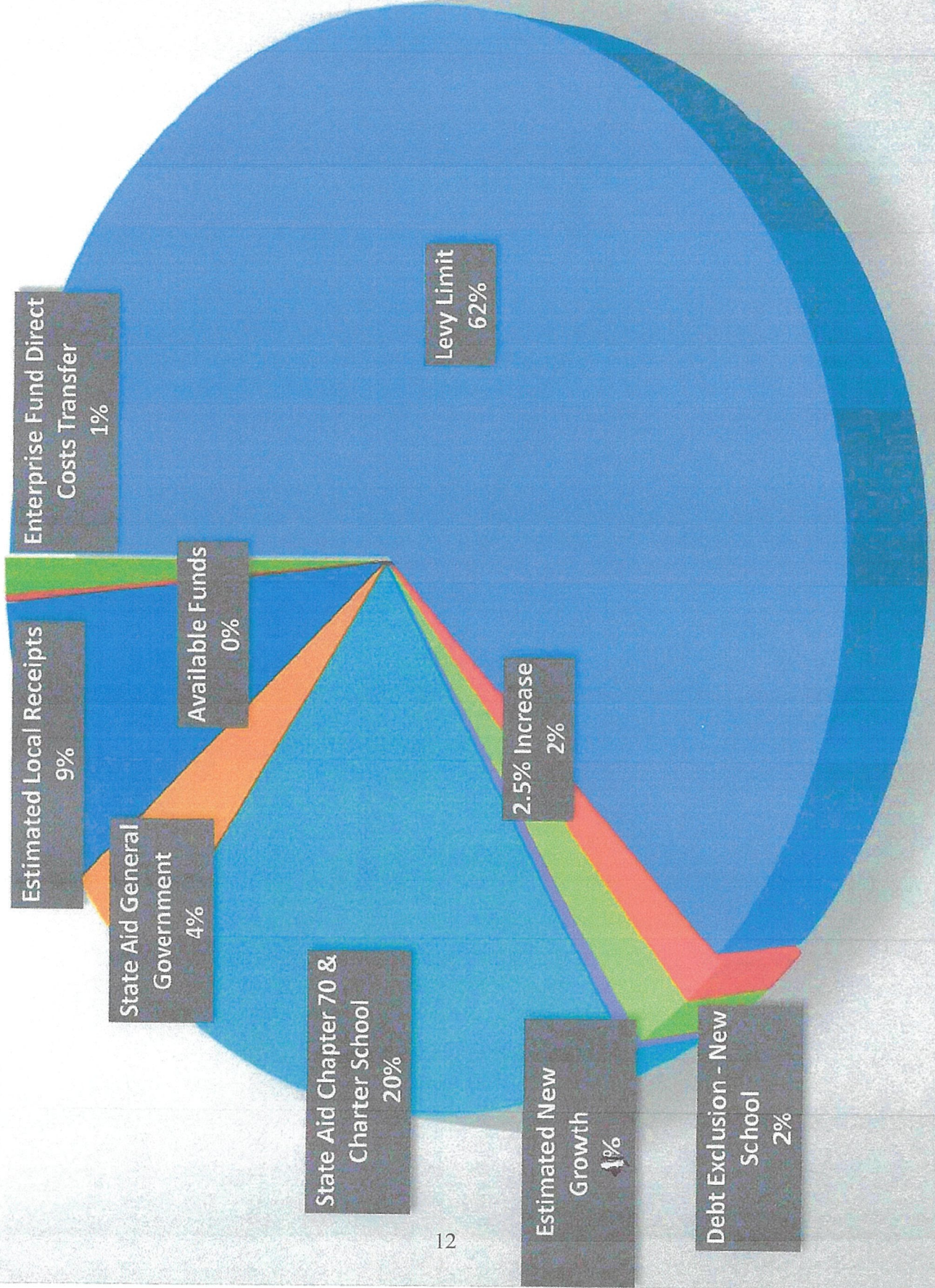
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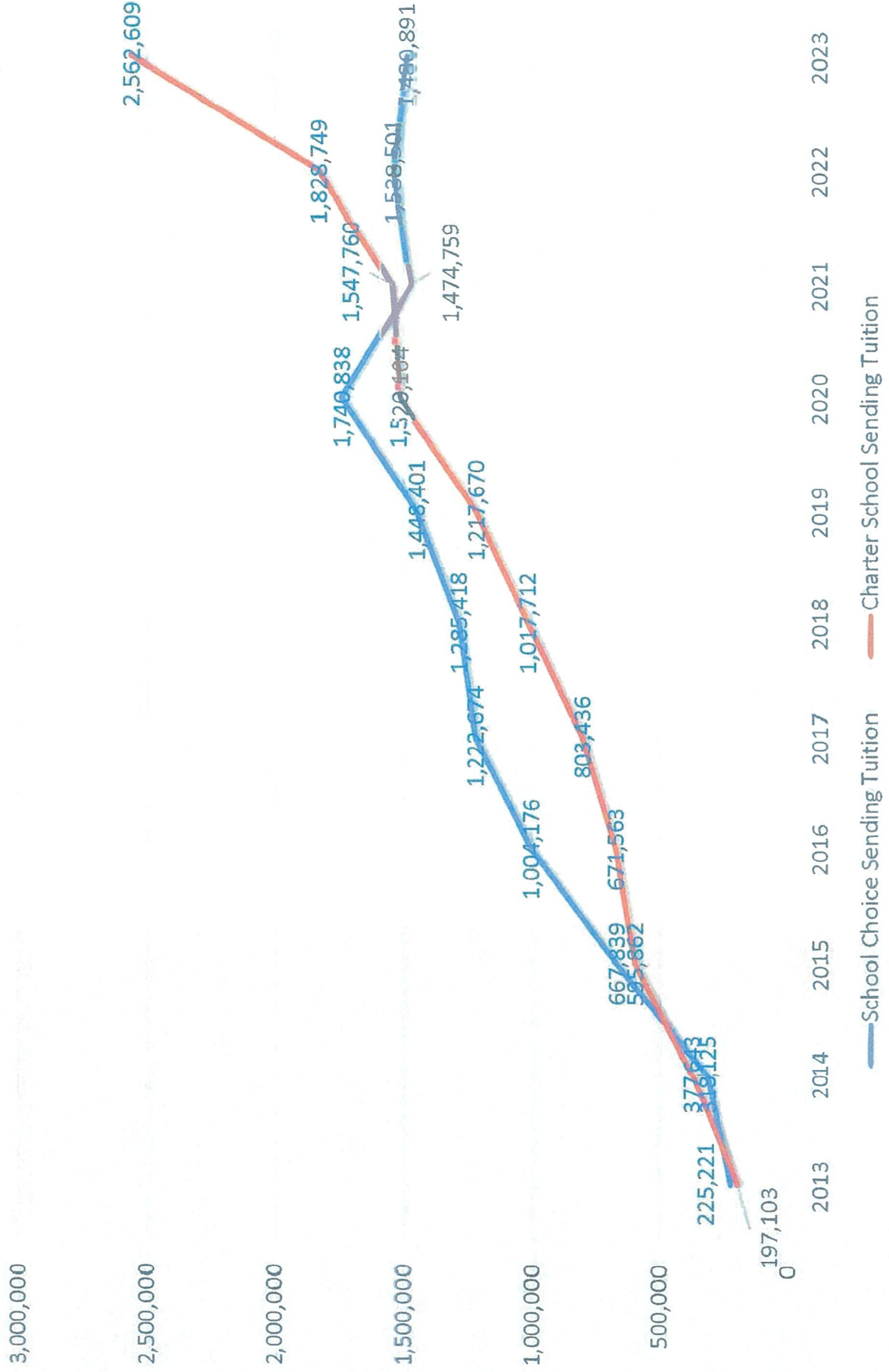
Total Estimated Charges



FY23 Revenue Source



School Choice and Charter School Sending

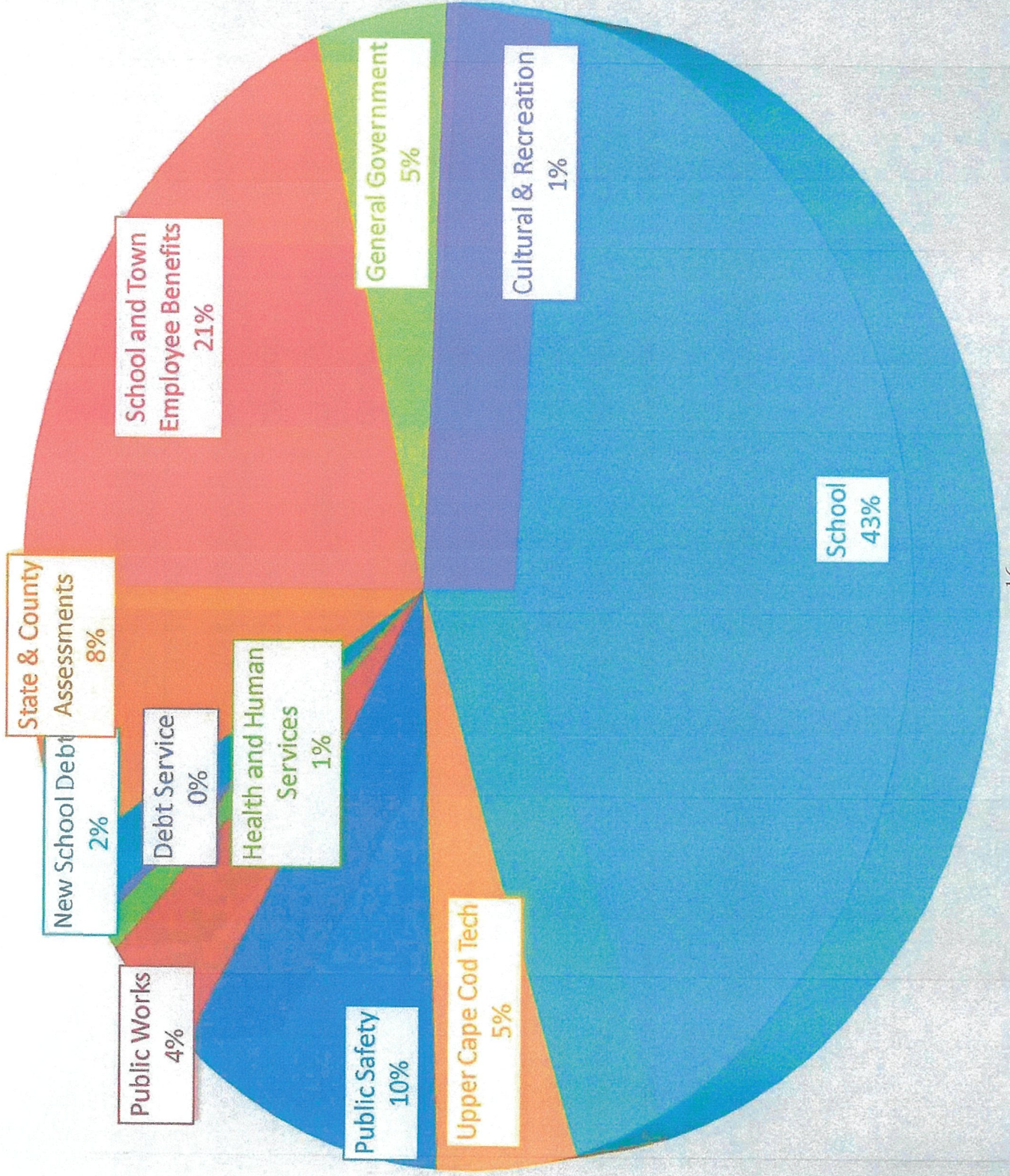


FY23 Expense Summary

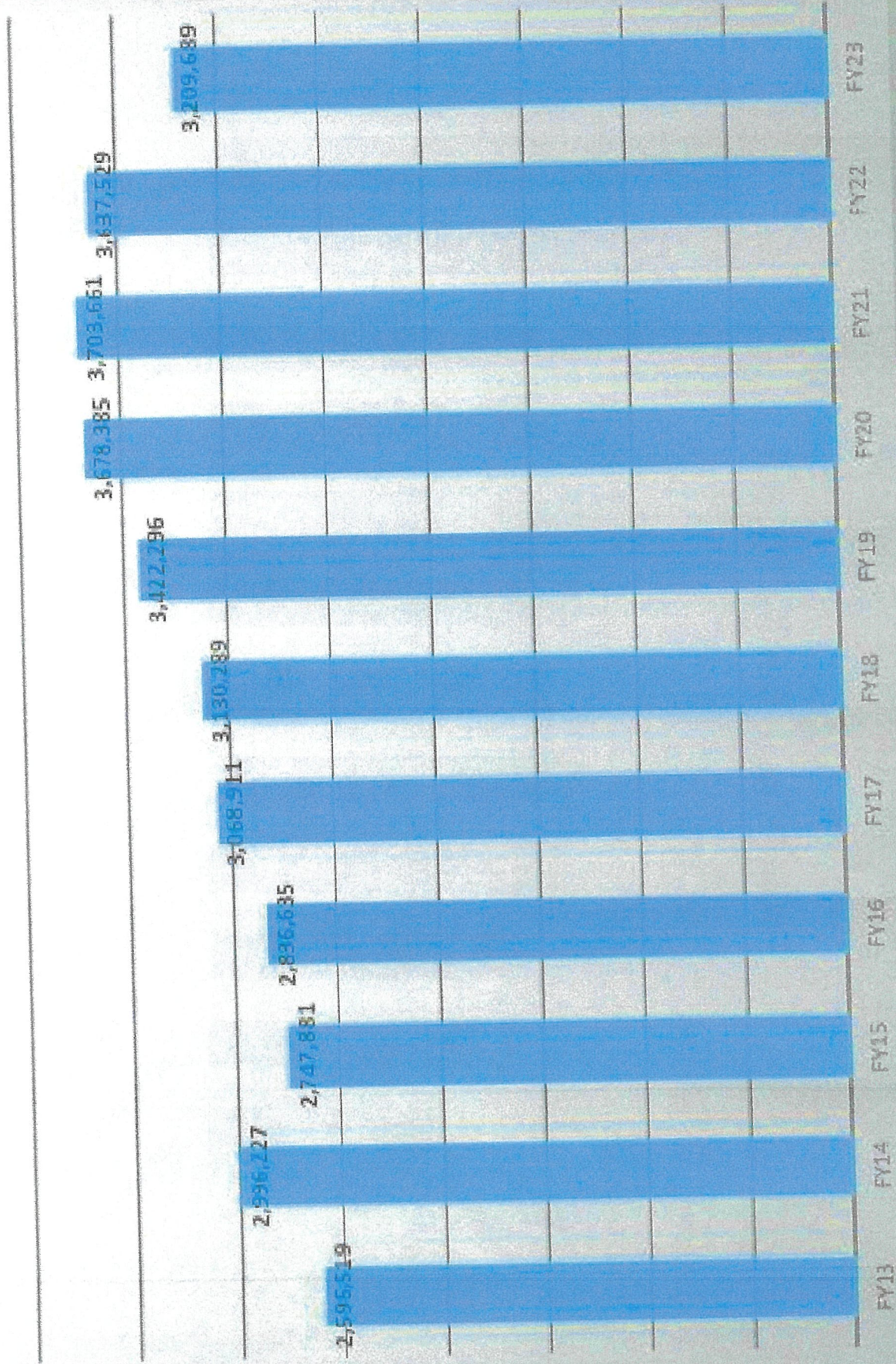
EXPENSES		
RECAP SHEET ITEMS		
State: Tuition Assessment	4,043,500	
State: Retired Teachers' Health Ins	1,354,821	
State Assess: All Other	471,604	
Overlay	225,000	6,094,925
TOWN MEETING ITEMS		
Health & Dental Ins.	8,416,650	
Retirement & LIUNA	5,036,270	
General & Workers' Comp Ins.	1,075,000	
Medicare	570,000	
Life Insurance	25,000	
Veterans' Benefits	405,000	
Debt Exclusion - New School Princ.	845,000	
Debt Exclusion - New School Int.	736,507	
Debt Exclusion - New School Int. LT&ST	51,856	
Debt Principal	240,000	
Debt Interest Long & Short Term	55,000	
SRPEDD	5,000	17,461,283
OPERATING BUDGETS		
School Budget	29,589,667	
School Transportation	2,425,823	32,015,490
Upper Cape Cod Tech Regional		3,209,689
General Government Budget		14,595,105
Total Estimated Expenses		73,376,492
ESTIMATED FY'23 BUDGET BALANCE		
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EXPENSES				
<u>RECAP SHEET ITEMS</u>	<u>FY22</u>	<u>FY23</u>	<u>Delta</u>	<u>% Increase</u>
School and Town Employee Benefits	14,544,800	15,122,920	578,120	3.97%
General Government	3,326,624	3,560,681	234,057	7.04%
Cultural & Recreation	345,823	375,715	29,892	8.64%
School	30,843,073	32,015,490	1,172,417	3.80%
Upper Cape Cod Tech	3,637,529	3,209,689	(427,840)	-11.76%
Public Safety	6,966,359	7,416,030	449,671	6.45%
Public Works	2,754,502	2,934,887	180,385	6.55%
Health and Human Services	656,670	712,792	56,122	8.55%
Debt Service	327,500	295,000	(32,500)	-9.92%
New School Debt	1,445,432	1,633,363	187,931	13.00%
State & County Assessments	<u>5,574,893</u>	<u>6,099,925</u>	525,032	9.42%
Total Estimated Expenses	70,423,205	73,376,492	2,953,287	4.19%

EXPENSE BY CATEGORY



UPPER CAPE COD TECH ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS



Avg. Single family Tax Bill



	Bourne	Carver	Falmouth	Lakeville	Mattapoisett	Middleboro	Plymouth	Rochester
Avg. SF Tax Bill	5,295	6,187	5,080	5,422	7,168	5,678	6,438	6,001
Wareham Avg. SF Tax Bill	3,513	3,513	3,513	3,513	3,513	3,513	3,513	3,513
Onset Fire Avg. SF Tax	889	889	889	889	889	889	889	889
Total	4,402	4,402	4,402	4,402	4,402	4,402	4,402	4,402
Delta	893	1,785	678	1,020	2,766	1,276	2,036	1,599
Wareham SF Parcels – 9,475	9,475	9,475	9,475	9,475	9,475	9,475	9,475	9,475
Additional revenue if Wareham had the same Avg SF Tax Bill								
	\$8,461,175	\$16,912,875	\$6,424,050	\$9,664,500	\$26,207,850	\$12,090,100	\$19,291,100	\$15,150,525

W A R R A N T

ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WAREHAM

APRIL 25, 2022
(GENERAL BUSINESS PORTION)

WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL
VIKING DRIVE
WAREHAM, MA 02571

7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

MAY 3, 2022
(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 25, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at the Wareham High School Auditorium, 7 Viking Drive, 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 3, 2022 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 3, 2022 at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To choose the following officers: two Selectmen for a term of three (3) years, one Selectman for a term of one (1) year, one Assessor for a term of three (3) years, one School Committee member for a term of three (3) years, Town Clerk for a term of three (3) years, Town Moderator for a term of three (3) years, one Sewer Commissioner for a term of three (3) years, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation:

This is a routine, but important article for the Town's Annual Town Meeting. It has no immediate financial impact on the proposed budget, but in the long term, the Town's elected and appointed officials can have a great influence on the Town's financial condition.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Article 1 is an annual article which formally ratifies the results of the Town election. This article has no impact on the budget. This is also no longer applicable based on Town Meetings decision to change the date of our local election.

ARTICLE 2 - RECURRING BUSINESS

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

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

- B. To see if the Town will authorize its Town Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements for fiscal year 2023 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

- C. To hear the reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, and the Capital Planning Committee, and any other reports from officers and committees who consider it expedient to do so, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

- D. 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 Board of Selectmen at the request of the Director of Planning and Community Development

Explanation (Item A):

This is a housekeeping article which authorizes the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Administrator to accomplish the legal and administrative details necessary to enter into agreements and contracts involving State and Federal funds.

Explanation (Item B):

This is a housekeeping article which authorizes the Town Treasurer/Collector to maintain sufficient balances in the Town accounts to avoid bank service charges.

Explanation (Item C):

This is a routine, but important item because it complies with a State law requirement that these public bodies report annually to their constituents and the Town.

Explanation (Item D):

This is a housekeeping item to ensure the Town conforms to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's regulations under the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust's Title V Septic Loan Program. This authorizes interest earned on loans made to individual homeowners be used for the administration of the program and to make additional loans.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. Article 2 authorizes the Town to continue to conduct normal operations.

ARTICLE 3 - COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN APPOINTED 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 Board of Selectmen

Explanation:

This article authorizes the establishment of salary levels for the Town Clerk, Registrar and Moderator provided by Section 108, Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Law. The elected officials' salaries are as follows:

Town Clerk: \$95,700

Registrar: \$700.00

Town Moderator: \$120.00 per diem

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Article 3 is an annual article that authorizes the Town to compensate certain elected or appointed officials, the Town Clerk, Registrar and Town Moderator. This compensation must be authorized by Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4 – FY23 REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to approve all of the following G.L. c. 44, Section 53½ 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>FY23 (current) Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY 22(prior) Fund Balance</u>
COA/ Transportation	COA/ Transportation	User Fees/	Transportation	200,000	Unencumbered balance from FY22 funds transferred to FY23 revolving fund
Library	Library	Fines/fees/ Fund Raising	Supplies, books	20,000	Unencumbered balance from FY22 funds transferred to FY23 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 FY22 funds transferred to FY23 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 FY22 funds transferred to FY23 revolving fund
Hammond Rental	Director of Municipal Maintenance	Rent from former Hammond School	Operating costs of buildings and grounds	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY22 funds transferred to FY23 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 FY22 funds transferred to FY23 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 FY22 funds transferred to FY23 revolving fund
Board of Health	Health Department	Fees from Rental Inspection program	Fund Rental Inspection Program	75,000	Unencumbered balance from FY22 funds transferred to FY23 revolving fund
Treasurer	Director of Finance	Tax Title Collections	Necessary and related Tax Title Fees	150,000	Unencumbered balance from FY22 funds transferred to FY23 revolving fund
Code Enforcement	Building Commissioner	Fines, Fees and Funds from Enforcement	Fund Code Enforcement	100,000	Unencumbered balance from FY22 funds transferred to FY23 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	Pay for all operational and disposal costs of solid waste, recycling, bulky	2,500,000	Unencumbered balance from FY22 funds transferred to FY23 revolving fund

		fees and any other revenue associated with solid waste, recycling, bulky items and white goods	items white goods and associated costs, including assessments for transfer station		
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 FY 22 funds transferred to FY23 revolving fund

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

Explanation:

This is a housekeeping article that authorizes the continuance of several revolving funds.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

This housekeeping article allows the ongoing use of authorized monies for specific activities within the Town. A fund is typically established through a one-time infusion of cash and is then replenished through user fees or fundraising, thus ensuring an ongoing source of funding for the activity. Each of the revolving funds has a spending limit and requires that any unspent funds be rolled over to the following year.

ARTICLE 5 - OCCASIONAL REPORTS

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

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

Explanation:

If passed, this article would authorize Town Meeting to hear any reports from Town boards, committees and/or commissions.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

This is a routine article which formally allows Town Meeting to hear reports from various Town committees and organizations. Often, these reports were specifically requested by earlier Town Meetings. This article has no impact on the budget.

ARTICLE 6 – FY23 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 Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

The purpose of this article is to fund capital improvement projects, including replacement of vehicles and equipment, as well as repairs and improvements to Town buildings, facilities, and waterways.

Transfer \$1,760,000 from free cash for roof replacements at the Library, Multiservice Center, and Hammond school.

Library	\$664,400
Hammond School	\$580,000
Multi Service Ctr.	\$324,000
Contingency 12%	<u>\$191,600</u>
	\$1,760,000

Approve borrowing of \$3,000,000 to reline the force main sewer line from Narrows pump station to the WPCF.

Approve borrowing for \$3,000,000 to replace the sewer lines at Swift's Beach going to the Ruggles pump with a closed system and grinder pumps.

The Capital Planning Committee recommends approval: 7-0-0

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Capital Planning Committee is responsible for continuously updating the Capital Improvement Program which is a five-year plan of potential capital expenditures with supporting information as to the need of each expenditure. This request represents the current needs of Wareham based on priority and available funds.

At this time the Capital Planning Committee has chosen to place their requests on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. This enables the Town to go forward with purchases without having to wait until the next Fiscal Year (FY2023).

Appendix 1 – Wareham 5-Year Capital Plan

ARTICLE 7 – FY23 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 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

This article authorizes the approval of the Town budget for the Fiscal Year 2023

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. 5-1-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee was able to interview our Department Heads and review their budget requests in detail. The cost increases reflect the increase effect of inflation and the ability to retain our valued employees to continue our current level of operations. All Departments are understaffed but we are fortunate to have great people working on our behalf and we benefit from their dedication and desire to do the best job they possibly can.

		FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 APPROVED	FY2023 FinComm Recommends
GENERAL GOVERNMENT					
<u>TOWN MEETING</u>					
SALARIES	Part-time	1,165	3,320	1,160	
TOTAL SALARIES		1,165	3,320	1,160	2,190
EXPENSES	Other Professional	3,535	3,535	4,000	
	Advertising	4,000	4,000	4,000	
	Other Purchased Services	120	120	240	
TOTAL EXPENSES		7,290	7,655	8,240	5,740
1 TOWN MEETING TOTAL		\$8,431	\$10,975	\$9,400	\$7,930
<u>SELECTMEN</u>					
TOTAL SALARIES	Regular	65,317	58,568	61,773	65,358
	Dues & Memberships	4,000	4,000	4,000	
	Printing & Mailing	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	All Office Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,500	
	Travel Reimbursement	3,000	3,000	3,000	
	Conferences				
TOTAL EXPENSES		9,500	9,500	9,500	9,750
2 SELECTMEN TOTAL		\$74,817	\$66,797	\$71,273	\$75,108
<u>ADMINISTRATION</u>					
TOTAL SALARIES	Regular	255,088	253,938	264,323	296,125
EXPENSES	Other Professional	3,050	3,050	3,050	
	Advertising	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	All Office Supplies	1,051	1,051	1,051	
	Conferences	3,000	2,000	2,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES		8,101	7,101	7,101	9,020
3 ADMINISTRATION TOTAL		\$263,189	\$261,039	\$271,424	\$305,145
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>					
EXPENSES	Other Professional	3,000	3,000	6,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES		3,000	3,000	6,000	7,500
FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE		50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
4 FINANCE COMMITTEE TOTAL		\$53,000	\$53,000	\$56,000	\$57,500
<u>ACCOUNTING</u>					
SALARIES	Regular	202,285	212,712	215,884	
	Longevity		877		
TOTAL SALARIES		202,285	213,589	215,884	224,034
EXPENSES	Repairs & Maintenance	200	200	200	
	Rental/Leased Equipment				
	Other Professional	9,000	10,500	10,500	
	All Office Supplies	1,050	1,050	1,050	
	Ducs and Memberships	2,250	2,250	2,250	
TOTAL EXPENSES		11,559	14,000	14,000	14,000
5 ACCOUNTING TOTAL		\$213,844	\$227,589	\$229,884	\$238,034

		FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 APPROVED	FY2023 FinComm Recommends
<u>AUDIT</u>					
	Audit	67,500	67,500	67,500	
	EXPENSE TOTAL	67,500	67,500	67,500	67,500
6	AUDIT TOTAL	\$67,500	\$67,500	\$67,500	\$67,500
<u>ASSESSOR</u>					
	Regular	295,476	298,636	310,844	
	TOTAL SALARIES	295,476	298,636	310,844	325,230
	EXPENSES				
	Repairs & Maintenance				
	Other Professional	10,000	10,350	14,920	
	Tuition Other	2,000	2,000	2,000	
	All Office Supplies	8,850	6,420	9,000	
	Other Supplies				
	Gas Diesel * Oil	500	150	75	
	Travel Reimbursement	300	300	200	
	Conferences	2,000	2,000	1,000	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	17,450	2,122	27,195	28,120
7	ASSESSORS TOTAL	\$312,926	\$300,758	\$338,039	\$353,350
<u>TREASURER/COLLECTER</u>					
	Regular	337,986	336,138	334,007	
	Longevity	973	993	1,055	
	TOTAL SALARIES	338,959	337,131	335,062	353,840
	EXPENSE				
	Repairs & Maintenance	1,060	1,060	1,060	
	Other Professional	54,500	54,500	54,500	
	Deeds, Probates & Recor	9,625	13,910	13,810	
	Printing & Mailing	11,000	11,000	11,000	
	Advertising	5,200	5,350	5,350	
	Other Purchased Service	1,900	1,900	1,900	
	All Office Supplies	6,500	6,500	7,000	
	Travel Reimbursement	500	500	500	
	Conferences	1,050	1,050	650	
	Dues & Memberships	450	450	450	
	Employee Bonds	1,100	1,100	1,100	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	97,320	97,320	97,320	98,865
8	TREASURER/COLLECTOR TOTAL	\$436,279	\$434,451	\$432,382	\$452,705
<u>GENERAL SERVICES</u>					
	Equipment & Rentals	5,000	5,000	5,000	
	Postage	57,000	72,000	72,000	
	Advertising	500	0		
	Other Purchased Services	5,000	5,000	5,000	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	65,784	82,000	82,000	88,100
9	GENERAL SERVICES TOTAL	\$65,784	\$82,000	\$82,000	\$88,100
<u>LEGAL</u>					
	Legal	222,415	220,000	225,000	235,000
	EXPENSE TOTAL	222,415	220,000	225,000	235,000
10	LEGAL TOTAL	\$222,415	\$220,000	\$225,000	\$235,000
<u>HUMAN RESOURCES</u>					
	Regular	150,895	162,950	187,422	205,320
	Longevity				
	TOTAL SALARIES	150,895	162,950	187,422	205,320
	EXPENSES				
	Drug/Alcohol Testing	3,000	1,750	1,750	

		FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 APPROVED	FY2023 FinComm Recommends
	Physicals	7,500	7,500	7,500	
	Tuition Other	5,500	2,500	2,500	
	Printing & Mailing	500	500	500	
	Office Supplies	1,750	1,750	1,750	
	Advertising	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	Confrences		2,000	2,000	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	15,845	17,000	17,000	17,000
11	TOTAL HUMAN RESOURCES	\$166,740	\$179,950	\$204,422	\$222,320
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
	Regular	236,296	246,866	262,309	
	Longevity	859	903	940	
	Overtime				
	TOTAL SALARIES	237,155	247,769	263,249	284,451
	Repairs & Maintenance	108,200	98,128	107,742	
	Rental/Lease Equip				
	Other Professional	26,800	8,000	15,200	
	Tuition Other	1,928	22,000	9,700	
	Other Purchased Services	127,300	127,300	131,698	
	Software	101,040	109,840	130,660	
	All Office Supplies	200	200	200	
	Other Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	Gas Diesel & Oil	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	324,180	367,468	397,200	406,219
12	INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY TOTAL	\$561,335	\$615,237	\$660,449	\$690,670
COMMUNICATIONS EXPENSE					
	Repairs & Maintenance	15,000	15,000	15,000	
	Telephone	28,500	28,500	28,500	
	Cellular	3,000	3,000	3,000	
	Internet Access	45,000	45,000	46,100	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	91,500	91,500	92,600	
13	COMMUNICATIONS TOTAL	\$84,259	\$91,500	\$92,600	\$92,600
TOWN CLERK SALARIES					
	Regular	155,543	158,425	176,633	
	TOTAL SALARIES	155,543	158,425	176,633	192,153
EXPENSE					
	Repairs & Maintenance	2,100	2,538	2,538	
	Printing & Mailing	7,526	7,000	8,100	
	Other Purchased Services	2,749	2,555	3,255	
	All Office Supplies	2,600	2,600	3,000	
	Conferences	1,135	800	800	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	12,667	15,493	17,693	20,097
14	TOWN CLERK TOTALS	\$168,210	\$173,918	\$194,326	\$212,250
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS SALARIES					
	Part-time	19,087	44,664	13,672	
	Overtime	500	1,108	375	
	TOTAL SALARIES	19,587	45,772	14,047	49,828
EXPENSES					
	Repairs & Maintenance				
	Printing & Mailing	3,944	4,225	7,385	
	Other Purchased Services	6,297	8,950	6,550	
	Food Services	1,950	1,950	1,950	
	Travel Reimbursement	75			
	TOTAL EXPENSES	7,834	15,125	15,885	22,005
15	ELECTIONS TOTALS	\$27,421	\$60,897	\$29,932	\$71,833

		FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 APPROVED	FY2023 FinComm Recommends
TOWN PLANNING					
SALARIES	Regular	241,533	245,998	291,691	
	Sick	1,500			
	Longevity	356	359	359	
TOTAL SALARIES		243,389	246,357	292,050	314,020
EXPENSES	Other Professional	3,000	2,000	2,000	
	Cellular	300	300	300	
	Other Purchased Services	2,800	1,800	1,800	
	All Office Supplies	2,500	2,000	2,000	
	Other Expenses	400	400	400	
	Printing/Mailing	1,200	1,200	1,200	
	Gas Diesl & Oil	600	600	600	
	Travel Reimbursement	1,200	1,200	1,200	
	Conferences		500	500	
TOTAL EXPENSES		5,340	10,000	10,000	21,650
16 TOTAL TOWN PLANNING		\$248,729	\$256,357	\$302,050	\$335,670
17 TOTAL SICK LEAVE BONUS		\$50,899	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$62,500
PUBLIC SAFETY					
POLICE DEPARTMENT					
SALARIES	Regular	4,342,785	4,346,405	4,522,765	
	Seasonal	70,000	70,000	74,379	
	Overtime	623,709	625,519	747,893	
	Shift Diff.	40,800	40,800	41,000	
	Sick Leave Bonus				
	IIIF Injury on Duty	10,000	10,000	10,000	
	Holiday Buyback	46,920	46,920	48,000	
	Longevity	28,327	28,301	36,287	
	Clothing & Clean Allow				
	Court	61,529	61,529	59,661	
TOTAL SALARIES		5,080,421	5,229,474	5,539,985	5,876,883
EXPENSES	Electricity	23,500	23,500	24,000	
	Natural / Propane Gas	6,000	6,000	6,000	
	Repairs & Maint Equip	25,000	25,000	30,000	
	Repairs & Maint Vehicle:	30,000	30,000	34,474	
	Repairs & Maint Bldg	5,000	5,000	3,500	
	Rental/Leased Equipment	4,600	4,600	4,600	
	Other Professional	10,000	10,000	11,000	
	Dues & Memberships	11,000	11,000	11,000	
	Education & Training	18,000	18,000	18,000	
	Printing & Mailing	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	Postage	400	400	400	
	Advertising	1,000	1,000	750	
	Computer Software	9,000	9,000	7,500	
	Computer Supplies	1,000	1,000	1,000	
	Computer Maintenance	20,000	20,000	21,000	
	Cellular	10,500	10,500	10,500	
	Telephone	25,000	25,000	28,000	
	All Office Supplies	11,000	11,000	10,000	
	Vehicular Supplies	10,000	10,000	12,000	
	Bldg Supplies	900	900	500	
	Custodial Supplies	500	500	400	
	Gasoline	80,069	80,069	83,000	
	Prisoner Meals	2,000	2,000	1,500	
	Medical Services	15,000	15,000	16,000	

		FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 APPROVED	FY2023 FinComm Recommends
	Other Supplies	10,000	10,000	12,000	
	Uniforms	10,000	10,000	8,500	
	Chemicals & Drugs	3,000	3,000	2,500	
	Books & Subscriptions	5,000	5,000	6,000	
	Ammunition/Armory Sup	22,500	22,500	22,000	
	Travel Reimbursement	4,000	4,000	3,500	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	380,037	374,969	390,624	473,250
	Police Cruisers	146,731	149,997	150,000	150,000
18	POLICE TOTAL	\$5,607,189	\$5,754,440	\$6,080,609	\$6,500,133
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<u>INSPECTIONS</u>					
	<u>SALARIES</u>				
	Regular	270,545	285,532	329,632	
	Longevity	200	200	200	
	TOTAL SALARIES	270,745	285,732	329,832	330,440
	<u>EXPENSES</u>				
	Repairs & Maintenance	2,188	2,100	2,100	
	Other Professional	7,647	7,000	7,000	
	Dues & Memberships	1,000	500	500	
	Printing & Mailing	2,000	1,000	600	
	Cellular	2,600	2,800	2,800	
	Other Purchased Services	7,000	6,000	6,000	
	All Office Supplies	5,300	4,500	4,500	
	Gas Diesel & Oil	3,000	3,000	3,000	
	Other Supplies	2,000	2,000	2,000	
	Travel Reimbursement	2,000	1,500	1,500	
	Conferences	2,000	1,000	1,000	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	36,735	31,400	31,000	28,750
19	INSPECTIONS TOTAL	\$307,480	\$317,132	\$360,832	\$359,190
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<u>DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES</u>					
	<u>SALARIES</u>				
	Regular	371,515	359,245	367,272	
	Part-time	53,319	50,385	57,385	
	Overtime	14,000	14,000	14,000	
	Longevity	482	507	533	
	TOTAL SALARIES	439,316	424,137	439,190	465,635
	<u>EXPENSES</u>				
	Electricity	3,600	3,600	3,600	
	Water	1,322	1,322	1,322	
	Sewer	626	626	626	
	Repairs & Maintenance	20,211	19,000	19,000	
	Other Professional	9,000	9,000	14,000	
	Printing & Mailing	1,890	1,890	6,000	
	Cellular	2,677	2,780	3,400	
	Rental/Lease	1,280	1,280	1,280	
	All Office Supplies	2,000	2,000	2,000	
	Bldg. & Equip Supplies	2,700	2,600	2,600	
	Custodial Supplies	1,620	1,600	1,600	
	Gas Diesel & Oil	17,000	16,500	16,500	
	Propane	3,000	2,500	2,500	
	Uniforms	4,500	4,000	4,500	
	Dues & Memberships	600	500	1,900	
	Conferences	630	900	900	
	Licenses	3,000	4,000	4,000	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	87,194	74,098	85,728	92,072
20	DIVISION OF NATURAL RESOURCES	\$526,510	\$498,235	\$524,918	\$557,707

		FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 APPROVED	FY2023 FinComm Recommends
PUBLIC WORKS					
<u>MUNICIPAL MAINTENANCE</u>					
SALARIES	Vacation Payback	9,191	9,191	7,728	
	Regular Pay	1,123,147	1,111,738	1,212,604	
	Overtime Pay	169,197	176,860	177,705	
	On-Call	53,666	68,472	67,498	
	Longevity Pay	863	930	617	
	Shift Diff	5,000	1,515	5,000	
TOTAL SALARIES		1,311,924	1,368,706	1,471,152	1,601,737
EXPENSES	Electricity MM/TB	80,000	75,000	75,000	
	Propane MM	20,000	15,000	17,000	
	Fuel Oil MM	500	500	500	
	Natural Gas	400,000	40,000	40,000	
	Water MM/TB	25,000	15,000	20,000	
	Sewer TB	31,000	27,000	27,000	
	Repair&Maint Buildings	91,000	65,000	153,000	
	Repair&Maint Equipmen	30,000	30,000	40,000	
	Rental/Leased Equipment	3,500	3,000	3,000	
	Uniforms MM/TB	10,408	10,500	10,500	
	Protective Clothing	9,500	14,000	15,000	
	Contracted/Professional S	20,000	20,000	20,000	
	Dues	500	250	250	
	Advertising	2,000	1,000	1,000	
	Cellular	3,000	4,000	4,000	
	Tuition	4,000	2,000	3,000	
	Licenses	2,000	1,500	2,500	
	Office Supplies	2,000	2,100	2,100	
	Custodial Supplies	6,600	6,000	6,000	
	Gas and Diesel	41,000	45,000	45,000	
	Road Materials	41,500	50,000	50,000	
	Highway Supplies	15,000	20,000	20,000	
	Operating Supplies	15,000	17,000	17,000	
	Tools	7,500	7,500	7,500	
	Repairs&Maint Vehicles	50,000	50,000	50,000	
	Vehicle Supplies	6,500	3,000	3,000	
	Outside Contractors	70,000	70,000	80,000	
	MS4 EPA		29,000	29,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES		532,813	623,350	741,350	756,000
21 MUNICIPAL MAINT & T BLDGS TOTAL		\$1,844,737	\$1,992,056	\$2,212,502	\$2,357,737
<u>SNOW & ICE REMOVAL</u>					
SALARIES	Overtime	82,500	83,000	83,000	
TOTAL SALARIES		82,500	83,000	83,000	83,100
EXPENSES	Repair & Maint Vehicles	25,000	25,000	25,000	
	Vehicle Supplies	9,000	9,000	9,000	
	Snow Removal Contracts	91,500	91,500	92,500	
	Advertising	500	500	500	
	Other Purchased Services				
	Fuel	20,000	20,000	20,000	
	Operational Supplies	2,000	2,000	2,000	
	Road Material/Sand	15,000	15,000	15,000	
	Road Material/Salt	109,500	110,000	110,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES		272,500	273,000	274,000	275,000
22 SNOW & ICE TOTAL		\$355,000	\$356,000	\$357,000	\$358,100

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STREET LIGHTING					
	Municipal Street Lighting	90,476	90,000	90,000	
	Period Light Maintenance		45,000	95,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES		90,476	135,000	185,000	185,000
23 STREET LIGHTING TOTAL		\$90,476	\$135,000	\$185,000	\$185,000
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		\$2,290,213	\$2,483,056	\$2,754,502	\$2,900,837
HUMAN SERVICES					
<u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u>					
<u>SALARIES</u>					
	Regular	206,189	192,730	186,872	
	Overtime	7,500	7,500	7,500	
	Longevity	458	459	500	
TOTAL SALARIES		214,147	200,689	194,872	195,592
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
	Repairs & Maintenance	1,500	1,500	1,500	
	Other Professional	8,620	8,620	8,098	
	Printing & Mailing	300	300	300	
	Advertising	500	500	500	
	All Office Supplies	2,000	1,500	1,500	
	Vehicular Supplies	1,500	1,500	1,500	
	Other Supplies	3,000	3,000	2,500	
TOTAL EXPENSES		10,504	15,398	15,898	19,800
24 BOARD OF HEALTH TOTAL		\$224,651	\$216,087	\$210,770	\$215,392
25 TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING		\$20,423	\$42,500	\$40,000	\$91,000
26 COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES TOTAL		\$400	\$400	\$400	\$400
27 TOTAL VETERANS COUNCIL		\$689	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		\$246,163	\$259,987	\$252,170	\$307,792
CULTURAL AND RECREATION					
<u>LIBRARY</u>					
<u>SALARIES</u>					
	Regular	257,664	242,969	256,542	
	Part-time		22,372	15,067	
TOTAL SALARIES		257,664	265,341	271,609	297,511
<u>EXPENSES</u>					
	Electricity	30,000	29,014	31,000	
	Fuel Oil				
	Propane Gas	10,062	12,000	10,000	
	Water	1,000	1,400	1,400	
	Sewer	1,252	1,200	1,200	
	Repairs & Maintenance				
	Alarms	1,700	1,700	1,700	
	Data Processing Service	16,500	16,500	16,000	
	All Office Supplies	500	500	1,000	
	Books/Subscriptions	6,000	6,000	8,768	
	Travel Reimbursement	500	500	246	
	Rental/Leased Equip	3,800	2,500	2,500	
TOTAL EXPENSES		71,314	71,314	73,814	77,804
28 LIBRARY TOTAL		\$328,978	\$336,655	\$345,423	\$375,315
29 HISTORICAL COMMISSION TOTAL		\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200

	FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 APPROVED	FY2023 FinComm Recommends
30 HISTORICAL DISTRICT TOTAL	\$200	\$200	\$200	\$200
TOTAL CULTURAL & RECREATION	\$329,378	\$337,055	\$345,823	\$375,715
EDUCATION	FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 APPROVED	FY2023 FinComm Recommends
ADMINISTRATION	829,127	760,103		1,156,415
CLASSROOM AND SPECIAL	13,263,155	14,356,955		15,017,974
GUIDANCE AND ADJUSTMENT	1,604,732	1,598,628		1,824,964
INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP	3,220,315	2,822,939		3,144,396
INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	310,641	346,650		365,249
INSURANCE & RETIREMENT	102,394	274,172		
OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE	2,312,205	2,416,247		2,979,938
OTHER TEACHING SERVICES	2,686,011	2,668,374		3,555,738
PAYMENTS OUT OF DISTRICT	2,638,268	2,413,000		
PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT	147,090	185,840		136,163
PUPIL SERVICES	2,307,973	2,767,779		3,351,807
ACQUISITION, IMPROVE, REPLACE	10,336	12,000		
	27,609,312	27,609,312	28,792,623	34,857,496
LESS ESSER FUNDS				-2,140,670
LESS CIRCUIT BREAKER				-640,000
SCHOOL BUDGET				\$29,589,667
TRANSPORTATION	1,821,425	1,821,425	2,050,450	2,425,823
31 TOTAL EDUCATION APPROPRIATION	\$29,430,737	\$29,430,737	\$30,843,073	\$32,015,490
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JOINT TOWN SERVICES				
FIXED COSTS				
DEBT EXCLUSION				
New School Principal	660,387	750,000	730,000	845,000
New School Interest		697,222	715,432	736,507
New School Short Term Interest				51,856
Principal on Debt	610,000	500,000	270,000	240,000
Long Term Interest	17,771	35,000	27,500	25,000
Short Term Interest	44,647	25,000	30,000	30,000
TOTAL DEBT INTEREST	1,332,805	2,007,222	1,772,932	1,928,363
32 TOTAL FIXED COSTS	\$1,332,805	\$2,007,222	\$1,772,932	\$1,928,363
OTHER COSTS				
Veterans Assessments	396,664	370,000	405,000	405,000
SRPEDD Assessment	4,088	4,190	4,295	5,000
33 TOTAL OTHER COSTS	\$400,752	\$374,190	\$409,295	\$410,000

	FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 APPROVED	FY2023 FinComm Recommends
<u>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</u>				
Retire. Ch.32 Sec. 59A	3,937,419	4,184,691	4,566,527	4,944,270
LIUNA	83,990	90,000	90,000	92,000
Workers compensation	637,094	670,000	660,000	450,000
General Liability Insuran	595,000	569,500	590,000	625,000
Medical Ins	7,642,541	8,089,842	8,173,757	8,416,650
Life Insurance	16,698	25,000	25,000	25,000
FICA Medicare	526,054	545,000	565,000	570,000
34 TOTAL EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$13,438,796	\$14,174,033	\$14,670,284	\$15,122,920
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	\$56,640,915	\$58,243,366	\$61,205,929	\$63,994,446

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 Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

This article authorizes the Town to pay a sum of money from the general account for salary and other expenditures necessary for the operation of the Emergency Medical Services. This article further authorizes that anticipated revenues received from Emergency Medical Services be used to offset salary and other expenses.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 5-1-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article after reviewing the budget request. The Emergency Services Department provides a necessary and valuable service to our local community and has demonstrated both efficiency and effectiveness in budget management and public service. By having two ambulances, EMS can respond to the majority of emergency requests by our own citizens. After billing various government and insurance entities, the Emergency Services Department covers its cost of operations and returns unexpended funds to the Town.

EMS call volume by calendar year

2015	4437
2016	4581
2017	4381
2018	4710
2019	4846
2020	4557
2021	5371
2022	870 YTD Projected to be 5208, Jan & Feb are slower months.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) - RETAINED EARNINGS

	FY2019 ACTUAL	FY2020 ACTUAL	FY2021 ACTUAL	FY2022 APPROVED	FY2023 FINCOMM RECOMMENDS
SALARIES					
Regular	953,542	969,032	1,002,016	1,036,180	
Part-time	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	
Overtime	300,000	300,000	300,000	300,000	
Holiday	57,000	60,000	55,000	55,000	
Longevity	1,200	1,000	1,000	1,000	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$1,321,742	\$1,340,032	\$1,368,016	\$1,402,180	\$1,348,000
EXPENSES					
Electricity	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	
Water	375	500	500	550	
Sewer	675	675	675	675	
Gas for Heat	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	
Vehicles	30,000	30,000	25,000	25,000	
CIEMSS	16,000	16,000	16,000	16,000	
Billing Service	75,000	75,000	65,000	65,000	
Tuition Other	500	500	500	500	
Training	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	
Cellular	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500	
Other Purchas	35,000	35,000	36,000	37,000	
Licenses & Fe	12,000	12,000	12,000	13,000	
All Office Sup	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	
Bldg. & Equip	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000	
Custodial Supp	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Vehicular Sup	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	
Gasoline/Diese	23,000	23,000	23,000	23,000	
Medical Suppl	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	
Educational Su	750	750	750	750	
Other Supplies	250	250	250	250	
Travel Reimbu	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500	
Maintenance					
Rental/Leased	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	
Equipment Re	26,000	26,000	26,000	26,000	
Capital/Lease	105,000	107,814	107,814	107,800	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$396,150	\$399,089	\$385,089	\$387,125	\$283,418
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TOTAL					
	\$1,717,892	\$1,739,121	\$1,753,105	\$1,789,305	\$1,631,418

ARTICLE 9 - UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

Wareham’s FY2023 proportional assessment from the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational-Technical School District is based on the number of students from Wareham attending the school. The school’s budget is formulated by its administration and Regional School Committee and submitted to its member towns: Bourne, Falmouth, Marion, Sandwich, and Wareham for their approval. The budget has been approved by all five member towns.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 5-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee has reviewed the budget request for upper Cape Tech and being under 4% of last year costing the residents of Wareham less. Upper Cape has been doing an excellent job with our children and can continue to do so with our support.

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School is an interregional part of the educational opportunities we are able to offer our children. ‘Upper Cape’ can offer a unique education combining hands on training alongside the academics needed if the student chooses to go beyond in their education. They are rated as an MCAS Level One and have held that distinction for several years. Approximately 30% of their student body is Wareham students. They are not a “School Choice” school. We are fortunate to be a part of such an exceptional institution. The Finance Committee has reviewed the budget request for upper Cape Tech and with the enrollment from Wareham declining, our budget responsibility is less than expected. Upper Cape has been doing an excellent job with our children and can continue to do so with our support.

We, the FinComm, enjoyed a personal tour with Superintendent Roger Forget. He has an excellent facility and very well equipped and maintained. We were however, disappointed to learn of the less than minimal cooperation he and his staff receive from our School Committee. Since the 70’s Town Meeting has enthusiastically supported the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School.

Appendix 5 – Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School Budget

Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical School

220 SANDWICH ROAD, BOURNE, MASSACHUSETTS 02532

www.uppercapetech.com

Roger D. Forget
Superintendent

Telephone: 508-759-7711
FAX: 508-759-7208

March 11, 2022

Mr. Derek Sullivan
Town Administrator
Wareham Town Hall
54 Marion Road
Wareham, MA 02571

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

In accordance with Section V(C) of the Regional District Agreement among the towns with respect to the establishment of the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational-Technical School District, please be advised that the School Committee has established an Operating Budget of \$18,193,579 and a Capital Budget of \$305,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023. The impact of this budget on the individual towns is reduced by State Aid, tuition and other receipts in the amount of \$5,530,000 Total Net Operating Costs assessed to the communities, therefore, becomes \$12,968,79 in accordance with budget detail attached. In accordance with the Education Reform Act and the Regional District Agreement formula, the assessment for the Town of Wareham is as follows:

Operating	\$3,139,223.00
Capital	<u>70,466.00</u>
Total Assessment	<u>\$3,209,689.00</u>

We are available to meet with the Finance Committee and other concerned town officials to discuss this budget and to share with you the school's accomplishments, and the challenges associated with providing our students with quality educational opportunities in today's fiscal environment. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Very truly yours,



Roger D. Forget
Superintendent



Michael Degan
Treasurer, School Committee

cc: Town Clerk
Town Treasurer
Finance Committee
Board of Selectmen



UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL

FOUNDATION BUDGET	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
Adminstration	745,256	754,387	848,734	823,609
Instruction	8,872,986	9,380,323	9,772,422	10,100,152
Student Services	637,502	646,494	640,573	658,366
Operation & Maintenance	1,583,255	1,621,979	1,744,147	1,766,259
Fixed Charges	3,107,981	3,163,068	2,947,657	3,143,933
TOTAL FOUNDATION BUDGET	\$14,946,980	\$15,566,251	\$15,953,533	\$16,492,319
REDUCTIONS TO FOUNDATION BUDGET				
Chapter 70	3,254,918	3,284,518	3,285,088	3,912,348
Interest Revenues	15,000	20,000	20,000	20,000
Tuition Revenues				
Medicaid	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
E&D	130,940	170,430	250,000	170,000
TOTAL REDUCTIONS	\$3,410,858	\$3,484,948	\$3,565,088	\$4,112,348
NET FOUNDATION BUDGET	\$11,536,122	\$12,081,303	\$12,388,445	\$12,379,971
Transportation	1,085,531	1,087,882	1,091,961	1,128,504
Transportation Aide		-877,739	-762,038	844,652
LPN Program	-8,729	-383	-608	244
TOTAL REDUCTIONS	\$333,380	\$209,760	\$329,315	\$283,852
CAPITAL				
Capital Budget	130,000	130,000	130,000	130,000
Bond Pricinpal	100,000	100,000	80,000	0
Stablization Fund	100,000	100,000	120,000	175,000
Bond Interest	7,000	7,000	7,000	0
TOTAL CAPITAL	337,000	337,000	337,000	305,000

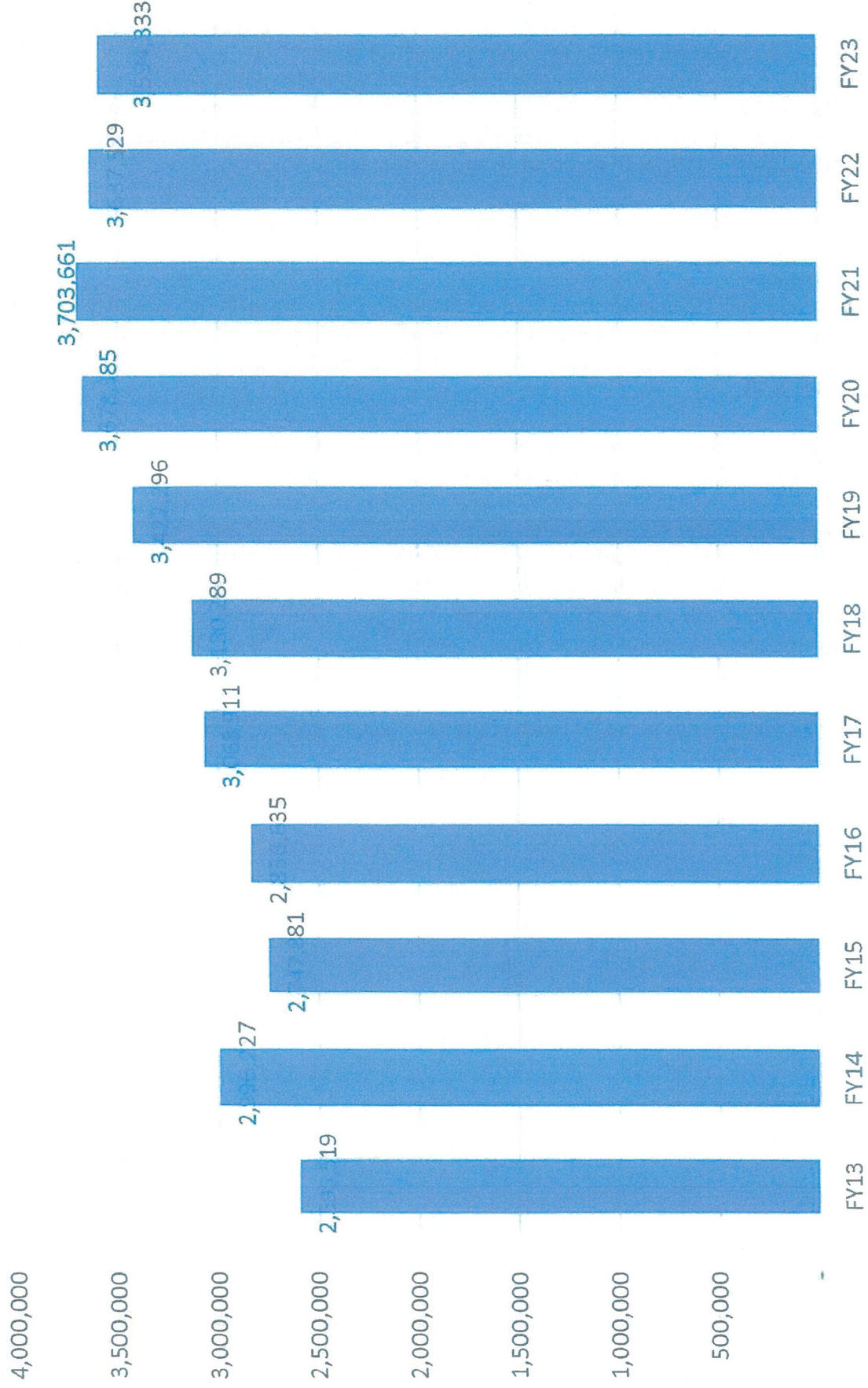
GROSS OPERATING BUDGET

\$17,954,886 \$18,498,579

2.939% Increase

STUDENT ENROLLMENT	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023
BOURNE	157	185	180	180
FALMOUTH	177	172	183	195
MARION	19	14	17	21
SANDWICH	119	115	132	147
WAREHAM	262	256	250	229
TOTAL	734	742	762	772

Upper Cape Cod Vocational-Technical School



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, 2022, and ending June 30, 2023, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

This article seeks to appropriate a sum of money from the Water Pollution Control Facility Enterprise Fund, salaries, wages and expenditures, to defray the operating and capital expenses at the Water Pollution Control Facility for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 5-1-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Water Pollution Control Facility is funded through user fees and is overseen by a Board of Sewer Commissioners. The Finance Committee believes the Water Pollution Control Facility budget is reasonable and authorizes the use of the Water Pollution Control Enterprise Fund to defray operating costs and capital expenses for FY2023. The Water Pollution Control Facility is self-funding and has no impact on the tax rate.

The WPCF maintains some 90 miles of pipe (collection system), 1.5 BNR and 45 pump stations.

WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY - ENTERPRISE ACCOUNT

	FY2020	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2023
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Request	FinComm Recommends
SALARIES					
Regular	889,790	734,000	946,590	893,724	
Overtime	65,000	65,000	65,000	65,000	
On-Call Wages	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000	
Industrial Pre-treatment	45,000			52,886	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$1,049,790	\$849,000	\$1,061,590	1,061,610	1,061,610
EXPENSES					
Electricity	600,000	550,000	600,000	650,000	
Propane	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,300	
Natural Gas - IMA	40,000	36,300	40,000	43,000	
Water	20,000	20,000	20,000	23,000	
Repair & Maint Vehicles	40,000	20,000	40,000	40,000	
Office Equipment	7,000		7,000		
Buildings Maintenance	80,000	40,000	80,000	40,000	
Equipment	252,000	270,000	252,000	270,000	
Main Plant I&I	75,000	75,000	75,000	100,000	
Outside Contractors	242,000	552,000	299,451	350,000	
NPDES Testing	27,500	33,000	27,500	28,000	
Tuition Other	12,500	10,000	12,500	20,000	
Telephone	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,800	
Printing & Mailing	10,650	12,000	10,650	13,000	
Advertising	4,500	4,000	4,500	4,800	
Telemetry & Alarms	26,000	26,000	26,000	28,000	
Cellular	11,100	11,000	11,100	12,000	
Medical Services	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000	
Sludge Disposal	401,000	425,000	590,121	440,000	
Grit and Screenings	4,000		4,000		
All Office Supplies	9,020	8,000	9,020	9,020	
Gasoline	30,000	20,000	30,000	30,000	
Chemicals	350,000	300,000	350,000	370,000	
Operating Supplies	50,000	50,000	50,000	70,000	
Laboratory Supplies	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	
Protective Clothing	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,600	
Uniforms	13,000	13,000	1,300	16,000	
Books & Subscriptions	500	200	500	200	
Travel Reimbursement	2,800	1,125		2,000	
Conferences	2,200	1,125	2,800	2,000	
Dues		2,250	2,200	2,000	
Data Processing	40,000	30,000	40,000	40,000	
Reserve Account	250,000	250,000	250,000	300,000	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$2,648,370	\$2,807,600	\$2,883,242	\$2,949,720	2,949,720
WPCF Capital Additions	\$949,643	\$1,100,000	\$967,358	\$689,011	\$689,011
DEBT					
Principle on Debt	2,152,870	2,332,358	2,365,442	2,704,000	
Long Term Interest	355,000	387,690	293,529	342,000	
Short Term Interest	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	
TOTAL DEBT	\$2,582,870	\$2,795,048	\$2,733,971	\$3,810,011	\$3,810,011
TOTAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL FACILITY					
	\$6,281,030	\$6,451,648	\$6,678,803	\$7,821,341	\$7,821,341

WPCF REIMBURSEMENT TO TOWN FOR EXPENSES AND SERVICES

	FY2023 Benefits H&D
Indirect Costs	
Accounting 15%	1,450
Administration 15%	1,896
Assessing 15%	5,393
Technology 15%	5,184
Treasurer/Collector Fin Dir 1	8,561
Human Resources 15%	4,418
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Subtotal Wages or Benefit	\$26,902
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DIRECT COSTS

Departmental Expenses	
Audit	WPCF is a major part of Audit
Ins: Liability, Prop, Public Officials, Auto	Actual Town Costs
Legal Labor and General Counsel	25% Labor/25% Legal Counsel
Technology	Assigned Expense including Vadar
Communications	Assigned expenses
Treasurer/Collector	Harpers Payroll proportion 3.28%
Subtotal of Allocated Direct Costs	

WPCF BENEFIT'S

Health and Dental (5%)	Actual Town Cost
Retirement 5%	Actual Town Cost
Workers Compensation	Actual Town Cost
LUNA	25% of Total cost
FICA	Actual Town Cost
Subtotal Direct Costs	

Total Internal Charge to WWPC



WAREHAM SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND REVENUE AND EXPENSE SUMMARY

REVENUE	FY2023
Rate Payer Revenue	6,189,617
Septage/Grease	600,000
Bourne IMA - Capital	188,478
Bourne IMA - Operating	430,756
Betterments Committed	996,382
Betterment Reserves	285,498
 TOTAL REVENUE	 \$8,690,731
 REVENUE REDUCTION	
Direct/Indirect Costs	875,000
Revenue Reduced by Direct/Indirect Costs	8,690,731
 Total Revenue After Internak Charges	 \$7,815,731
 EXPENSES	
Operations and Maintenance	4,006,446
Capital Expenses	689,011
Betterment Debt-Principal	1,026,596
Betterment Debt - Long Term Interest	156,813
Non-Betterment Debt - Principal	1,677,615
Non-Beterment Debt - Long Term Interest	184,250
Short Term Interest	75,000
 Total Expenses	 \$7,815,731

	9,524		Estimated Revenue
	\$646.00		
	\$6,152,504		EDU Count
	\$331,915		9581.00
	\$379,295		\$/EDU
			Revenue
			6,189,617

ARTICLE 11 – 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 Clerical Union.
- C. Massachusetts Labor’s Public Employees Council Union 1249 of the Labor’s International Union of North America Wareham Wastewater Treatment Plant Union.
- D. 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.
- E. Massachusetts Labor’s Public Employees Council Union 1249 of the Labor’s International Union of North America Wareham Foreman’s Union.
- F. United Steelworkers, AFL-CIO-CLC, Local Union 13507, Unit 7 - Lower Managers Union.
- G. United Steelworkers, AFL-CIO-CLC, Local Union 13507, Unit 8 Upper Managers Union.
- H. Wareham Professional Firefighters EMT Association, IAFF, Local 2895.
- I. Wareham Dispatchers Union, NEPBA.
- J. Wareham Police Union, MCOP Local 423.

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

Explanation:

These Unions represent most, if not all our Municipal Employees.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0 to Refer

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Negotiations are ongoing for most, if not all our Municipal unions.

ARTICLE 12 - FY 2023 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND RESERVES

To see if the Town will vote to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Act Funds FY 2023 estimated annual revenues for the following amounts (1) \$72,500.00 for administrative expenses; (2) \$145,000.00 to Open Space Reserves; (3) \$145,000.00 to Historical Preservation Reserves; and (4) \$145,000.00 to Affordable Housing Reserves or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

The Community Preservation Committee is required by law to reserve at least 10% of the fiscal yeards estimated revenue for historical preservation, affordable housing, and open space grants and to allocate 5% Of this estimated revenue for its administration expenses. The 2023 estimated revenue is \$1,450,000.00. The total amount of this article is \$507,500.00.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval: 6-0-0

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

This is an annual Article that allows the CPC to comply with the legislation requiring the allocation of certain percentages of available funds to specific accounts within CPC’s perview.

Appendix: CPC Report

ARTICLE 13 - THE 801 VILLAGE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Funds or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Act Fund, under the category of Affordable Housing, a grant to Villages 801 Main Street, LLC, with a business location of 815 Main Street, Bldg 2, Wareham, MA 02571 a grant for the sum of \$300,000.00 to construct 6 affordable housing units, and obtain a 40-year affordable deed restriction on the land and structures at 801 Main Street, Wareham (Assessors map 88 lot# 1011A) or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

John K. Scanlan is proposing the creation of 6 Affordable Housing rental units, currently referred to as the 801 Village, adjacent to the company's current neighborhood of 49 Affordable Housing rental units at The Village at 815 Main Street. Mr. Scanlan will oversee the project and has over 30 years of commercial and residential construction experience. The total project cost estimate is \$2,817,000.00, consisting of the CPA funding request of \$300,000.00 {11%}. Groundbreaking is anticipated in early Fall 2022, with rental units available no later than Spring 2023. Efforts will be made to accommodate Wareham residents. The current property manager will oversee the new units and current the Maintenance personnel. A letter of support for the additional 6 Affordable Housing units has been submitted by Chief Walter W. Correia, Jr., Wareham Police Department.

On February 23, 2022, the to submit this article for consideration at the 2022 Spring Town Meeting.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of this Article: 6-0-0

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 2-2-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 4-3-1

Finance Committee Recommendation:

In favor: The developer of this proposed affordable housing project seeks \$300,000 in Community Preservation funds toward the construction of 6 units adjacent to an existing 49 unit affordable housing development. Management for both projects would be the same. This project has the support of Wareham Chief of Police Correia and the Community Preservation Committee (6-0-0). The town is required by state law to spend a portion of its Community Preservation Act funds on affordable housing. While the cost per unit may be higher than we would like, the developer's track record and the demonstrated need in the community justifies this expenditure.

ARTICLE 14 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,375.00 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

Explanation:

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0
The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0 to refer

Finance Committee Recommendation:

This article also appears on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

ARTICLE 15 - REPLACEMENT SWIFTS BEACH SEWER LINES TO RUGGLES PUMP STATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer \$3,000,000.00 (3 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 a capital improvement project to abandon the failed gravity system and replace it with a closed system with grinder pumps on Wankinquoah Ave, Murphy St, Columbia St, Barnes St, Pleasant St, and Bayview Ave , or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

Ruggles pump station catchment area:

For the purpose of a capital improvement project to abandon the failed gravity system and replace it with a closed system with grinder pumps on Wankinquoah Ave, Murphy St, Columbia St, Barnes St, Pleasant St, and Bay View Ave.

The lining of the sewer gravity main on Wankinquoah Rd (17 feet deep) and Bayview St (8 feet deep) failed and collapsed due to pressure from sump pumps as the gravity main sewer pipe lining cured. The damage is not repairable. The cost to replace Wankinquoah and Bayview with new pipe is estimated to cost 3 million dollars. The cost to use a closed system for the entire Ruggles pump station catchment area is estimated to be 3 million dollars. The closed system will address the infiltration of ground water and the inflow from sump pumps into the sewer system.

The Sewer Commissioners recommends approval:4-0-0
The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 5-0-0
The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Wareham Pollution Control Facility is asking for 3 million dollars to replace the existing sewer line in the Swifts Beach area. An attempt to reline the pipe partially failed previously due to a sump pump turning on during the process. Sump pumps are not permitted for use in town sewage and cause a high inflow to the treatment facility. The current line is 17-18 feet deep allowing for infiltration from rising tide and storm water. The new line would be a solid welded line utilizing check valves to minimize back up into residents when there are system issues. The new system will also utilize individual grinder pumps at each connection to minimize non flushable items such as baby wipes from entering into the system and damaging the main pump. These pumps will be maintained by the WPCF but may be at an expense if it is found to be the fault of the residence. Public informational sessions will be held by the WPCF to answer questions.

**ARTICLE 16 – EAST WAREHAM SCHOOL: LOCATED AT 27 DEPOT ST,
WAREHAM, MA**

To see if the Town will approve the return of East Wareham School, located at 27 Depot Street, Wareham, MA to the Town of Wareham.

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

Explanation:

The School District has moved all educational program and services out of East School and has re-located all offerings in other District controlled buildings.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 5-0-0
The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

This is a formal article transferring the ‘care and custody’ of the East Wareham School property located at 27 Depot St. from the School Department to the Select Board. There have been no holds on the property for educational purposes and this transfer will allow the town to find other uses for the property.

ARTICLE 17 - LINE FORCE MAIN FROM NARROWS TO WPCF

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer \$3,000,000.00 (3 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 a capital improvement project to line the force main sewer line from the Narrows pump station to the WPCF for a distance of 1.9 miles, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

The Narrows force main is a critical asset that transports raw sewer from the Narrows pump station (critical asset) to the wastewater plant for treatment. The force main, installed in 1972, has reached its life expectancy of 50 years. In 2018 the force main was assessed for corrosion. The assessment revealed 41 percent to 71 percent of pipe wall thickness loss due to advanced internal corrosion.

The Sewer Commissioners recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 5-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Wareham Pollution Control Facility is asking for 3 million dollars to replace the Force Main along the narrows. 6 years ago, this line was tested and evaluated by a third-party company and at the highest point by Wareham elementary was 47-97% deteriorated and 18-48% deteriorated at the lowest point by the narrows pump station. The recommendation at that time was to replace it in 5 years. The decision was made to utilize a special form of slip lining that will be pulled through the length of the main with a life expectancy of 50-100 years. This option was the most affordable with an estimated 5 million dollars saving over a full replacement. This is a necessity as the pipe is reaching the point of critical failure and if ignored will lead to greater problems.

ARTICLE 18 - SPECIAL LEGISLATION/FUNDING FOR THE WAREHAM AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the Legislature for special legislation that would require that Fifty Percent (50%) of the net proceeds from the sale of properties taken by tax title by the Town of Wareham, be directed into the Wareham

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Account which may be expended by the Wareham Affordable Housing Trust for the purpose of funding programs related to Affordable Housing, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Wareham Affordable Housing Trust

Explanation:

The Wareham Affordable Housing Trust (WAHT) lacks a source for funding programs related to affordable housing. The lack of affordable housing has long been and continues to be an issue for the Town and would be a step towards helping reduce the affordable housing crisis/issue by and of the Town of Wareham and throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Funding mechanisms are necessary to help achieve the state mandated and locally needed affordable housing.

Approval of this motion would allow for a petition of special legislation that would direct 50% of the net proceeds from the sale of properties taken by tax title by the Town of Wareham be directed into the Wareham Affordable Housing Trust Fund Account to be used for the purpose of supporting affordable housing initiatives. This source of funding would allow the WAHT to respond quickly to affordable housing needs as outlined in the Affordable Housing Trust Policy found on the Wareham's WAHT web page.

The Wareham Affordable Housing Trust recommends Approval: 4-0-0

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 2-3-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-1-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Wareham Affordable Housing Trust (WAHT) was established by voters at the Spring 2006 annual town meeting. Per Trust policy, funding mechanisms are very limited. Approval of this article would provide additional revenue to WAHT without reducing annual budgeted operating revenue as the source for this article would be 50% of unbudgeted tax title revenue. The Finance Committee believes this is a financially reasonable request.

THE FOLLOWING ARE CITIZENES “PETITIONED FOR TOWN MEETING ACTION” INITIATIVE ARTICLES REPRINTED EXACTLY AS THEY WERE WHEN TURNED IN ON THE DATE STAMPED.

Finance Committee Recommendations:

Article 19: Photovoltaic Installation Moratorium.

This Is a Citizen petition Article asking that a Moratorium be placed on large scale Solar projects. A moratorium is a temporary legal prohibition on an activity. The purpose of the moratorium is to allow the Solar By-Law committee to complete its work of amending the current by-laws governing the construction of solar projects in Wareham. The current by-laws are considered to be too broad and do not allow the town the ability to regulate the size and placement of these projects. This moratorium would expire June 30th, 2023.

One member of the committee did vote against this article feeling that property owners should have the right to decide what is done on their property. Feeling as though those who have purchased land in town with the purpose of building these solar arrays are being negatively impacted by this moratorium.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 1-4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 7-1-0

Article 20: Move day of Spring and Fall Town Meetings

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 1-4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0 Refer

Article 21: Indigenous Peoples Day

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0 Refer

Article 22: Eliminate Warrant Article Lottery

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 0-3-1-1

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0 Refer

Article 23: Repurpose John W. Decas School

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 1-4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 1-6-0

Article 24: Decas Steering Committee Report

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 5-0-0 to Passover

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 7-0-0

Article 25: Town Clerk changed to Elected

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Petitioner has indicted this Article will be withdrawn

Article 26: By-Law Amend, Affordable Housing

This article attempts to address concerns raised by the Attorney General in approving the affordable housing zoning bylaw adopted at the June 2021 Annual Town Meeting. While it has been presented as making minor changes to conform to the language of the state more closely requirements for maximum credit toward the town's required Subsidized Housing Inventory, the Committee is concerned that it does not do so adequately. DHCD regulations are very complex and require specialized legal knowledge to ensure compliance. Not only would these changes likely fail to achieve the desired result, the bylaws create the potential for building as a matter of right. New construction and conversion of existing structures for affordable housing is already available under existing zoning regulations.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 1-4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 0-6-0

ARTICLE 19 TEMPORARY PHOTOVOLTAIC (SOLAR) MORATORIUM

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PETITION CONTACT INFORMATION:

Contact Person: Anna J. D'Amico
 Address: 52 Farmers Lane
W. Wareham Mass. 02570
 Daytime Phone: 5774-4524-9541

Town of Wareham
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Honorable Board of Selectmen
Wareham, Massachusetts

March 1, 2022

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Wareham, do hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to insert the following article in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting:

ARTICLE: To see if the town will vote to enact a temporary moratorium on large scale ground mounted photovoltaic installations, (and) large scale ground mounted solar energy systems installation and large scale ground mounted solar energy systems are defined as a solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and has a minimum nameplate capacity of 250 KW DC.

SIGNATURE OF REGISTERED VOTER (U FOR REGULAR & I FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING)			PRECINCT	
PRINT NAME	SIGNATURE	ADDRESS		
#	Annelle Hayes	Annelle Hayes	52 Farmers Lane	5
	Benjamin L. D'Amico	Benjamin L. D'Amico	Bradford Ave 523 Farmers Lane	5
	Andrew D'Amico	Andrew D'Amico	11 Farmers Lane	5
	Celeste Kiddor	Celeste Kiddor	11 Farmers Lane	5
	Kathleen Walker	Kathleen Walker	26 Helen St	5
	Craig Santos	Craig Santos	26 Helen St.	5
	Michael Downes	Michael Downes	32 Helen St.	5
	Joseph Dunning	Joseph Dunning	32 Helen St.	5
	Kan Connell	Kan Connell	102 Fearing Hill Rd	5
	Julia Jackson	Julia Jackson	94 Fearing Hill Rd	5
	Walter M. D'Amico	Walter M. D'Amico	87 Fearing Hill Rd	5
	David J. D'Amico	David J. D'Amico	55 Fearing Hill Rd	5
	Matthew D'Amico	Matthew D'Amico	55 Fearing Hill Rd	5
	Christine D'Amico	Christine D'Amico	30 First St	1
	Julia A. Santogato	Julia A. Santogato	9 Oakdale St	

To be completed by the Registrar of Voters:

IT IS CERTIFIED THAT _____ OF THE ABOVE SIGNATURES CHECK AND THUS _____ NAMES ARE QUALIFIED VOTERS IN THE TOWN OF WAREHAM.

SIGNATURE

*THE FIRST SIGNATORY ON THE FIRST LINE OF THE PETITION IS THE PETITIONER OF THE ARTICLE AND WILL BE LISTED AS SUCH ON THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

2022 Town Meeting Article

Warrant Article:

Identifier: (to be determined by office: _____) Article # _____

Title: Large Scale Photovoltaic Installation Moratorium

Warrant Article:

To see if Town Meeting will vote to rescind ^{Zoning Article 5} By-law ~~Article 5~~ Section 5-90
Paragraph _____

and to replace it (where) in its entirety with the following Solar Moratorium

Warrant Article:

To see if Town Meeting will vote to enact a temporary moratorium on large ground mounted photovoltaic installations. Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation and Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems are defined as a solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and has a minimum nameplate capacity of 250 kW DC. The moratorium expires June 30, 2023 or the date of 2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting whichever is sooner.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Motion:

I move that the Town vote to enact a temporary moratorium on large ground mounted solar installations. Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation and Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems are defined as a solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and has a minimum nameplate capacity of 250 kW DC. The moratorium expires June 30, 2023 or the date of 2023 Spring Annual Town Meeting whichever is sooner.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The Town needs time to engage in a planning process to better address the effects of solar facilities on open space, residential uses, and agricultural land and the solar facilities' impact on health, safety and the environment. The (at most) fifteen-month moratorium on solar facilities will provide time for the Town to study current and future solar facilities in the Town.

The Wareham Zoning By-Laws regarding the development of ground-mounted solar energy facilities were put in place at a time when solar farm development was beginning. The 2014 State guidelines were designed to encourage solar development. Large Scale Solar developments were defined then as 250kw(thousand watts). Today 5-10 MW (million watts) developments are being built, regularly on destroyed forests.

Wareham now has 19 solar farms. It is time to slow down this type of development so that more recent guidance regarding the unintended ecological damage of inappropriately sited facilities can be incorporated into Wareham's By-Law.

This article is intended to have immediate impact on the large scale clear cutting of forests to accommodate large ground mounted solar energy facilities. It is intended to encourage more appropriate siting of facilities.

Submitted By: Citizen's Petition / Ammie Hayes
Phone Number or Email: hayesanie@gmail.com

Date: March 1, 2022

Reference Information: Wareham Zoning By-Laws

https://www.wareham.ma.us/sites/g/files/vyhlif5146/f/uploads/2018_fall_tm_zoning_by-law.pdf

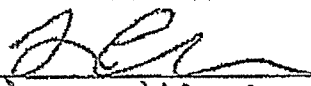
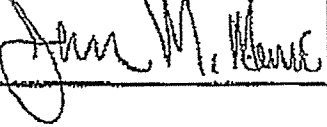
Petition Article Inserted by:

ARTICLE 20 AMEND WAREHAM ZONING BY-LAWS

MOTION: I move the Town accept the changes made to the already-approved zoning article, shown in bold, so all units created under the bylaw will be eligible to count towards the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI).

We, the following citizens, petition the Town of Wareham to place the above article on the Spring Town Warrant to see if the Town will vote to amend the Wareham Zoning Bylaws by adding the following Sections to ARTICLE 8, Namely 830 through 844:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Precinct</u>
1		Brenda Eckstrom	64 Wyckonas Ave	2
2		Victoria Eckstrom	64 Wyckonas Ave	2
3		Michael Olvera	22 Weaver St	4
4		Miriah Eckstrom	22 Weaver St.	4
5		MARIE RILEY	87 Jean Charles Rd	1
6		Kennedy Eckstrom	64 Wyckonas Ave	2
7		Kenneth Eckstrom Jr	64 Wyckonas Ave	2
8		SARAH ECKSTROM	64 Wyckonas Ave	2
9		Christine Gardner	1 Hickman	C/1?
10		John Santagata	34 Church Ave Wareham	
11		Jody Santagata	9 Outlook St Wareham	
12		Rosemary	69 South St	1
13		Louise Chandler		

14		Leslie Edwards DAVIS	8 Trinity Lane	1
15		James M. Mance	2526 Cambridge	1/2
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WARRANT ARTICLE:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wareham Zoning Bylaws Sections ~~700-100 to 700-105~~ ^{Town of Wareham} BOARD OF SELECTMEN follows:

830. LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM-- LOCAL ACTION UNITS – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – NEW CONSTRUCTION

831: PURPOSE: To create a Local Initiative Program to provide the residents of Wareham the ability to have some control over, and to benefit from, the State’s Affordable Housing Requirements by allowing residents to use the State’s minimum zoning allowances, as conditioned within this zoning bylaw, to create affordable housing that meets the DHCD’s LIP requirements and receives approval by DHCD so the units created under this Zoning bylaw shall be included in the Town’s Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI).

832: GENERAL PROVISIONS: A single family or two-family residence may be constructed, subject to the following standards and provisions, if 100% of the unit(s) are deed restricted as Affordable. The term “Affordable” is used to mean “Income Eligible Household” as defined in MGL c.40B ss.20, and 760 CMR ss. 56.02 as being able to be bought or rented in an amount not to exceed 70% of the AMI by someone whose total annual household income does not exceed 80% earnings of the Area Median Income (AMI) or less, as identified by HUD’s median family incomes, derived from the American Community Survey and / or the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Income guidelines.

833: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS – GENERAL

833.1: LOT SIZE: Any property to be developed under this bylaw shall consist of a lot that is shown on an Approved Plan, created and approved prior to January first, nineteen hundred and seventy-six, which contains at least five thousand (5,000) square feet of area and fifty (50) feet of frontage and shall be a lot that was joined in common ownership with others due to previous changes in the Town’s zoning.

833.2: SETBACKS: Development of the property shall comply with the pre-existing, nonconforming setbacks that existing properties in the same zoning area are required to abide by.

833.3: SIZE: The construction of the proposed dwelling shall have a footprint of at least fifteen percent (15%) of the lot area, but shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of coverage. Based on a 5,000 square foot lot, the dwelling shall have a 750 to 1,000 square feet footprint. The dwelling shall not exceed 35 feet in height. All bedrooms must meet state sanitary code requirements for the accommodation of two or more persons (100 square feet minimum). In addition, all units created under this bylaw shall meet the following minimum square footage requirements and bathroom requirements to satisfy DHCD’s Design & Construction Standards:

- 1 bedroom - 700 square feet 1 bath
- 2 bedrooms - 900 square feet 1 bath
- 3 bedrooms - 1200 square feet 1 & 1/2 baths
- 4 bedrooms - 1400 square feet 2 baths

833.4: WATER and SEWER: The lot shall be served by a public water system adequate in terms of fire protection and domestic use. The lot shall also be within an area served by sewer, or shall be required to comply with Title V Sanitary Regulations without needing to obtain a Special Permit or Variance from the Board of Health.

833.5: PERMITTING: As this is a Local Initiative Program, the town or sponsor shall file a "Local Action Unit" Application with the Board of Selectmen, or their staff designee. As part of the application, the owner shall provide a copy of the original plan or Assessor's records that identify the lots that are currently joined under existing zoning, and a plan showing the proposed lot divided off the current property, and that the 5,000 square feet shall be satisfied by both the proposed lot and the contributing property.

Upon approval by the Selectmen, a completed LIP Application (for Local Action Units), signed by the town's chief executive officer, along with DHCD's LIP Regulatory Agreement and Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for LAUs (the "Regulatory Agreement"), which includes the terms of affordability and the rights and responsibilities of the parties and an Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing and Resident Selection Plan ("AFHMP") that a developer or owner must follow in marketing and selecting residents for the units. DHCD must approve the application and documents before any dwelling unit is included in the town's SHL.

833.6: FEES and APPROVALS: The Application Fee shall be \$100. The Inspectional Service (Building, Electricity, Plumbing) Fees, sewer connection fees, shall be calculated at fifty-percent of existing fees. The Board of Selectmen shall utilize staff to determine the appropriateness of the proposed Local Action Unit(s). The Board of Selectmen, or their staff designee, shall provide approval within 45 days of the application. If the proposal is rejected by a staff designee, the applicant may appeal to the Board of Selectmen. If it is rejected by the Board of Selectmen, the applicant may file an appeal in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, § 17.

833.7: DEED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT: Once approved by the Town, the owner may do one of three options;

833.71: The current owner may choose to sell the newly recognized lot for a price not to exceed to ten percent (10%) of the sale price of an affordable three-bedroom home, as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for someone making 80% of the median income for the statistical market. Any engineering costs and filing fees to subdivide the lots, may be recouped in the sale. A deed restriction, in a manner and form approved by the Board of Selectmen, shall be placed on the property at the time of the sale. A copy of the deed restriction shall be filed with the Registry of Deeds and the following Town Departments: Board of Selectmen, Inspectional Services, Assessors, Wastewater, and any other department the Board of Selectmen deem necessary.

833.72: The current owner may choose to subdivide the property as described section 833.71 but instead of selling the lot, they could maintain ownership while an affordable unit is

constructed that they themselves sell through the lottery process. The property shall be sold at a price not to exceed 70% of AMI for a credit worthy buyer and for someone making 80% of the median income for the statistical market. The owner shall be able to profit up to twenty percent (20%) of the construction costs. The total in construction costs and the twenty percent profit, as determined by DHCD for someone making 80% of the median income for the statistical market. A deed restriction, in a manner and form approved by the Board of Selectmen, shall be placed on the property at the time of the sale. A copy of the deed restriction shall be filed with the Registry of Deeds and with the following Town Departments: Board of Selectmen, Inspectional Services, Assessors, Wastewater, and any other department the Board of Selectmen deem necessary.

833.73: The current owner may choose to develop the property, and keep it for rental income. If the newly developed property is a single family dwelling, the rental price shall be determined by DHCD rental limits not to exceed 70% of the AMI for someone making 80% of the median income for the statistical market. A deed restriction, in a manner and form approved by the Board of Selectmen that complies with DHCD Guidelines, shall be placed on the property prior to a building permit is issued, and another in the Board of Selectmen's approved form, at the time of a occupancy permit is issued. A copy of the deed restriction shall be filed with the Registry of Deeds and the following Town Departments: Board of Selectmen, Inspectional Services, Assessors, Wastewater, and any other department the Board of Selectmen deem necessary.

833.8: A town's affordable housing percentage is determined by dividing the number of SHI-eligible units by the number of year-round housing units as reported by the latest decennial U.S. Census. The Town may suspend and reinstate this bylaw, as needed, by a simple majority vote of Town Meeting.

840. LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM -- LOCAL ACTION UNITS -- AFFORDABLE HOUSING -- EXISTING PROPERTIES

841: PURPOSE: To create a Local Initiative Program to provide the residents of Wareham the ability to have some control over, and to benefit from, the State's Affordable Housing Requirements by allowing residents to participate in and benefit from creating additions into deed restricted affordable apartments; to be allowed to deed restrict existing "in-law" apartments as affordable; and to provide "Amnesty" to residents with illegal apartments, by allowing them to bring the illegal apartment up to code and compliance with DHCD guidelines without penalties and to deed restrict it affordable; as conditioned within this zoning bylaw, to create affordable units that shall be included in the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI).

842: GENERAL PROVISIONS: A single family residence may construct an accessory apartment or add on a traditional apartment, subject to the following standards and provisions if the unit is deed restricted as Affordable. The term "Affordable" is used to mean "Income Eligible Household" as defined in MGL c.40B ss.20, and 760 CMR ss. 56.02 is defined as

being able to be bought or rented in an amount not to exceed 70% of the AMI by someone whose total annual household income does not exceed 80% earnings of the Area Median Income (AMI) or less, as identified by HUD's median family incomes, derived from the American Community Survey and / or the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Income guidelines.

843: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS – GENERAL

843.1: LOT SIZE: Any property that is to be developed under this bylaw shall consist of a lot with at least 50 feet of frontage and at least a 5,000 square foot lot. The proposed addition shall conform with and compliment other and homes in the neighborhood.

843.2: SETBACKS: The construction of an addition under this bylaw shall comply with the preexisting, non-conforming setbacks that existing properties in the same zoning area are required to abide by.

843.3: SIZE: The construction of the addition shall limit the total dwelling footprint to no more than thirty percent (30%) of lot coverage. Based on a 5,000 square foot lot, the entire dwelling shall have a 1,500 square foot maximum footprint. The dwelling shall not exceed 35 feet in height, and the size of affordable dwelling unit shall comply with DHCD guidelines.

843.4: WATER and SEWER: The lot shall be served by a public water system adequate in terms of fire protection and domestic use. The lot shall also be within an area served by sewer, or shall be required to comply with Title V Sanitary Regulations without needing to obtain a Special Permit or Variance from the Board of Health.

843.5: ACCESS and EGRESS: All units that are to be developed under this bylaw shall have a legal access and egress, as determined by the State Building Code.

843.6: "IN-LAW" CONVERSIONS: An "in-law" apartment for this bylaw shall be defined as an apartment that consists of one bedroom or less, with a kitchen area, bathroom and sitting area. Any property that was granted a Board of Appeals Special Permit or Variance in the past to construct an in-law apartment with conditions that it could not be rented, may apply for the in-law apartment to be counted as a "Local Action Unit." The applicant shall provide a copy of the Zoning Board Decision to the Board of Selectmen with the application. Upon approval, the Board of Selectmen, or its staff designee, shall grant a deed restriction that complies with DHCD requirements that shall be filed with the Registry of Deeds allowing the "in-law" apartment to be rented, as long as the rent shall not exceed a rent in an amount not to exceed 70% of the AMI that can be afforded by people who meet eighty percent (80%) of Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Upon approval by the Selectmen, a completed LIP Regulatory Application (for Affordable Accessory Apartments), signed by the town's chief executive officer, along with DHCD's LIP Regulatory Agreement for Accessory Apartments and the Town's Affirmative Fair Housing Marketing Plan that meets DHCD's required guidelines applicable to accessory apartments shall be submitted for approval.

843.7: **PERMITTING:** As this is a Local Initiative Program, the current owner of an existing property shall file a "Local Action Unit" Application with the Board of Selectmen, or their staff designee. As part of the application, the owner shall provide a plot plan showing the proposed addition and the proposed floor plan. It shall not exceed two bedrooms. The Board shall also consider and approve plans of an existing home being modified or remodeled by the interior only, which takes a portion of the floor space and / or a level and make it an apartment. The rents shall not exceed rent in an amount not to exceed 70% of the AMI that can be afforded by people who meet eighty percent (80%) of Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Deed Restriction shall be filed by the owner before an occupancy permit shall be issued.

843.8: **FEES and APPROVALS:** The Application Fee shall be \$100. The Inspectional Service (Building, Electricity, Plumbing) Fees, sewer connection fees, shall be calculated at fifty-percent (50%) of existing fees. The Board of Selectmen shall utilize staff to determine the appropriateness of the proposed Local Action Unit(s). The Board of Selectmen, or their staff designee, shall provide approval within 45 days of the application. If the proposal is rejected by a staff designee, the applicant may appeal to the Board of Selectmen. If it is rejected by the Board of Selectmen, the applicant may file an appeal in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, § 17.

843.9: **DEED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT:** A copy of the deed restriction shall be filed with the Registry of Deeds and with the following Town Departments: Board of Selectmen, Inspectional Services, Assessors, Wastewater, and any other department the Board of Selectmen deem necessary.

844.0: A town's affordable housing percentage is determined by dividing the number of SHI-eligible units by the number of year-round housing units as reported by the latest decennial U.S. Census. The Town may suspend and reinstitute this bylaw, as needed, by a simple majority vote of Town Meeting.

EXPLANATION:

This Zoning bylaw was approved at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting on June 12, 2021. The Attorney General's Office approved it on December 23, 2021, though they suggested that it be reworked to ensure every unit will be counted towards the Town's SHI - Subsidized Housing Inventory (the 10% we have to reach). After sending the bylaw to the Chief Counsel of DHCD, Roberta Rubin, the LIP Director, Risko Hayashi and I collaborated to make sure it satisfies DHCD requirements and conditions.

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wareham Zoning Bylaws by adding the following Sections to ARTICLE 8, Namely 830 through 844:

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833: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS – GENERAL

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833.2: SETBACKS: Development of the property shall comply with the pre-existing, non-conforming setbacks that existing properties in the same zoning area are required to abide by.

833.3: SIZE: The construction of the proposed dwelling shall have a footprint of at least fifteen percent (15%) of the lot area, but shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of coverage. Based on a 5,000 square foot lot, the dwelling shall have a 750 to 1,000 square feet footprint. The dwelling shall not exceed 35 feet in height.

833.4: WATER and SEWER: The lot shall be served by a public water system adequate in terms of fire protection and domestic use. The lot shall also be within an area served by sewer, or shall be required to comply with Title V Sanitary Regulations without needing to obtain a Special Permit or Variance from the Board of Health.

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833.71: The current owner may choose to sell the newly recognized lot for a price not to exceed ten percent (10%) of the sale price of an affordable three-bedroom home, as determined by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for someone making 80% of the median income for the statistical market. A deed restriction, in a manner and form approved by the Board of Selectmen, shall be placed on the property at the time of the sale. A copy of the deed restriction shall be filed with the Registry of Deeds and the following Town Departments: Board of Selectmen, Inspectional Services, Assessors, Wastewater, and any other department the Board of Selectmen deem necessary.

833.72: The current owner may choose to develop the property themselves to sell. The property shall be deemed to have no value for determining costs of construction, but the owner shall be able to profit up to twenty percent (20%) of the construction costs. The total in construction costs and the twenty percent profit shall not exceed the Affordable Sales Price, as determined by DHCD for someone making 80% of the median income for the statistical market. A deed restriction, in a manner and form approved by the Board of Selectmen, shall be placed on the property at the time of the sale. A copy of the deed restriction shall be filed with the Registry of Deeds and the following Town Departments: Board of Selectmen, Inspectional Services, Assessors, Wastewater, and any other department the Board of Selectmen deem necessary.

833.73: The current owner may choose to develop the property, and keep it for rental income.

If the newly developed property is a single family dwelling, the rental price shall be determined by DHCD rental limits for someone making 80% of the median income for the statistical market. A deed restriction, in a manner and form approved by the Board of Selectmen, shall be placed on the property prior to a building permit is issued, and another in the Board of Selectmen's approved form, at the time of a occupancy permit is issued. A copy of the deed restriction shall be filed with the Registry of Deeds and the following Town Departments: Board of Selectmen, Inspectional Services, Assessors, Wastewater, and any other department the Board of Selectmen deem necessary.

If the newly developed property is a two-family dwelling, the rental price for each unit shall be determined by DHCD rental limits for someone making 60% of the median income for the statistical market. A deed restriction, in a manner and form approved by the Board of Selectmen, shall be placed on the property prior to a building permit is issued, and another in the Board of Selectmen's approved form, at the time of an occupancy permit is issued. A copy of the deed

restriction shall be filed with the Registry of Deeds and the following Town Departments: Board of Selectmen, Inspectional Services, Assessors, Wastewater, and any other department the Board of Selectmen deem necessary.

833.8: Once the Town has achieved it's 10% affordable housing goal, it shall suspend this by-law until the next Census which will determine if the Town has fallen below the 10% threshold, at which time, the Town shall re-institute this bylaw until the Town achieves the 10% threshold again.

840. LOCAL INITIATIVE PROGRAM – LOCAL ACTION UNITS – AFFORDABLE HOUSING – EXISTING PROPERTIES

841: **PURPOSE:** To create a Local Initiative Program to provide the residents of Wareham the ability to have some control over, and to benefit from, the State's Affordable Housing Requirements by allowing residents to participate in and benefit from creating additions into deed restricted affordable apartments; to be allowed to deed restrict existing "in-law" apartments as affordable; and to provide "Amnesty" to residents with illegal apartments, allowing them to bring the illegal apartment up to code without penalties and to deed restrict it affordable; as conditioned within this zoning bylaw, to create affordable units that shall be included in the Town's Subsidized Housing Inventory (SHI).

842: **GENERAL PROVISIONS:** A single family residence may construct an "in-law" apartment or add on a traditional apartment, subject to the following standards and provisions, if the unit is deed restricted as Affordable. "Affordable" is defined as being able to be bought or rental by someone whose total annual household income does not exceed 80% earnings of the Area Median Income (AMI) or less, as identified by HUD's median family incomes, derived from the American Community Survey and / or the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development Income guidelines.

843: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS – GENERAL

843.1: **LOT SIZE:** Any property that is to be developed under this bylaw shall consist of a lot with at least 50 feet of frontage and at least a 5,000 square foot lot. The proposed addition shall conform with and compliment other and homes in the neighborhood.

843.2: **SETBACKS:** The construction of an addition under this bylaw shall comply with the pre-existing, non-conforming setbacks that existing properties in the same zoning area are required to abide by.

843.3: **SIZE:** The construction of the addition shall limit the total dwelling footprint to no more than twenty percent (20%) of lot coverage. Based on a 5,000 square foot lot, the entire dwelling shall have a 750 to 1,000 square feet footprint. The dwelling shall not exceed 35 feet in height.

843.4: **WATER and SEWER:** The lot shall be served by a public water system adequate in terms of fire protection and domestic use. The lot shall also be within an area served by sewer, or shall

be required to comply with Title V Sanitary Regulations without needing to obtain a Special Permit or Variance from the Board of Health.

843.5: ACCESS and EGRESS: All units that are to be developed under this bylaw shall have a legal access and egress, as determined by the State Building Code.

843.6: "IN-LAW" CONVERSIONS: An "in-law" apartment for this bylaw shall be defined as an apartment that consists of one bedroom or less, with a kitchen area, bathroom and sitting area. Any property that was granted a Board of Appeals Special Permit or Variance in the past to construct an in-law apartment with conditions that it could not be rented, may apply for the in-law apartment to be counted as a "Local Action Unit." The applicant shall provide a copy of the Zoning Board Decision to the Board of Selectmen with the application. Upon approval, the Board of Selectmen, or its staff designee, shall grant a deed restriction that shall be filed with the Registry of Deeds allowing the "in-law" apartment to be rented, as long as the rent shall not exceed a rent that can be afforded by people who meet fifty percent (50%) of Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

843.7: PERMITTING: As this is a Local Initiative Program, the current owner of an existing property shall file a "Local Action Unit" Application with the Board of Selectmen, or their staff designee. As part of the application, the owner shall provide a plot plan showing the proposed addition and the proposed floor plan. It shall not exceed two bedrooms. The Board shall also consider and approve plans of an existing home being modified or remodeled by the interior only, which takes a portion of the floor space and / or a level and make it an apartment. The rents shall not exceed rent that can be afforded by people who meet seventy percent (70%) of Area Median Income (AMI) as determined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Deed Restriction shall be filed by the owner before an occupancy permit shall be issued.

843.8: FEES and APPROVALS: The Application Fee shall be \$100. The Inspectional Service (Building, Electricity, Plumbing) Fees, sewer connection fees, shall be calculated at fifty-percent (50%) of existing fees. The Board of Selectmen shall utilize staff to determine the appropriateness of the proposed Local Action Unit(s). The Board of Selectmen, or their staff designee, shall provide approval within 45 days of the application. If the proposal is rejected by a staff designee, the applicant may appeal to the Board of Selectmen. If it is rejected by the Board of Selectmen, the applicant may file an appeal in accordance with M.G.L. c. 40A, § 17.

843.9: DEED RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT: A copy of the deed restriction shall be filed with the following the Registry of Deeds and the following Town Departments: Board of Selectmen, Inspectional Services, Assessors, Wastewater, and any other department the Board of Selectmen deem necessary.

844.0: Once the Town has achieved it's 10% affordable housing goal, it shall suspend this by-law until the next Census which will determine if the Town has fallen below the 10% threshold, at which time, the Town shall re-institute this bylaw until the Town achieves the 10% threshold again.

ARTICLE 21 REPLACE A HOLIDAY WITH "INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY"

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Proposed Warrant Article for Spring 2022 Annual Town meeting

MAR - 1 2022

Article:

To see if the Town will vote to replace the holiday "Christopher Columbus Day" on the second Monday of October with "Indigenous Peoples Day" or "Native American Day" or take any other action relative thereto.

TOWN OF WAREHAM
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Explanation:

Changing the name of the holiday celebrated on the second Monday in October is to celebrate and honor the Indigenous peoples of America and commemorate their shared history and culture. It is celebrated across the United States on the second Monday in October, and is an official city and state holiday in various localities. It began as a counter-celebration held on the same day as the U.S. federal holiday of Columbus Day, which honors European explorer Christopher Columbus. Some people now reject celebrating him, saying that he represents "the violent history of the colonization in the Western Hemisphere". Indigenous Peoples' Day was begun in 1989 in South Dakota, where Lynn Hart and Governor Mickelson backed a resolution to celebrate Native American day on the second Monday of October, marking the beginning of the year of reconciliation in 1990. It was instituted in Berkeley, California, in 1992, to coincide with the 500th anniversary of the arrival of Christopher Columbus in the Americas. Two years later, Santa Cruz, California, instituted the holiday, and in the 2010s, various other cities and states took it up.

Wareham has over 200 direct ancestors of the Wampanoag Tribe living in our Town. As a Town, we have acknowledged and celebrated the original residents of this area with our Town Seal, which says, "Nepinnae Kekit," which means "Summer Home" in the Town's native language, Wampanoag!

Motion: I move the Town vote to replace the holiday "Christopher Columbus Day" on the second Monday of October with "Indigenous Peoples Day" or "Native American Day" or take any other action relative thereto.

We, the following citizens, petition the Town of Wareham to place the above article on the Spring Town Warrant to see if the Town will vote to replace the holiday "Christopher Columbus Day" on the second Monday of October with "Indigenous Peoples Day" or "Native American Day:"

<u>No.</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Precinct</u>
1		Judy A. Santiago	9 Oakdale St Wareham	3
2		Victoria Ekstrom	64 Mychunas Ave	2
3		Marian Ekstrom	82 Weaver St.	4
4		Michael Oliveira	22 Weaver St	4

5	Miriam Halvick	Laurena Hendricks 9 Oakdale St	9 Oakdale	3
6	Brenda Eckstrom	Brenda Eckstrom	64 Wychnas Ave	2
7	Kennedy Eckstrom	Kennedy Eckstrom	64 Wychnas Ave	2
8	Karen Eckstrom	Karen Eckstrom	64 Wychnas Ave	2
9	Sarah Eckstrom	Sarah Eckstrom	64 Wychnas Ave	2
10	Christa Gardner	Christa Gardner	1 Hideaway	6/1?
11	John Santiago	John Santiago	30 Church Street Worcester, MA	
12	Mason Hendricks	Mason Hendricks	9 Oakdale St Whiteham	3
13	Dorothy P. Caza	Dorothy P. Caza	1000 1/2 E. Bay	1
14	John Harrington	John Harrington	605 Main St c/o 9 Oakdale St.	3
15	Alma Hendricks	Alma Hendricks	9 Oakdale St.	3
16	Kim Gomes	Kim Gomes	17 Charge Pond Road	
17	Annie Hayes	Annie Hayes	52 Farmers Ln	5
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ARTICLE 22 ELIMINATE THE WARRANT ARTICLE LOTTERY PROCESS

PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE FOR SPRING 2022—ELIMINATE THE WARRANT ARTICLE LOTTERY PROCESS

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MAR -1 2022
Town of Wareham
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article:

To see if the town will amend Division I, Article I, Section 2 of the Town's bylaws to read:

Section 2. Town meetings shall be legally called and all petitions for insertion of articles in any warrant shall be in accordance with Section 2-4 of Article 2 of the Wareham Home Rule Charter.

Or to act in any relative manner thereto.

Explanation:

The idea of pulling warrants articles like bingo numbers was initially used as a way to attempt to maintain a quorum for financial articles over \$5,000. The longer Town Meetings lasts, attendance wains. In the past, town meeting needed a quorum of 150 people to vote on matters over \$5,000 and 100 people to vote on any business before the body.

Eliminating the requirement of drawing article numbers to determine the order in which to vote on the articles will save time. Now that there is no quorum for Town Meeting, there's no fear that too many people will leave before we have to address a financial article.

Flipping back and forth wastes time, is confusing for people, and those who have prepared to speak on an article can get discombobulated flipping around. People should be able to participate to the extent they are able to, and while we hope that people come for the entire meeting, if someone works, they could asked to go in late or leave early, depending on where in the warrant the article they are passionate about is.

We should be looking to get as much participation from our residents as we can. This will help.


On a ballot people are not REQUIRED to vote on every position. Some people vote for just the President, or just the Governor & leave the rest blank. Town Meeting should be no different.

Motion: I move the town amend Division I, Article I, Section 2 of the Town's bylaws to read:

Section 2. Town meetings shall be legally called and all petitions for insertion of articles in any warrant shall be in accordance with Section 2-4 of Article 2 of the Wareham Home Rule Charter.

Or to act in any relative manner thereto.

We, the following citizens, petition the Town of Wareham to place the above article on the Spring Town Warrant to see if the Town will vote to amend Division I, Article I, Section 2 of the Town's General Bylaws:

No.	Signature	Printed Name	Address	Precinct
1		Brenda Eckstrom	64 Wyckman Ave	2

2	Victoria Ekstrom	Victoria Ekstrom	14 Wyckman Ave	2
3	Marion Ekstrom	Marion Ekstrom	22 Warner St.	4
4	Alicia Ekstrom	Alicia Ekstrom	22 Weaver St	4
5	John A. Murphy	John A. Murphy	9 Oakdale St Waukegan	
6	Kennedy Ekstrom	Kennedy Ekstrom	64 Wyckman Ave	2
7	Keneth Ekstrom	Keneth Ekstrom	64 Wyckman Ave	2
8	Sarah Ekstrom	Sarah Ekstrom	64 Wyckman Ave	2
9	Christine Gardner	Christine Gardner	1 Hideaway	6
10	MARIE RILEY	MARIE RILEY	57 Gen Charles Dr	1
11	CAROLYN HENDRICKS	CAROLYN HENDRICKS	605 S. D. JEFF BEACH	1
12	John Sandberg	John Sandberg	34 Church Ave Waukegan	
13	MASON HENDRICKS	MASON HENDRICKS	9 Oakdale St.	
14	James P. Skelton	James P. Skelton	62 Parkwood Dr	3
15	SHARON THURSTON	SHARON THURSTON	26 EY ST	3
16	FRANK WILSON	FRANK WILSON	10 Fearless Hill Rd	5
17	Leslie Edwards	Leslie Edwards	364 Marion Rd	1
18	DAVID	DAVID	8 Trinity Ln	1
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ARTICLE 23 REQUIRING TOWN TO ACT FAVORABLY ON THE DECAS STEERING REPORT.

MAR - 1 2022

PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE FOR SPRING 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
 TOWN of Wrentham
 BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Articles:

To see if the Town will act favorably on the Decas Steering Committee Report; namely providing the Steering Committee and the John W. Decas Community Center Foundation, Inc. access to the building to assist the Town preparing the building for occupancy and by moving the Council On Aging to the Decas School building by July 1, 2022; and further, for the Town Administrator to execute contracts on the RFPs advertised that call for a non-profit preschool program, a solar canopy land lease, and a non-profit food pantry at the Decas Community Center property so the basic community needs will be met and the programs can begin at the beginning of the fiscal year and the 2022-2023 school year.

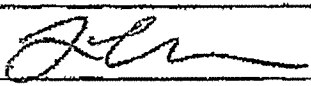
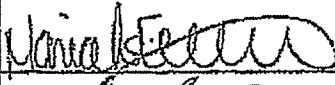

Explanation:

Because the Fall 2021 Town Meeting Article (Article 16) authorizing committees to put warrant articles on the warrant for Town Meeting has not yet been approved by the Legislature, we want to be assured that Town Meeting can act favorably on making the Decas Community Center a reality and we can get the contracts signed that will meet or surpass the minimum \$110,000 for the operational costs before the end of the fiscal year.

Motion:

I move the Town act favorably on the Report of the Decas Steering Committee and provide the Steering Committee and the John W. Decas Community Center Foundation, Inc. access to the building to assist the Town preparing the building for occupancy, and by moving the Council On Aging to the Decas School building by July 1, 2022; and further, for the Town Administrator to execute contracts on the d RFPs advertised that call for a non-profit preschool program, a solar canopy land lease, and a non-profit food bank at the Decas Community Center property so the basic community needs will be met and the programs can begin at the beginning of the fiscal year and the 2022-2023 school year, or act in any relative manner thereto.

We, the following citizens, petition the Board of Selectmen to place the above article to act favorably on the Decas Steering Committee Report on the Annual Town Warrant.

No.	Signature	Printed Name	Address	District
1		Leslie Edwards Davis	8 Trinity Lane	1
2		Unniah Ekstrom	172 Weaver St.	4?
3		Michael Obama	24 Weaver St	4

4	Victoria Eckstrom	Victoria Eckstrom	64 Wychunastie	2
5	Brenda Eckstrom	Brenda Eckstrom	64 Wychunastie	2
6	Maria Kelly	MARIA KELLY	St. Jean Charlie Rd	1
7	Albert Ruess	ALBERT RUSS	2 FRANCONIA AV	1
8	Dorothy Eckstrom	DOROTHY ECKSTROM	ST CERESST PLAZA	1
9	R. O. Eckstrom	Ken Eckstrom	64 Wychunastie	2
10	Kennedy Eckstrom	Kennedy Eckstrom	64 Wychunastie Ave	2
11	Sarah Eckstrom	Sarah Eckstrom	64 Wychunastie Ave	2
12	Christina Gardner	Christina Gardner	1 Hickman	6/1?
13	Lynn Wheatley	Lynn Wheatley	45 MICHAEL ST W. WILSON	4
14	Charles Wilson	CHARLES WILSON	10950 FT. LAURE	1
15	Janet Wilson	JANET WILSON	10 FT FEARING HILL RD	5
16	Vittoria Bramata	VITTORIA BRAMATA	8 SURFITS beach v.	1
17	Janet M. Sheehan	Janet M. Sheehan	62 Parkwood Dr	3
18	Lucie M. Plant	Lucie M. Plant	8 TAMA HAWK DR	2
19	Stark Thurstin	STARK THURSTIN	26 EYV ST	3
20	Laura Chambers	Laura Chambers	364 Moon Rd	1

ARTICLE 24 TOWN HEAR REPORT OF THE DECAS STEERING COMMITTEE

PROPOSED WARRANT ARTICLE FOR SPRING 2022 ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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MAR -1 2022

Town of Wareham
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article:

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

Explanation:

Because Article 16 of the 2021 fall Town Meeting authorizing committees to put articles on the warrant has not passed the Legislature, we want to be assured that Town Meeting can hear the Report of the Decas Steering Committee.

Motion:

I move the Town hear the report of the Decas Steering Committee.

We, the following citizens, petition the Board of Selectmen to place the above article to let the body hear the Decas Steering Committee report on the Annual Town Warrant.

No.	Signature	Printed Name	Address	Precinct
1		Leslie Edwards DAVID	8 Trinity Lane	1
2		Victoria Eckstrom	14 Wychunas Ave	2
3		Ken Eckstrom	64 Wychunas Ave	2
4		Mariah Eckstrom	22 Weaver St	4?
5		Michael Oliveira	22 Weaver St	4?
6		Kennedy Eckstrom	64 Wychunas Ave	2
7		Sarah Eckstrom	14 Wychunas Ave	2
8		Brenda Eckstrom	14 Wychunas Ave	2
9		Christine Gardner	1 Fireway	10/1?
10		MARIE Riley	81 Open Charles Rd	1
11		Ann Wheeler-Beaup	45 MICHAEL ST - W. WAREHAM	4
12		Al Russo	2 Franconia Rd	1

13	Carey, Homer	CAREY, HOMER	295 Irving Ave	1
14	My A. Kambayd	My A. Kambayd	9 Oakdale St	✓
15	Mary M. Kambayd	MARY M. KAMBAYD	9 Oakdale St	
16	Rosemary Kelleher	Rosemary Kelleher	45 Prince Dr	5
17	Victoria Branta	VICTORIA BRANTA	8 Swift's beach	1
18	Jane Wilson	JANE WILSON	10A Fearing Hill Rd	5
19	Lucie M. Plant	LUCIE M. PLANT	8 Tomahawk Dr	2
20	Sharon Turner	SHARON TURNER	26 Ely St	3

ARTICLE 25 CHANGE TOWN CLERK TO ELECTED VERSUS APPOINTED

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MAR -1 2022

Proposed Warrant Article for Spring 2022 – Town Clerk Elected

Town of Wareham
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article:

To see if the Town will vote to repeal the portion of Article 23 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, held on June 12, 2021 that deals with the Town Clerk being appointed instead of elected; and if the State Legislature has passed the proposed Charter Change, then to petition the Legislature for Special Legislation to amend the Wareham Home Rule Charter, Article 3, Section 3-6 to read as follows:

Section 3 – 6 Town Clerk

- (a) Term of Office – A town clerk shall be elected for the term of three years.
- (b) Powers and Duties – The town clerk shall be the impartial keeper of vital statistics for the town, the custodian of the town seal and all records of the town, shall administer the oath of the office to all town officers, elected or appointed, shall issue such licenses and permits as are required by law to be issues by town clerks, supervise and manage the conduct of all elections, and matters relating thereto, to be the clerk of the town meeting, keep its records and in the absence of the town moderator and assistant town moderator, shall serve as presiding officer. The town clerk shall have all of the other powers and duties which are given to town clerks by general laws and such other powers, duties and responsibilities as may be provided by charter, by by-law or by town meeting vote.

Or act in any relative manner thereto.


Explanation:

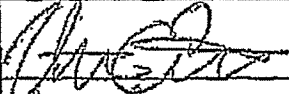

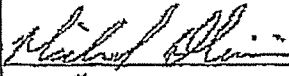

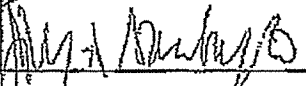





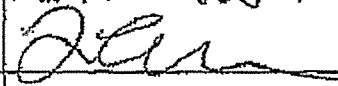
The Town Clerk is the impartial Keeper of the Records. Having the Town Clerk dependent on pleasing the Town Administrator or Board of Selectmen can cause problems with the impartiality of the position, if his/her employment is dependent on them being pleased with them.

This can lead to changing dates on legal forms and lying under oath, among other things. The Clerk needs to be impartial and only beholden to the citizens of Wareham.

Motion: I move the Town vote to repeal the portion of Article 23 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting, held on June 12, 2021 that dealt with the Town Clerk being appointed instead of elected; and if the State Legislature has passed the proposed Charter Change, then to petition the Legislature for Special Legislation to amend the Wareham Home Rule Charter, Article 3, Section 3-6 to be restored to its original form

We, the following citizens, petition the Town of Wareham to place the above article on the Spring Town Warrant to see if the Town will vote to restore Section 3 – 6 of Article 3 of the Wareham Home Rule Charter, returning the Clerk Position to an elected position:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Precinct</u>
1		Brenda Eckstrom	64 Wychams Ave	2

2		Victoria Eckstrom	64 Wyckmas Ave	2
3		Maria Eckstrom	82 Weaver St	4
4		Michael Olvera	22 Weaver St	4
5		Christine Goodner	1 Hideaway	6/1?
6		Jody A. Santagato	9 Oakdale St	
7		Mason Hendricks	9 Oakdale St	
8		Kennedy Eckstrom	64 Wyckmas Ave	2
9		Kennedy Eckstrom	64 Wyckmas Ave	2
10		Sarah Eckstrom	64 Wyckmas Ave	2
11		Les Chambers	344 99th St. Ed.	1
12		Leslie Edwards OAVIS	8 Trinity Ln	1
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ARTICLE 26 MOVE TOWN MEETING TO FOURTH SATURDAY OF APRIL AND
FOURTH SATURDAY OF OCTOBER

Proposed Warrant Article for Spring 2022 Annual Town Meeting

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Wareham
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Article:

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Division I, Article I of the Town's General Bylaws to read:

Section 1. The spring Town Meeting shall be construed to be the Annual Town Meeting and shall be held on the fourth Saturday of April for the transaction of the town's business and the Fall Town Meeting shall be considered to be an Annual Town Meeting for all purposes other than elections. The election of town officers designated in the official ballots and for voting on questions or matters that have been properly submitted for vote on the official ballot shall be held on the first Tuesday of May each year. The election polls shall be opened at 8:00 o'clock A.M. and shall be closed not earlier than 6:00 o'clock P.M.

The Fall Town Meeting shall be held on the fourth Saturday of October.

The general business portion of the Spring and Fall Town Meetings shall be called to order at 11:00 o'clock A.M. and shall adjourn not later than 4:00 o'clock P.M., except that a meeting may be continued beyond 4:00 P.M. by a two-thirds vote of those present and voting.

All articles to be included in the Spring and Fall Town Meetings shall be submitted to the Finance Committee no later than 35 days before the date on which such meetings are scheduled to convene.

Explanation: The Town Meetings that were held in the spring of 2020 (a Special and Annual) had the highest participation rate in recent memory. They were both held on a Saturday. For years the Town has claimed it wants the residents to be engaged and involved in Town matters, and the idea of having Town Meetings on Saturdays has been suggested for over a decade. This will enable more people to participate.

Motion: I move the Town vote to amend the Division I, Article I, section 1 of the Town's General Bylaws, as written in the warrant, or to act in any relative action thereto.

We, the following citizens, petition the Town of Wareham to place the above article on the Spring Town Warrant to see if the Town will vote to amend Division I, Article I, Section 1 of the Town's General Bylaws:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Signature</u>	<u>Printed Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Precinct</u>
1		Brenda Ekstrom	64 Wyckham Ave	5
2		MARIE RILEY	87 Gen Charles St	1
3		Christine Gaudin	1 Hideaway	6/1?
4		Mariah Ekstrom	22 Weaver St.	4
5		Michael O'Leary	22 Weaver St	4

6	Joseph Scelmo	Joseph Scelmo	1920 WEST 11th ST Berkeley	
7	John A. Santagato	John Santagato	9 Oakdale St	
8	Victoria Eckstrom	Victoria Eckstrom	64 Wyckwood Ave	2
9	Kennedy Eckstrom	Kennedy Eckstrom	64 Wyckwood Ave	2
10	Kenneth Ely	Kenneth Ely	64 Wyckwood Ave	2
11	Sarah Eckstrom	Sarah Eckstrom	64 Wyckwood Ave.	2
12	Carol Ann Hines	CAROL ANN HINES	107 SWIFTSBOROUGH	2
13	Lynn Wheatley	Lynn Wheatley	25 MICHAEL ST Blairstown W. Warham	4
14	John Santagato	John Santagato	34 Church Ave B11 Warham	
15	Lucie M. Plant	Lucie M. Plant	8 Tomahawk Dr	2
16	Janet Wilson	JANET WILSON	10 Fearing Hill Rd	5
17	Janet M. Sheehan	Janet M. Sheehan	62 Parkwood Dr	3
18	Sharon Thurston	SHARON THURSTON	26 IVY ST.	3
19	Laura Chambers	Laura Chambers	3621 GRACIA RD	1
20	Dorothy R. Casey	Dorothy R. Casey	SUMNER ST	3

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APPENDICES

Wareham 5 year Capital Plan Spring Town Meeting 2022

Dept & Rank	DESCRIPTION	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	EXTRA ORDINARY
Board of Health							
1'22	vehicle - pickup/suv	40000					
1'24	vehicle - pickup/suv			40000			
1'26	vehicle - pickup/suv					40000	
Total BO Health		40000	0	40000	0	40000	
EMS							
F21	*New Ambulance (3 yr lease) (100k)						
1'23	New Ambulance (3 yr lease)		110000	110000			
1'25	New Ambulance				300000		
Total EMS		0	110000	110000	300000	0	
Natural Resources							
F17	*dog park (apply for 180k grant)(20k)						
F19	*shangri-la playground (220k)						
F19	*westfield soccer fields (40k)						
SS21	*animal control officer vehicle (70k)						
F21	*replace parking kiosks (11) (110k)						
F21	*onset pier survey (188k)						
F21	*swift beach playground (250k)						
SXS22	*little harbor land and equipment (2.6m)						
1'22	mobility mats	60000					
1'23	2 patrol vehicles 3/4 ton 4X4 w/equipment		150000				
2'23	Onset pier renovation engineering		660000	200000	200000		
3'23'	engineering Tempest Knob boat ramp		65000				
1'24	replace patrol boat 25'			450000			
1'25	non certified harbor plan				65000		
1'26	besse park pier renovations (fy27)					495000	
2'26	work boat/motor replacement					92000	
3'26	dredging Tempest Knob boat ramp					500000	
future	renovate Onset pier						11.0M
Total Natural Resources		60000	875000	650000	265000	1087000	10.0M
Wareham free Library							
1'23	Roof		730000				
2'23	hvac		400000				
3'23	gutters		16000				
1'24	carpeting			39100			
Total Library		0	1146000	39100	0	0	

Wareham 5 year Capital Plan Spring Town Meeting 2022

Dept & Rank	DESCRIPTION	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	EXTRA ORDINARY
Inspection Services							
SS21	*vehicle - SUV(20k)						
1'22	vehicles - SUV + pickup & equipment W&M	100000					
Total Inspection Services		100000	0	0	0	0	
IT-Systems							
F19	*2 vertial servers (380k)						
ongoing	Computer/Peripheral/Firewall/ Switch replacements	50000	50000	50000	50000	50000	
1'23	cyber vault backup		25000				
2'23	library inside and spinney security cameras		24000				
3'23	gps units to track assists		25000				
1'24	financial mgmt software replacement			750000			
2'24	Document mgmt systems (reduce paper store)			40000			
1'25	town hall auditorium audio video				48000		
Total IT-systems		50000	124000	840000	98000	50000	
Municipal Maint.							
ongoing	LED street lights	50000	50000	50000	50000	50000	
F21	*2- 1 ton 3500 rack body truck/ plow (180k)						
2'22	chipper box truck	125000					
3'22	leaf vac	90000					
1'23	Mechanical/vac Sweeper		250000				
2'23	185 cfm compressor		25000				
1'24	10 wheeler			250000			
2'24	wacker sidewalk machine			85000			
3'24	low bed trailer			45000			
4'24	4500 service truck			80000			
1'25	1 ton truck 3 500 with plow				65000		
2'25	1 ton truck 3500 with plow				65000		
3'25	park mower				45000		
4'25	6 wheeler class 8 with plow				225000		
1'26	6 wheeler class 8 with plow					225000	
2'26	2500 truck with plow					60000	
3'26	material stacker					90000	
Total Municipal Maintenance		265000	325000	510000	450000	425000	
Police							
S18	*police radio project (159k)						
F19	* 2 atvs (25k)						
F19	*radio repeaters and mobil radios (50k)						
F19	*3 cruisers (149k)						
F19	*study/design safety complex (165k)						
F20	*safety - ballistic vests/radio equipment/tasers(98.5k)						
F21	*firearms/ccw and equipment (55k)						
F21	*unmarked cruiser (40k)						
F21	*radio equipment (50k)						
F21	*2 police cruisers (130k)						

Wareham 5 year Capital Plan Spring Town Meeting 2022

Dept & Rank	DESCRIPTION	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	EXTRA ORDINARY
ongoing	Cruiser Replacement (capital lease)		170000	170000	170000	170000	
ongoing	operational equipment (tasers& mobil radios & portable radios & defibrillators ,computers)		38500	38500	38500	38500	
1'22	utility vehicle - gator	28000					
2'22	police body cameras	350000					
1'23	parking lot refurb		100000				
2'23	perimeter fencing		40000				
3'23	new station - study and drawings		150000				
future	Construction of Safety Complex - Police						9.0M
Total police		378000	498500	208500	208500	208500	9.0M
Town Bldgs							
SS18	* tremont freight building (200k)						
F18	*tremont nail soil clean up (1.4m)						
F19	* replace Onset bandshell (333k)						
F21	*auditorium ceiling (40k)						
F21	*ms4 compliance (100k)						
F21	*swift beach playground (250k)						
ongoing	ms4 compliance		25000	25000	25000	25000	
1'22	3 vehicle charging stations	30000					
2'22	library and hammond building evaluations	100000					
3'22	Hammond school roof	680000					
5'22	hammon school siding	320000					
4'22	police station restoration	530000					
6'22	msc front hvac	250000					
7'22	msc front roof	350000					
1'23	rebuild Center Cemetery building		90000				
2'23	resurface town hall/multi -service lots		200000				
3'23	ms4 compliance		25000				
1'24	new mmd office building			500000			
2'24	install fire alarms in town hall			80000			
3'24	replace 3 roofs at Tremont nail factory			450000			
4'24	update fire system at Tremont nail factory			400000			
5'24	ms4 compliance			25000			
1'25	replace boilers at town hall				250000		
2'25	replace boilers at msc				250000		
4'25	msc - generator upgrade				150000		
5'25	msc - elevator upgrade				50000		
1'26	Everett school restoration					400000	
2'26	West Wareham school restoration					400000	
future	Parker Mill dam						1.0M
future	Elm St bridge						.7M
future	Tremont Dam						1.5 M
Total Town Bldgs		2130000	315000	1455000	700000	800000	3.2M
Town Cemeteries							
1'22	upgrade Agawam cemetery	35000					
2'22	upgrade Centre cemetery	55000					
1'23	Agawam land clearing and stumping		100000				
2'23	Centre land clearing and stumping		100000				

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Dept & Rank	DESCRIPTION	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	EXTRA ORDINARY
1'24	Agawam preparation for grave lots			400000			
2'24	Centre preparation for grave lots			400000			
Total Town Cemeteries		90000	200000	800000	0	0	
School Dept							
F18	*replace minot school (90M)						
ongoing	new vans/buses		400000	400000	400000	400000	
F21	*fire alarm system hs (280k)						
F21	*3 buses (330k)						
2'22	replacement 5 steel doors hs/ms	25000	25000	25000	25000	25000	
3'22	technology hs/ms	80000					
4'22	feasibility study hs boiler	75000					
5'22	feasibility study ms and hs roof	90000					
4'22	4 vans	136000					
Total School Dept		406000	425000	425000	425000	425000	
total Town Roads		9100000					
WPCF							
S17	*rehab pump stations (550k)						
SS21	*2 generators(500K)						
S19	*38 manhole covers/support structure (45K)						
F19	*engineering cover lagoon and denit filter(150k)						
SS20	*hynes field force main testing (150K)						
SS20	*clarifiers update (250k)						
SS20	*rehab wet well narrows (150k)						
SS20	*grants-narrows and lined basin (400k)						
F20	*odor control (4500k)						
F20	*denit filter (2000k)						
S21	*vacuum truck (430k)						
S21	*pickup truck (55k)						
S21	*generator platform (57400)						
S21	*scada repair (200k)						
ongoing	Pump Replacements	80000	80000	80000	80000	80000	
ongoing	Generators	500000	500000	200000	200000	200000	
ongoing	rehab pump stations	550000	550000	550000	550000	550000	
ongoing	aeration tanks structure/values	500000	500000	100000	100000	100000	
ongoing	replace clarifiers	425000	425000	425000	425000	425000	
ongoing	Kettle stations pump replacements	200000	200000	200000	200000	200000	
ongoing	infra structure pipe replacement	2000000	2000000	2000000	2000000	2000000	
ongoing	repair manholes	100000	100000	100000	100000	100000	
1'22	ground water discharge evaluation	115000					
2'22	narrows force main lining	3000000					
3'22	ruggles install solid system	3000000					
1'23	scada replacement		4000000				
2'23	aeration blowers - pump stations		2000000				
3'23	sludge holding tanks all 8)		618000				
4'23	biofilter tank 5 eq basin		300000				

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Dept & Rank	DESCRIPTION	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	EXTRA ORDINARY
5'23	biofilter greaszilla building		180000				
1'24	12th street pipe replacement			1000000			
2'24	3 pump stations coastal resilience (grant 1.5m wip)			2000000	2000000	2000000	
3'24	replacement fire alarm system			150000			
4'24	aeration blowers - pump stations			2000000			
5'24	lining force mains			10000000			
1'25	septage tanks				528000		
	onset beach infra structure/collection						4M
	update plant capacity						2.5 M
Total WPCF		10470000	11453000	18805000	6183000	5655000	6.5M

SUMMARY							
total bo health		40000	0	40000	0	40000	
total EMS		0	110000	110000	300000	0	0
total natural resources		60000	875000	650000	265000	1087000	11M
total library		0	1146000	39100	0	0	
total inspection		100000	0	0	0	0	
total it-system		50000	124000	840000	98000	50000	
total municipal		265000	325000	510000	450000	425000	
total police		378000	498500	208500	208500	208500	9.0M
total town bldgs		2130000	315000	1455000	700000	800000	3.2M
total town cemeneteries		90000	200000	800000	0	0	
total school dept		406000	425000	425000	425000	425000	
board of health		40000	0	40000	0	40000	
total town roads		9100000	0	0	0	0	
Total Town-excludes not in plan& WPCF		12659000	4018500	5117600	2446500	3075500	23.2M
total wpcf		10470000	11453000	18805000	6183000	5655000	6.5M

UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
APPROVED FY23

BUDGET FUNCTION	Approved FY23
1000 Administration	
<u>1100 School Committee</u>	
50.1110.0200.0 District Clerk Salary	3,524
50.1110.0500.0 Supplies	6,000
50.1110.0600.0 Other	20,000
Subtotal	29,524
<u>1200 Superintendent's Office</u>	
50.1210.0100.0 Salaries	267,040
50.1210.0500.0 Postage & Supplies	5,000
50.1210.0600.0 Travel	2,000
50.1210.0600.0 Dues & Subscriptions	3,500
50.1210.0600.0 Professional Development	5,000
50.1210.0600.0 Advertising	3,000
Subtotal	285,540
<u>1400 Business & Finance</u>	
50.1410.0200.0 Salaries	446,545
50.1430.0400.0 Legal Services	17,000
50.1430.0400.0 Legal - Auditing	45,000
Subtotal	508,545
ADMINISTRATION FUNCTION TOTAL	823,609
2000 Instruction	
<u>2210 School Leadership</u>	
50.2210.0100.0 Salaries	412,300
50.2210.0500.0 Principal Supplies	5,100
50.2210.0600.0 Principal Travel	2,000
50.2210.0600.0 Principal Printing	5,000
50.2210.0600.0 Principal Dues	9,000
50.2210.0600.0 Curriculum Development	7,500
Subtotal	440,900
<u>2220 Curriculum/Department Leaders</u>	
50.2220.0100.0 Salaries & Contractual	438,869
Subtotal	438,869
<u>2300 Teaching Services</u>	
50.2305.0100.0 Teacher Salaries	6,648,060
50.2325.0300.0 Substitutes	40,000
50.2330.0300.0 Instructional Assistants	633,160
Subtotal	7,321,220
<u>2350 Professional Development</u>	
50.2357.0600.0 Professional Development	150,152
Subtotal	150,152

UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
APPROVED FY23

BUDGET FUNCTION	Approved FY23
<u>2400 Instruction Materials & Equipment</u>	
50.2410.0500.0 Textbooks	40,000
50.2430.0500.0 Supplies	628,900
Subtotal	668,900
<u>2450 Instructional Technology</u>	
50.2451.0400.0 Technology Contractual	84,193
50.2451.0500.0 Instructional Tech. Supplies	100,000
50.2451.0600.0 Instructional Tech.-Other	20,400
Subtotal	204,593
<u>2700 Guidance, Counseling</u>	
50.2710.0100.0 Salaries	718,768
50.2710.0500.0 Guidance Supplies	11,800
50.2710.0600.0 Guidance Other	15,000
50.2710.0600.0 Guidance Recruitment	20,000
Subtotal	765,568
<u>2800 Psychological Services</u>	
50.2800.0400.0 Psychological Salaries	85,840
50.2800.0400.0 Psychological Services	-
50.2800.0400.0 Contractual Services	24,110
Subtotal	109,950
INSTRUCTION FUNCTION TOTAL	10,100,152
<u>3000 Student Services</u>	
<u>3200 Medical/Health Service</u>	
50.3200.0100.0 Salaries	81,464
50.3200.0500.0 Health Supplies	4,080
Subtotal	85,544
<u>3510 Athletic</u>	
50.3510.0300.0 Coaching	194,199
50.3510.0400.0 Officials & Fees	50,000
50.3510.0500.0 Athletic Supplies	89,880
Subtotal	334,079
<u>3520 Student Body Activities</u>	
50.3520.0100.0 Student Activities Advisors	83,822
50.3520.0600.0 Student Activities Others	70,000
Subtotal	153,822
<u>3600 School Security</u>	
50.3600.0100.0 Salaries	54,921
50.3600.0500.0 School Security-Supplies	30,000
Subtotal	84,921
STUDENT SERVICES FUNCTION TOTAL	658,366

UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
APPROVED FY23

BUDGET FUNCTION	Approved FY23
<u>4000 Operations & Maintenance</u>	
<u>4110 Custodial Service</u>	
50.4110.0300.0 Salaries	512,209
50.4110.0400.0 Custodial Contractual	5,300
50.4110.0500.0 Custodial Supplies	43,760
Subtotal	561,269
<u>4120-4130 Heating & Utilities</u>	
50.4120.0500.0 Heating Fuel	200,000
50.4130.0500.0 Utility Services	340,000
Subtotal	540,000
<u>4210 Maintenance of Grounds</u>	
50.4210.0300.0 Salaries	106,972
50.4210.0500.0 Grounds Supplies	50,000
50.4210.0600.0 Grounds Equipment & Snow	10,500
Subtotal	167,472
<u>4220 Maintenance of Buildings</u>	
50.4220.0100.0 Salaries	194,018
50.4220.0400.0 Building Contractual	50,000
50.4220.0500.0 Building Maintenance	58,000
50.4220.0600.0 Extraordinary Maintenance	30,000
Subtotal	332,018
<u>4230 Maintenance of Equipment</u>	
50.4230.0500.0 Equip. Repair Supt. Office	16,500
50.4230.0500.0 Equip. Repair Principal Office	15,000
50.4230.0500.0 Equipment Repair	64,000
50.4300.0600.0 Extraordinary & Unanticipated	70,000
Subtotal	165,500
OPERATION & MAINT. FUNCTION TOTAL	1,766,259
<u>5000 Fixed Charges</u>	
<u>5100 Employee Benefits</u>	
50.5100.0600.0 Health & Life Insurance	2,621,433
50.5100.0600.0 Unemployment Compensation	20,000
50.5100.0600.0 Workers Compensation	75,000
50.5100.0600.0 FICA	190,000
Subtotal	2,906,433
<u>5200 Insurance Program</u>	
50.5200.0600.0 Building & Liability Insurance	185,000
50.5200.0600.0 Treasurers Bonds	3,000
50.5200.0600.0 Student Insurance	10,500
Subtotal	198,500

UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
APPROVED FY23

<u>9000 Programs with Other School Districts</u>		
50.9100.0500.0 School Choice		39,000
Subtotal		39,000
FIXED CHARGES FUNCTION TOTAL		3,143,933
TOTAL FOUNDATION BUDGET		16,492,319
BUDGET FUNCTION		Approved FY23
TOTAL FOUNDATION BUDGET		16,492,319
Reductions to Foundation Budget:		
FY21 Anticipated Chapter 70 Aid		3,912,348
FY21 Anticipated Interest Revenues		20,000
FY21 Anticipated Tuition Revenues		-
FY21 Anticipated Mun. Medicaid		10,000
E&D Applied		170,000
Subtotal		4,112,348
Net Foundation Budget		12,379,971
Transportation		
50.3300.0100	Provided by District	326,791
50.3300.0400	Contract Transportation	801,713
Total Transportation		1,128,504
Anticipated Transportation Ai		844,652
Net Transportation		283,852
LPN Program		
50.2305.0100.0	LPN Salaries	550,756
50.2420.0500	LPN Supplies	20,000
50.2410.0500	LPN Textbooks	2,000
Total LPN Program		572,756
Anticipated LPN Tuitions		573,000
Net LPN Program		(244)
Combined Net Transportation and LPN		283,608
Capital		
50.7300.0050	Capital Budget	130,000
50.5450.0500	Bond Issue - Principal	-
50.5450.0600	Stabilization Fund	175,000
50.5450.0600	Bond Issue - Interest	-
		305,000

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUNDS REPORT FOR 2022 SPRING TOWN MEETING

FY2022 CPA ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE		\$ 4,346,916.00
FY22 ESTIMATED 3% SURCHARGE	\$ 900,000.00	
FY22 STATE MATCH	\$ 529,596.00	
FY22 ESTIMATED INTEREST	\$ 18,000.00	
FY22 UNDESIGNATED BALANCE	\$ 1,690,544.00	
CPC ADMIN	\$ 65,000.00	
AFFORDABLE HOUSING RESERVE	\$ 406,388.00	
OPEN SPACE RESERVE	\$ 255,397.00	
HISTORIC PRESERVATION RESERVE	\$ 481,991.00	

SPECIAL SPRING 2022 ARTICLES		\$ (38,675.00)
RETURN CLOSED PROJECT	\$ 56,325.00	
MOBILITY MATS	\$ (60,000.00)	
TREMONT NAIL DEBT PAYMENT	\$ (35,000.00)	

BALANCE FY2022 CPA ESTIMATED FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 4,308,241.00
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FY23 ESTIMATED FUNDS		\$ 1,450,000.00
FY23 ESTIMATED 3% SURCHARGE	\$ 910,000.00	
FY23 ESTIMATED STATE MATCH	\$ 530,000.00	
FY23 ESTIMATE INTEREST	\$ 10,000.00	

SPRING 2022 ARTICLES		\$ (807,500.00)
10% RESERVES AND 5% ADMIN	\$ (507,500.00)	
801 MAIN STREET	\$ (300,000.00)	

FY23 TOTAL ESTIMATED CPC FUNDS AVAILABLE	\$ 4,950,741.00
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To: Wareham Citizens and Media Outlets
From: Chief Walter W. Correia Jr
Date: 03/30/2022
Subject: Press Release Summer Events

I wanted to reach out to the Wareham Community to hopefully clarify a few different concerns from the community about this summer's upcoming list of events to be held, mainly in the Onset section of Wareham. Recently, there have been several inquiries about some of the changes in locations of events like the annual Fireworks, the Cape Verdean Festival, and the music events such as the Blues festival in Onset. (To name a few).

Town of Wareham Historical information:

Our town is blessed with more than 54 miles of shorelines with picturesque beaches and attractions that are a natural draw for full-time and seasonal residents and make this community a prime location for events

One of the primary goals of the Wareham Police Department is to provide the highest degree of public safety at all times of the year. Providing the highest degree of public safety has historically been challenged and tested during our summer months. As we all know, the Town of Wareham has a reported population of approximately 23,000 (or more) year-round residents, with a summertime influx of vacationers and seasonal residents that could boost the total population to upwards of 50,000 people.

In the '70s '80s, well before all the commercial business areas like Wareham Crossing locations, including shopping and restaurants, we still had large-scale events such as fireworks, music festivals, and other events. During these years, the Wareham Police Department also had as many as **53 to 60 Police Officers**, including full-time, seasonal, and auxiliary Police Officers, to assist with the summer events.

The summer of 1995 was my first summer working for the Wareham Police Department; we had 15 to 20 seasonal Police Officers on bikes and walking beats all over town but mainly in the beach areas of Onset and Swift Beach. Those 15 to 20 Officers were a massive help with the summer events like the Fireworks and Cape Verdean Festival. The number of people attending the Fireworks varied during the years depending on what day the event fell on and what day other towns around us might have their fireworks event. On a slow year, the Onset Fireworks could easily see an estimated 10,000 attendees. The Cape Verdean Festival is clearly the second-largest event we have, and the attendance for this event has consistently risen.

(Below are just a few questions and comments that have been mentioned to me recently, speaking about last summer)

1. "Why don't I see the Officers on the bikes or walking the streets that I used to see during the summer anymore?"

2. "What has changed in the last two years regarding summertime events in Wareham?"

3. "My entire family has been coming to Ons1960s, our summer house, since the 1960s, and we'd always see Officers on the streets either walking or on bikes."

Here is what has changed starting last summer:

(And will continue to affect us this summer,)

- On December 31, 2021, Governor Baker signed Police Reform Legislation for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts
- Previously Summer Police Officers needed the minimum Basic Reserve academy training, which consisted of **372.5** hours.
- After the Police Reform was signed, the minimum training time for Summer Special Officer / Reserve Officers is **800 hours**, the same number that full-time officers get by the time they graduate from the police academy.
- So any previous Summer Officers would need to complete the additional 400 training hours in two years or be decertified and not eligible to work in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
- The problem with the above bullet point is that once the 400 hours are completed, these same officers would be eligible and **MORE** likely to apply and obtain a full-time police position in a non-civil service community. (**This is the main reason we no longer have the 15 to 20 summer officers**) Most of our summer officers who have not completed the additional 400 hours cannot work any longer on a part-time or seasonal basis.
- The officers that **have completed** the 400 hours have obtained full-time employment elsewhere.
- Wareham Police Department currently only has **44 full-time Police Officers and no longer have access to 15 to 20 summer special officers that we used to have.**)
- Wareham is one of the many communities in the Commonwealth faced with the same issue.
- We don't have enough officers to provide the public safety coverage that the town needs each summer.

Summary:

As a Wareham resident, I truly understand and appreciate all that Wareham offers in the summer. There is plenty to do, and I wish that every event that people look forward to "happens" every year.

I certainly appreciate all the events that come with summer in Wareham **but not** at the expense of **Public Safety**. We are a very busy community as it is. The Wareham Police Department does not have the personnel, internally or externally, to safely staff the events that generally occur during the summertime.

Respectively,

Chief Walter W. Correia Jr.

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Budget Narrative FY2023 – Wareham Police Department

This report is in reference to the advanced rate of attrition the Police Department has experienced over the past ten years and the dire need to fill vacated positions to levels commensurate with neighboring communities of similar population and crime rates.

According to the 2010 national census report, Wareham's population was 21,800. The recent 2020 census places that number over 23,300, an increase in population of over 9%. Concurrently the police staffing level in 2010 was 47 officers and is presently 43 officers, a decrease of 8.5%. This deficit has created numerous problems throughout the agency that will continue to multiply unless staffing levels are increased.

One of major issue with this shortfall is the lack of available personnel to fill shift vacancies due to scheduled vacations, court appearances, training, and other necessary time off, all resulting in increased spending in our already limited overtime budget. Other issues to consider related to the aforementioned are safety concerns for our officers. Working two consecutive shifts is not an ideal situation and forcing officers to work on short notice is detrimental to moral.

According to Macrotrends, which is a website that tracks crime per capita using data from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Wareham is well above most cities and towns in Massachusetts for all crime related categories. In fact Wareham ranks 8th for violent crime above the Cities of Worcester, New Bedford, Boston, and Lawrence. Our 911 calls have also increased substantially in the past ten years. A cursory review of police staffing levels of cities and towns in eastern Massachusetts with basically the same population as Wareham compared to crimes, does confirm that Wareham is deficient in manpower and needs to actively recruit more officers to safely police our community.

The Table below illustrates Wareham, Massachusetts violent crime rate and statistics, (one of several categories tracked by the FBI), in neighboring cities and towns based on population by year from 2007 to 2018. In the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, violent crime statistics are composed of four offenses: murder/homicide and non-negligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes are defined in the UCR Program as those offenses which involve force or threat of force.

- The Wareham, MA crime rate for "Violent Crime" for 2018 was **703.39** per 100,000 population, a **24.01% increase** from 2017.

Town	Population	# Officers	Violent Crime Rate
Brockton	95,922	192	905
Wareham	22,747	43	703
New Bedford	95,106	228	634
Yarmouth	23,269	61	486
Middleboro	25,100	41	442
Taunton	57,304	93	424
Plymouth	60,349	128	381
Barnstable	44,015	109	377
Falmouth	31,033	42	351
Fairhaven	16,100	33	342
Bourne	20,000	40	231
Bridgewater	27,000	41	206
Dartmouth	34,322	102	192
Hingham	23,600	50	156
Stoneham	22,100	39	149

To further illustrate the inequity of police officers verse population the table below compares three towns in close proximity to Wareham by officers per capita with the "Violent Crime Rate". At first glance the comparison appears relatively equal with approximately one officer per 500 people, however when compared to the crime rate, Wareham far surpasses these communities, in all cases 2 or 3 to one.

Town	Population	# Officers	Officer / Population	Crime Rate
Wareham	22,747	43	529	703
Plymouth	60,349	128	471	381
Fairhaven	16,100	33	490	342
Bourne	20,000	40	500	231

In addition and based on the aforementioned information, a single comparison between Wareham and New Bedford, which is our closest city, Wareham's crime rate is nearly 10% higher per capita and New Bedford has one police officer per 400 people, 20% greater

As a final note, Wareham's total land area is nearly 46 square miles, which is larger than most towns in the state. Response time with limited manpower is always a concern especially trying to navigate thru congestive roads and highways, which is compounded by summer traffic on our four major highways bisecting the town. Wareham is unique in another way, differing from many of our surrounding communities; our population nearly doubles to over 40,000 from May to October. We get some relief from our summer officers, but it is not nearly enough.

It would be the police department's recommendation to increase our current staff by three (3) officers per year over the next three (3) years in addition to replacing retired officers to bring Wareham more in line with our surrounding communities.

Regarding our request for the expense budget, due to the advent of the corona virus beginning in early 2020, the Department has also experienced a 20% increase in expenses related to offices supplies, vendors, and services. This increase has far outpaced any historic upsurges and with the existing state of the economy, there is a definite certainty that these expenses going forward will only rise. Based on current trends, it would prudent to augment our budget related to these services by 20 to 25%.

Our FY2023 budget includes a request for a new custodial position for the building and grounds of the Wareham Police Department. Over the past several years, a private contractor has been hired to complete the aforementioned work in lieu of a former full-time position. Unfortunately, this change has yielded less than satisfactory results.

The cleaning service currently utilized only permits five visits per week resulting in rudimentary cleaning of bathrooms, hallways, and cells. This has left the majority of the cleaning and sanitation of other areas within the building virtually untouched, with no exterior work being completed at all.

In the past, the full-time custodian's duties included a multitude of tasks that encompassed not just the cleaning and maintenance aspect of the job, but this individual was available to perform other duties such as, painting, exterior repairs, coordinating HVAC maintenance and scheduling, the list goes on. More and more, we are utilizing uniformed officers and other support staff to perform unrelated duties, such as, shoveling snow, transporting vehicles for maintenance, preparing cells for prisoners, and numerous other things not listed in their job description. Several hours a day are being spent on these tasks taking them away from responsibilities that are more important. In addition, a more thorough and consistent cleaning of the building is essential in keeping our employees and visitors safe from the COVID-19 virus.

Based on the above, our department strongly believes that we need to reinstate the position of Custodian for the upcoming fiscal year. If approved, we would like to draft a job description for a custodian position for review by the HR Director.

Wareham MA Crime Rate 2007-2018

[Violent Crime \(https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/us/ma/wareham/crime-rate-statistics\)](https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/us/ma/wareham/crime-rate-statistics)

[Murder/Homicide \(https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/us/ma/wareham/murder-homicide-rate-statistics\)](https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/us/ma/wareham/murder-homicide-rate-statistics)

[Rape \(https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/us/ma/wareham/rape-rate-statistics\)](https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/us/ma/wareham/rape-rate-statistics)

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[Property Crime \(https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/us/ma/wareham/property-crime-rate-statistics\)](https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/us/ma/wareham/property-crime-rate-statistics)

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[Motor Vehicle Theft \(https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/us/ma/wareham/motor-vehicle-theft-rate-statistics\)](https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/us/ma/wareham/motor-vehicle-theft-rate-statistics)

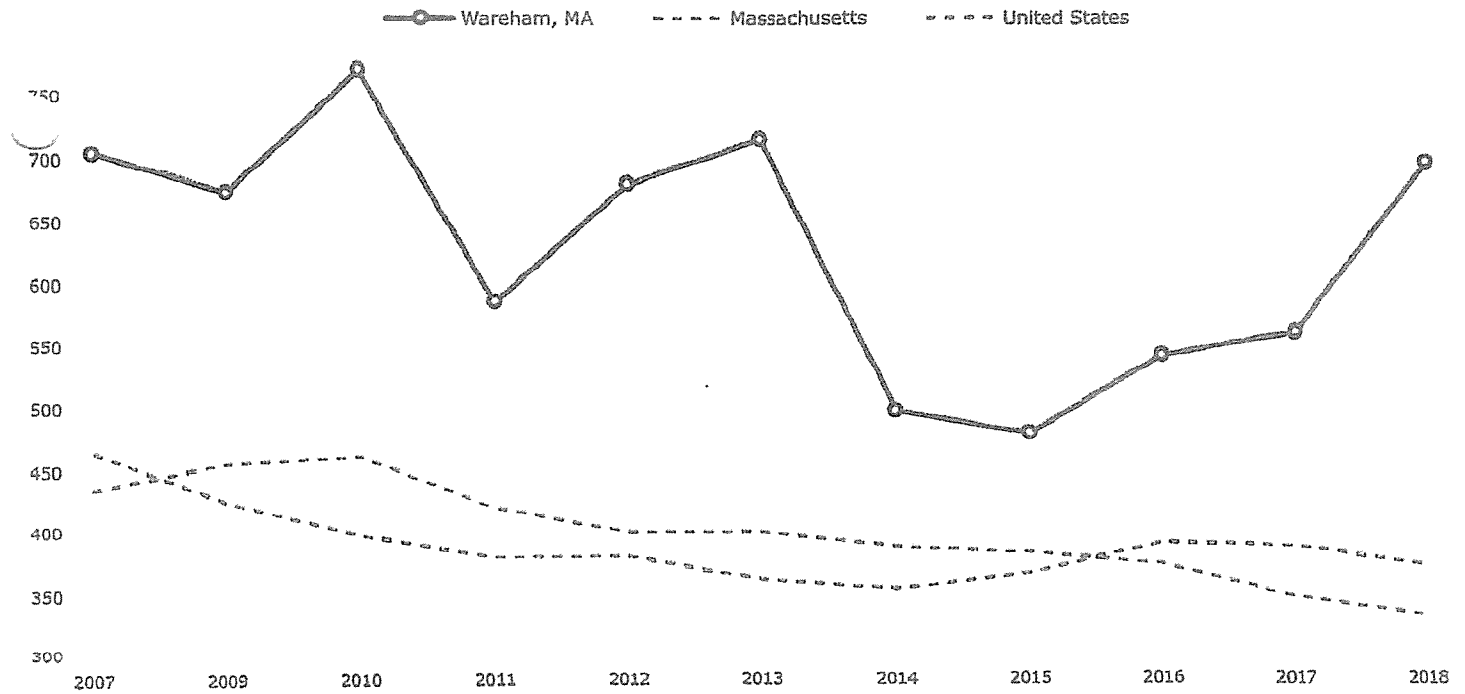
Interactive chart of the Wareham, Massachusetts violent crime rate and statistics by year from 2007 to 2018. In the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, violent crime statistics are composed of four offenses: murder/homicide and nonnegligent manslaughter, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. Violent crimes are defined in the UCR Program as those offenses which involve force or threat of force.

- The Wareham MA crime rate for 2018 was 703.39 per 100,000 population, a 24.01% increase from 2017.
- The Wareham MA crime rate for 2017 was 567.21 per 100,000 population, a 3.4% increase from 2016.
- The Wareham MA crime rate for 2016 was 548.57 per 100,000 population, a 12.9% increase from 2015.
- The Wareham MA crime rate for 2015 was 485.87 per 100,000 population, a 3.74% decline from 2014.

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Data Source: Federal Bureau of Investigation - Crime in the U.S. (<https://ucr.fbi.gov/crime-in-the-u.s>)

MLA Citation: [Wareham](https://www.macrotrends.net/cities/us/ma/wareham/crime-rate-statistics)

Other Cities in MA

City Name	Population	Rate
Fall River (/cities/us/ma/fall- river/crime-rate- statistics)	89,475	1,014.81
Springfield (/cities/us/ma/springfield/crime-155,179 rate-statistics)		988.54
Holyoke (/cities/us/ma/holyoke/crime- rate-statistics)	40,470	966.15
Brockton (/cities/us/ma/brockton/crime- rate-statistics)	95,922	904.90
Pittsfield (/cities/us/ma/pittsfield/crime- rate-statistics)	42,298	841.65
North Adams (/cities/us/ma/north- adams/crime-rate- statistics)	12,858	777.73
Montague (/cities/us/ma/montague/crime- rate-statistics)	8,235	704.31
Wareham (/cities/us/ma/wareham/crime- rate-statistics)	8,247	703.39
Worcester (/cities/us/ma/worcester/crime- rate-statistics)	186,188	682.64
Chelsea (/cities/us/ma/chelsea/crime- rate-statistics)	40,974	676.04
Hadley (/cities/us/ma/hadley/crime- rate-statistics)	5,347	635.87
New Bedford (/cities/us/ma/new- bedford/crime-rate- statistics)	95,106	634.03
Webster (/cities/us/ma/webster/crime- rate-statistics)	17,051	633.39
Boston (/cities/us/ma/boston/crime- rate-statistics)	694,673	622.45
Lawrence (/cities/us/ma/lawrence/crime- rate-statistics)	80,669	619.82

Historical Violent Crime Rate per 100,000 Population

Year	Wareham	MA	US
2018	703.39	338.11	380.56
2017	567.21	354.32	394.86
2016	548.57	380.66	397.52
2015	485.87	389.92	373.74
2014	504.76	395.09	361.55
2013	722.29	406.39	369.13
2012	686.66	407.01	387.75
2011	592.12	427.30	387.06
2010	777.64	468.88	404.50
2009	681.22	462.62	431.88
2007	712.56	441.68	471.77

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Massachusetts School and District Profiles
Wareham

Enrollment Data

Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity (2021-22)			
Race	% of District	% of State	
African American	7.4	9.3	
Asian	0.8	7.2	
Hispanic	9.1	23.1	
Native American	1.5	0.2	
White	68.7	55.7	
Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander	0.1	0.1	
Multi-Race, Non-Hispanic	12.4	4.3	

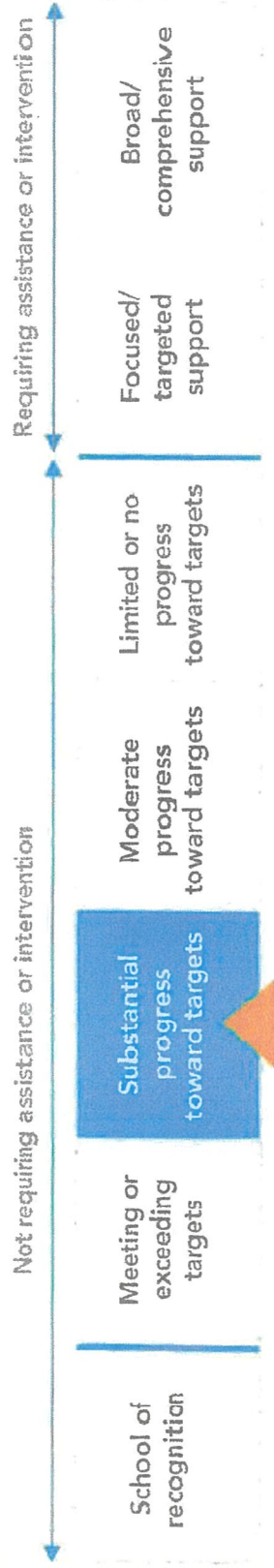
Enrollment by Gender (2021-22)			
	District	State	
Female	1,013	442,763	
Male	1,027	467,772	
Non-Binary	3	994	
Total	2,043	911,529	

	Enrollment by Grade (2021-22)																
	PK	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	SP	Total	
John William Deas	65	190	163	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	606
Mind Forest	0	0	0	0	146	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	319
Wareham Cooperative Alternative School	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	10	8	17	0	38	
Wareham Middle	0	0	0	0	0	0	125	164	173	0	0	0	0	0	0	462	
Wareham Senior High	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	203	126	99	94	85	10	618	
District	65	190	163	188	146	173	125	164	173	203	129	109	102	103	10	2,043	

Student Group	Kindergarten Enrollment				Full-day Kindergarten	
	Total	Part-time	Tuitioned	Full-time	Total	Percent
	All Students	190	0	0	190	190
High Needs	127	0	0	127	127	100.0
Low Income	123	0	0	123	123	100.0
LEP English language learner	3	0	0	3	3	100.0
Students with disabilities	25	0	0	25	25	100.0
African American/Black	11	0	0	11	11	100.0
American Indian or Alaskan Native	2	0	0	2	2	100.0
Asian	2	0	0	2	2	100.0
Hispanic or Latino	16	0	0	16	16	100.0
Multi-race, non-Hispanic or Latino	11	0	0	11	11	100.0
White	148	0	0	148	148	100.0

Student Group	Total PK Enrolled	# Student Group Enrolled	% Student Group Enrolled
All Students	65	65	100.0
Female	65	26	40.0
Male	65	39	60.0
High Needs	65	49	75.4
Low Income	65	41	63.1
Students with disabilities	65	35	53.8
African American/Black	65	2	3.1
American Indian or Alaskan Native	65	2	3.1
Asian	65	1	1.5
Hispanic or Latino	65	4	6.2
Multi-race, non-Hispanic or Latino	65	7	10.8
White	65	49	75.4

Massachusetts uses information related to progress toward improvement targets, accountability percentiles, graduation rates, and assessment participation rates to determine each district and school's overall classification. Most districts and schools are placed into two categories: those that require assistance or intervention from the state, and those that do not require assistance or intervention. Districts and schools that are new or very small are classified as having 'insufficient data'. Placing schools and districts into categories helps districts know which schools need more support, and helps the state know which districts need the most assistance. More information is available here: <http://www.doe.mass.edu/accountability/>.

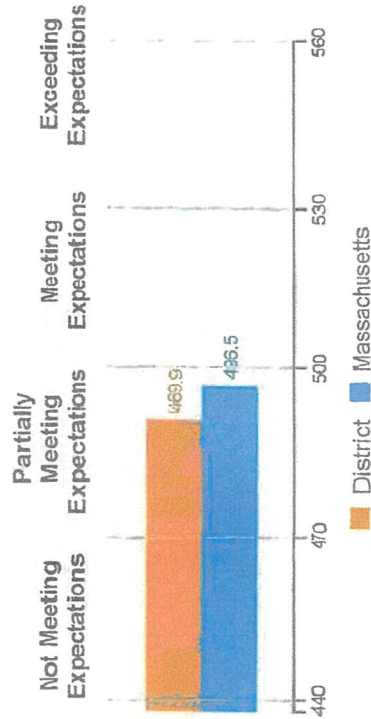


*The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education did not issue school, district, or state accountability determinations for the 2020-21 school year. The above accountability information represents determinations from 2019.

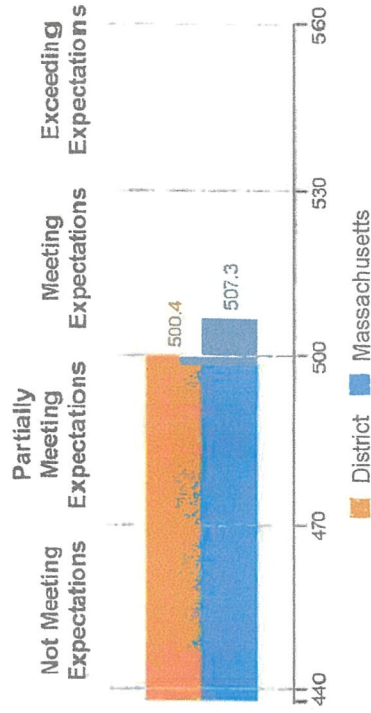
2021 Student Achievement

Next Generation MCAS (Average Scaled Score)

English Language Arts - Grades 3 - 8



English Language Arts - Grade 10

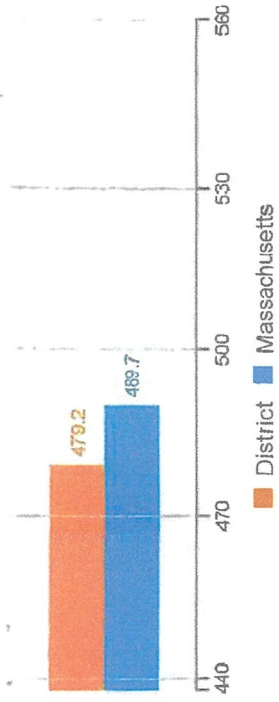


Mathematics - Grades 3 - 8

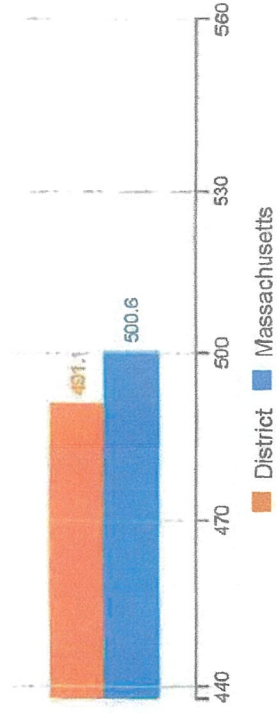
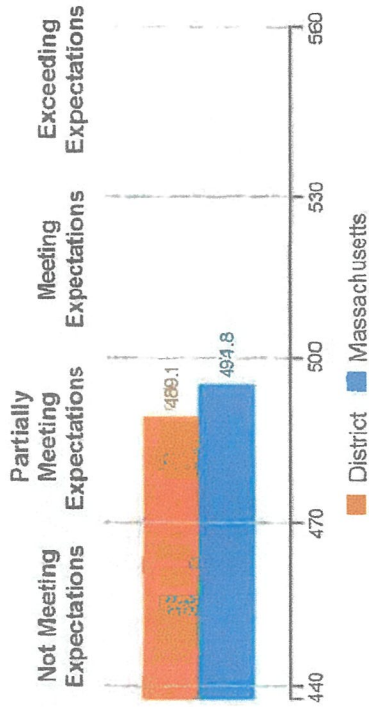


Mathematics - Grade 10



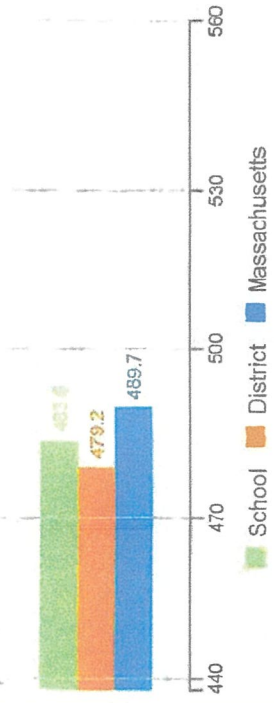


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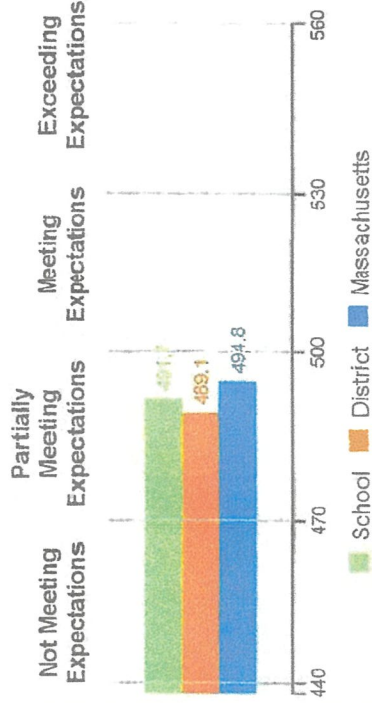


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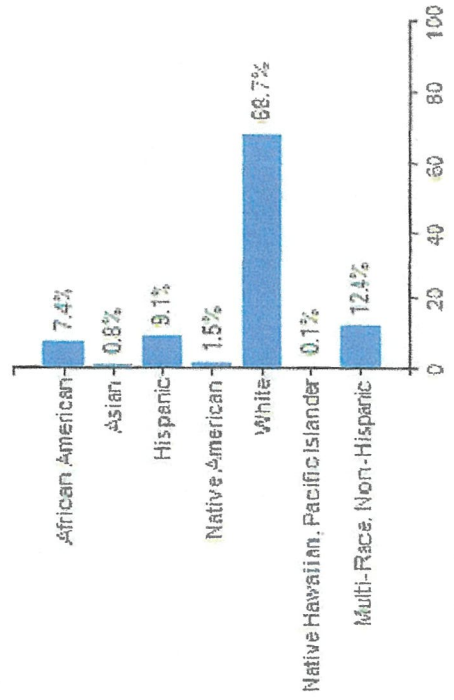
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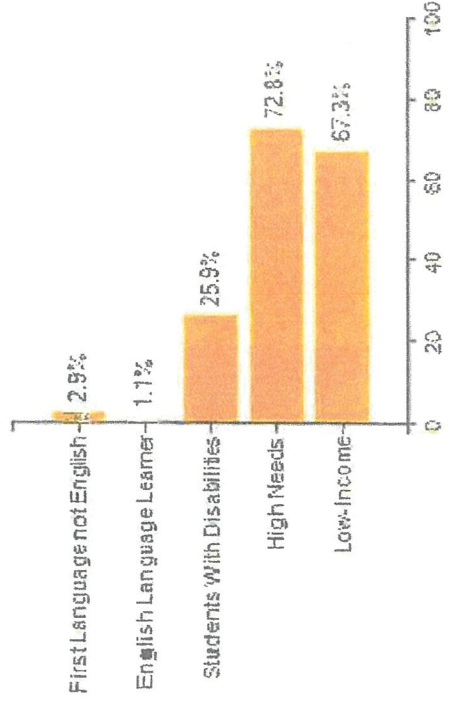
2021-22 Enrollment

District Type	Number of Schools	Enrollment	Grades Served
Public	5	2,043	PK - 12

Student Race and Ethnicity



Selected Populations



WARRANT
TOWN OF WAREHAM
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 25, 2022

WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
VIKING DRIVE
WAREHAM, MA 02571

7:30 O'CLOCK P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
PLYMOUTH, S.S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF WAREHAM

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Wareham High School Auditorium, Viking Drive, Wareham, MA on Monday, April 25, 2022 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 2021 Spring Annual Town Meeting and further transfer from available funds to said budget lines, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0
The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE S2 - FUND PARKING PROGRAM

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

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

Explanation:

These monies do not go into the General Fund but to a separate account and can only be transferred out by vote of Town Meeting. The source of these funds are parking stickers and parking Kiosk. A certain percentage of this kind supports the Community Events Committee and funds a portion of our Fourth of July Fireworks show when held.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:
The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Parking has always been difficult in Onset; we are a beach community and we love to share it with our friends and family. With these funds we are able to support the general maintenance of the area and activities.

ARTICLE S3 - SPRING 2022 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 Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

Explanation:

The roofing and some other external work on the Library, Hammond school, and the Multi Service Center – front section are in need of repair/ replacement.

The Capital Planning committee voted to use \$1.760M from free cash to perform the work on these three town buildings:

The force main from the Narrow Pump Station to the WPCF is 50 years old and according to studies performed in 2018????, is approaching the end of it's useful life. Because of the size and material in the force main, it will be relined using a different product than was utilized at Swifts Beach.

The Swifts beach sewer pipe relining was damaged by sump pump usage during the curing process and needs to be replaced. The existing pipe is approximately 15 ft below grade and is in the water table making it more economical to install a pressurized main at a 4 ft depth and install grinder pumps at each house along the line

3M for relining force main from narrows pump station to WPCF
3M for closed system and grinder pumps in Swift's beach to Ruggles pump station

Capital Planning voted to borrow 6M for two sewer projects: 4-0-0
The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0
The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 7-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article as it funds critical infrastructure work on the town buildings and the Town's Sewer system. Funding this work now and having it done will avoid future damage and extra costs in the future.

ARTICLE S4 - TRANSFER OF AVAILABLE FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds and Certified Free Cash to fund the following items:

- A. FY22 Snow & Ice Deficit: 30,000
- B. Decas School Facility - \$200,000
- C. Benefits Reserve - \$100,000

Or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

With the types of storms, we experienced this season it was necessary to use more salt and have our contractors out longer than usual.

Decas School, although empty still requires we maintain (heat, light, alarms, etc.) it in reasonable condition. It is checked each morning (7 days) to assure systems are working properly.

All contracts are in negotiations and these

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

ARTICLE S5 - 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

Explanation:

This is one of those 'housekeeping' articles. The Cable companies deposit their licensing fees with the Town and twice a year Town Meeting approves the transfer of those monies (\$259,934.12) to WCTV to maintain their operations.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

Legislation requires that the fees charged the cable companies to wire and operate within our community be paid to the Town of Wareham. We, in turn, transfer those monies to WCTV for their operational costs.

ARTICLE S6 - RETURN UNUSED FUNDS FROM COMPLETED PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$56,325.00 to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund account from the Lopes Field Play Area Engineering Plan 2016 Town Meeting Article #17 or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

This project has been completed and closed. Unexpended funds must be returned to Community Preservation Funds.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Community Preservation Committee is required to monitor all projects they fund to assure they are either 'in progress' or properly completed. They accomplish this with due diligence and any unused funds are returned to CPC to support other project requests. The Finance Committee recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE S7 - BEACH MOBILITY ACCESS MATS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund or any other monies available in the Community Preservation Act Fund under the category of Open Space/Recreation, a grant to the Town of Wareham's Department of Natural Resources, the sum of \$60,000.00 for the purchase of mobility mats and supporting equipment for installation on Town-owned or managed beaches or to take any action relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

Mobility mats will be installed on the town owned beaches of Little Harbor, Swifts Neck, Shell Point, and Onset to provide ADA-compliant, portable walkways to provide better access to our public bathing beaches for people with mobility issues, creating a more inclusive community. In addition to wheelchair users, the mats provide a public alternative to walking on loose sand for people using walkers, with strollers, and seniors and the general public. The mats are salt-water tested, tear-resistant and durable, having been used by the Marine Corp for 20 years to facilitate beach landing operations. Installation and removal at the beginning and end of the beach season will be done by town employees, including removal prior to any pending storms. The mats will not interfere with beach cleaning. Mobility mats are currently in use in many MA towns including Nantucket, Truro, Plymouth, Marshfield, Westport, Salem and Newburyport.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The finance Committee reviewed the request from the Harbormaster for the new Beach mats. We feel that this is a great addition to the town beaches allowing access for those who struggle to enjoy the salt water and waves of our beautiful haebor.

ARTICLE S8 – TREMONT NAIL REMEDIATION PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund or any other monies available in the Community Preservation Act Fund under the category of Historic Preservation, the sum of \$35,000.00, for Short Term Debt Principal payment on the bond approved at the 2018 Fall Town Meeting, Article 11, for the cleanup of contamination at the Tremont Nail Factory site or to take any action relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

CPA funds are used to pay both the principal and interest on the Tremont Nail Remediation Debt approved at the 2018 Fall Town Meeting for the cleanup of the Tremont Nail Factory site.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

CPC has agreed to pay for the necessary remediation to remove contamination that were discovered around a fuel storage tank. This project has been successfully completed and now, as evidenced by Article S14, the Wareham Redevelopment Authority has been able to offer the complex for potential lease.

ARTICLE S9 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,000.00 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

Explanation:

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 3-0-0-1

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

This is for Dockage for 2022 Boating season in the Wareham River.

ARTICLE S10 - HARBOR SERVICES PERMIT RECEIPTS RESERVED FOR APPROPRIATIONS ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,375.00 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

Explanation:

This is an annual book-keeping article which allows money collected each year by the Harbormaster for permits such as mooring fees to be used for maintenance and improvements including upgrades to the town docks and moorings as well as equipment used by the Harbormaster on a daily basis. As this article only addresses moneys collected by the Harbormaster, so there is no impact on the town tax rate.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 3-0-0-1

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 7-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

This Article allows the Harbormaster to perform general maintenance and repairs during the normal operations of the Harbormaster Department responsibilities.

ARTICLE S11 - RESCIND ARTICLE 26 OF THE 2021 ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the Town’s prior affirmative vote on Article 26 at the 2021 Annual Spring Town Meeting, and to delete sections 830 through 844 of Section 8 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of Selectman Teitelbaum

Explanation:

This by-law, which was passed at the 2021 Annual Spring Town Meeting, has been determined by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development to conflict with state regulations governing the certification of affordable restrictions in several ways. Accordingly, any housing created under the by-law cannot go on the Town’s Subsidized Housing Index (i.e., list of affordable housing that counts towards the Town’s 10% quota under G.L. c.40B), and so the by-law presents no benefit to the Town.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 5-0-1

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article. This bylaw was presented and passed Town Meeting last spring in an effort to increase the town’s required Subsidized Housing Inventory. However, the Committee is now concerned that the complexity of DHCD means the bylaw is likely to fail to achieve the desired result and would in fact create the potential for building as a matter of right. New construction and conversion of existing structures for DHCD- compliant affordable housing is already available under existing zoning regulations.

ARTICLE S12 - WHDC – MODIFY QUORUM REQUIREMENT

To see if the Town will vote to change Town of Wareham By-Laws Division I, Article IV, Sub-section 11A.1.: “consisting of seven (7) members”

To, “consisting of five (5) members”

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Wareham Historic District Commission

Explanation:

Currently, with 7 members a quorum of 4 members is required. This has frequently caused a problem for the WHDC to accomplish any business. A reduction of required membership to 5 would enable the WHDC to accomplish more business with a required quorum of three members.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

A major problem we have with all our committees is volunteers to serve. This Committee will have a better opportunity to function and accomplish its goals with a reduced size.

ARTICLE S13 – WHC –MODIFY QUORUM REQUIREMENT

To see if the Town will vote to reduce the number of members from seven (7) to five (5) or take any other action relative there to.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Wareham Historical Commission

Explanation:

Currently, with 7 members a quorum of 4 members is required. This has frequently caused a problem for the WHC to accomplish any business. A reduction of required membership to 5 would enable the WHC to accomplish more business with a required quorum of three members.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 8-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

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ARTICLE S14 - LENGTH OF LEASE TERM FOR DEVELOPER OF TREMONT NAIL FACTORY

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate a 30-year lease, with two 30-year extension options, for a total of 90 years to be executed with the Master Developer chosen by the Board of Selectmen for redevelopment of the Tremont Nail Factory property at 8 Elm Street, shown on Assessors Map 132 Lot A1, and owned by the Town of Wareham under control of the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

A master developer will be selected to redevelop or direct redevelopment of the Tremont Nail Factory property. The vision plan they will follow includes a mix of uses in the buildings that will be renovated in their historic context and used for event space, artists’ studios, a museum, dwelling units, and other commercial purposes. The developers who are being considered for the award, with plans to implement the vision, have asked for a long term lease of 30 years with two 30-year extensions for a total of 90 years. Very long-term leases are common practice in significant commercial projects.

Along with taxes and fees to be paid to the Town, the proposed lease will pay the Town a base rent amount that will be periodically adjusted to a higher value, and which will be paid together with a percentage of the rents collected from the other users with subleases in the project. Therefore, it is a long-term revenue source, on top of being what should be a fun place to visit. The overall objective for this property has been to develop it into an attractive, inviting facility that the Community would be proud of and contribute to the ambiance of our community. The requested timeframe of 30 years would allow the chosen developer sufficient time to develop and manage the facility and incentive for long term involvement.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 4-0-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 6-1-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

After many years, and a great deal of criticism, the Wareham Redevelopment Authority has been able to clear all the problems and place the Tremont Nail Facility on the market. They have interviewed, and chosen, a developer that is enthusiast about the potential for the facility. We hope for great success.

ARTICLE S15 - ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENTS: ARTICLE 5 SECTION 590 SOLAR ENERGY GENERATION FACILITIES, ARTICLE 3 SECTION 320 USE TABLE, AND ARTICLE 16 DEFINITIONS

To see if Town Meeting will delete Article 5 Section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Laws in its entirety and to replace it with the version of the Article 5 Section 590 Solar Energy Generation Facilities bylaw as presented and to make revisions as presented to Article 3 Section 320 Use Table and Article 16 Definitions of the Wareham Zoning By-Laws as necessary and related to Article 5 Section 590 or to take any action relative thereto.

590 Solar Energy Generation Facilities

591. Purpose

The purpose of section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law is to encourage the responsible use of solar energy generation facilities, encourage construction and operation of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic installations in previously disturbed areas to minimize ecological impacts, to provide standards for the placement, design, construction, monitoring, modification and removal of large-scale ground-mounted solar energy facilities that address public safety, minimize impacts on environmental justice communities such that no person is deprived of the freedom from excessive or unnecessary glare or noise, scenic, natural and historic resources of the Town and provide adequate financial assurance for decommissioning.

Section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law aims to balance the rights of landowners to use their land to develop solar energy systems while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public by protecting the Plymouth/Carver sole source aquifer upon which all residents rely for drinking water, the abundant small streams that feed the watersheds and estuaries leading to Buzzards Bay.

Section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law encourages the use of solar energy systems and protects solar access consistent with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 3 and Section 9B (Solar Access) and Green Communities Act M.G.L. Chapter 25A Section 10. This section of the Wareham Zoning By-Law is consistent with Wareham's 2020 Master Plan and 2017-2024 Open Space and Recreation plan as they recognize the need to protect water and wildlife habitat resources while providing opportunities to increase resiliency from the effects of climate change with green infrastructure and conservation of forests and farmland.

Section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law seeks to satisfy the MA state guidance that strongly discourages siting such projects in forested areas such as the globally rare Pine Barrens.

Section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law strongly discourages locations that result in significant loss of ecosystem values and natural resources, including farm and forest land, and encourages rooftop siting, as well as locations in industrial and commercial districts, or on vacant, previously disturbed land.

Section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law recognizes that significant tree cutting is problematic because of the important water management, cooling, and climate benefits trees provide. According to Tufts.edu, forests pull about one-third of all human-caused carbon dioxide emissions from the atmosphere each year. Researchers have calculated that ending deforestation and allowing mature forests to keep growing could enable forests to take up twice as much carbon.¹

592. Applicability

All Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic installations proposed to be constructed after the effective date of Section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law will be subject to Site Plan Review in accordance with Article 15 of this Zoning By-Law and the additional standards of this section.

Section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law also pertains to physical modifications that materially alter the type, configuration, or size of these installations or related equipment that occur after the effect date.

The provisions set forth in section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law shall take precedence over all other sections when considering applications related to the construction, operation, and/or repair of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic installations unless there is a

¹ <https://now.tufts.edu/articles/curb-climate-change-easy-way-don-t-cut-down-big-trees#:~:text=Forests%20pull%20about%20one%2Dthird,up%20twice%20as%20much%20carbon.>

conflict within provisions of Section 590, the MORE RESTRICTIVE section shall take precedence.

592.1 Compliance with Laws, Ordinances and Regulations

The construction and operation of all Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements.

All Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations must meet all the Land Use and Siting Criteria, per 225 CMR 20.05(5)(e).

592.2 Special Permit Granting Authority (SPGA)

The Planning Board shall be the Special Permit Granting Authority for Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations requiring a Special Permit under this by-law.

592.3 Site Plan Review Authority

The Planning Board shall be the Site Plan Review Authority for Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations under this by-law.

593. Application for Site Plan Review

Application for Site Plan Review with Special Permit shall require the filing of a Site Plan Review with Special Permit application and site plan in accordance with Article 15 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law.

No Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall be approved or constructed until evidence has been given to the permit granting authority that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the installation is to be located has been informed of the large ground-mounted solar energy facilities owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator.

Off-grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

Such plans shall contain the following specific information for an application to be considered complete:

- 593.1 Landscape plan including sizes, types and numbers of plantings and details. Existing vegetation and other unique land features shall be preserved where feasible.
- 593.2 Proposed changes to the landscape of the project area grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures.
- 593.3 Plans of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures.
- 593.4 Certification from a professional engineer that the construction of the Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation meets the Performance Standards set forth 225 CMR 20.05(5)(e)6.
- 593.5 A stormwater management plan detailing the existing environmental and hydrological conditions of the project area, proposed alterations of the project area and all proposed components of the drainage system and any measures for the detention, retention, or infiltration of water, for the protection of water quality and protection from flooding. Specific attention shall be paid to the potential for negative effects on streams and wetlands such as sifting from runoff.

- 593.6 A description of the Solar Photovoltaic Installation and the technical, economic and other reasons for the proposed location and design shall be prepared and signed by a registered professional engineer.
- 593.7 Confirmation prepared and signed by a registered professional engineer that the Solar Photovoltaic Installation complies with all applicable Federal and State standards.
- 593.8 One or three line electrical diagram detailing the Solar Photovoltaic Installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and over current devices.
- 593.9 Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the photovoltaic panels, mounting system, inverters, on-site accessory battery storage, and any other associated equipment.
- 593.10 Documentation of the sound generated by equipment used in the production of electrical energy, including any proprietary documentation.
- 593.11 An operation and maintenance plan (see also section 596 on decommissioning). Such plan should include:
1. Regular (not less than annual) inspection of the property, the visual screening, the fencing, and all other equipment installed as part of the project. The inspection shall identify all repairs and maintenance required to maintain the fencing, noise buffering and visual screening. A plan and timeline for effecting the maintenance must be submitted to the SPGA.
 2. Regular (windblown, litter, etc) trash and debris removal from the site.
 3. A description of property and landscape maintenance plan, including all required vegetative plantings and screening.
 4. The operations and management plan must include active maintenance of the vegetation for the duration of the project. Use of herbicides and pesticides shall be prohibited for the maintenance of the project site except where necessary in dual use agriculture in accordance with the Pesticide Control Act. Landscape Requirements should include all requirements listed in Article 10 of the Zoning Bylaw.
- 593.12 An assessment of the impact on the environment formatted in a before / after method so that it is easy to measure and understand the changes that the proposed Solar Photovoltaic Installation will have on the property and the property abutters. Such reports will be conducted by a party mutually agreed upon by the Planning Board and the prospective developer.
- 593.13 An evaluation of the impact on the wildlife, habitat, and endangered species to determine potential harm to wildlife and habitat by the proposed Solar Photovoltaic Installation. The evaluation will be conducted by a party mutually agreed upon by the SPGA and the prospective developer.
- 593.14 Line of Sight study to determine visual impact from all directions. All panels and equipment associated with the Solar Photovoltaic Installation should be invisible to any residential home in Wareham, as well as from any public or private road. The Study will be conducted by a party mutually agreed upon by the SPGA and the prospective developer
- 593.15 All applicants must provide a historical and cultural heritage evaluation on the potential impact of the Solar Photovoltaic Installation. The evaluation(s) will be conducted by a party mutually agreed upon by the SPGA and the prospective developer
- 593.16 An alternative use analysis that addresses other siting options with various environmental impacts. Financial impacts are not sufficient reason for approval of project with significant environmental impact

594. Siting

No Solar Photovoltaic Installation shall be constructed, installed or modified without first obtaining a building permit.

594.1 Prohibited Siting

Solar Photovoltaic Generation Units sited on the following types of parcels are not allowed:

1. Permanently protected open space, categorized under Article 97 of the Massachusetts Constitution,
2. A Wetland Resource Area, not including Buffers, unless authorized by the regulatory body, such as an Order of Conditions issued by the local Conservation Commission; or
3. State Historic Register properties
4. Land that is Priority Habitat, Core Habitat, Estimated Habitat, and/or Critical Natural Landscape or where at least 50 percent of the parcel's area is designated as Priority Habitat, Core Habitat, and/or Critical Natural Landscape
5. Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations sized greater than 5,000kW DC.

594.2 As-of-Right Siting

The following types of solar facilities are allowed anywhere or as noted:

1. Small-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations (less than 250 kW DC) are permitted as-of-right in all districts when connected behind the meter.
2. Roof-mounted or building-mounted solar energy facilities are permitted as-of-right in all districts when connected behind the meter.

594.3 Restricted Siting

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations sized between 250kW and 5,000kW are allowed, subject Site Plan Special Permit, in the R-130, R-60, CG, CS, IND, CR districts or as noted:

1. Ground-mounted solar energy facilities sited on a Brownfield,
2. Ground-mounted solar energy facilities sited on Eligible landfills,
3. Ground-mounted solar energy facilities sited on sand and/or gravel pits,
4. Canopy mounted solar energy facilities,
5. Public Utility solar energy facilities,
6. Ground-mounted solar energy facilities within a farm or existing agricultural land,
7. Ground-mounted solar energy facilities sited on land that has been previously disturbed.

595. Design Standards.

Unless otherwise expressly provided by Section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law requirements of the underlying zoning district shall apply, except and in addition, the following design standards which shall apply.

595.1 Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall meet the following standards:

1. No such installation shall be segmented or broken into separate ownerships so as to avoid the prohibitions of the by-law.

2. Meet the requirements and standards for industrial uses found in Article 7: Design Standards and Guidelines of this Zoning By-Law.
3. The distance shall be 75 feet from the residential property line which may be increased to reduce or eliminate visibility and noise at the discretion of the SPGA.
4. Required separation in commercial and industrial districts, the distance shall be 25 feet which may be increased to reduce visibility and noise at the discretion of the SPGA
5. The front, side, and rear yard depth shall be in accordance with Article 6 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law; provided, however, that where the lot abuts or is across the street from a Residential Neighborhood, the front yard setback for all structures including fencing and vegetated buffer shall not be less than 75 feet, and may be more, as determined at the sole discretion of the SPGA, depending on visibility of the facility because of the density of vegetation and/or topography.
6. Earthen berms and landscape plantings will be required according to Article 10: Landscaping, of this Zoning By-Law.
7. Significant regrading of the site is prohibited. Any and all soil removal must be approved and consistent with Article III, Earth Removal Regulations of the Town By-Law.
 - o No removal of all field soils;
 - o Existing leveled field areas left as is without disturbance;
 - o Where soils need to be leveled and smoothed, such as filling potholes or leveling, this shall be done with minimal overall impact with all displaced soils returned to the areas affected.
8. Landscaping:
 - o No removal of all field soils,
 - o All vegetative screening will be designed with plants that include a diversity of native species, including deciduous and evergreen plants.
 - o A mix of native species including evergreen and deciduous trees, as well as native bushes and plants to be used as ground cover sufficient to maintain soil integrity and minimize soil erosion must be established and maintained for the life of the project.
 - o Appropriate use of geotextile fabrics,
 - o The SPGA will consider the quality of the landscape plan and the methods used to provide a visual buffer and noise barrier between the PV array and the residences around it.
9. Ballasts, screw-type, or post driven pilings and other acceptable minimal soil impact methods that do not require footings or other permanent penetration of soils for mounting are required, unless the need for such can be demonstrated; the use of chemically treated timbers to mount solar panels is prohibited.
10. Any soil penetrations that may be required for providing system foundations necessary for additional structural loading or for providing system trenching necessary for electrical routing shall be done with minimal soils disturbance, with any displaced soils to be temporary and recovered and returned after penetration and trenching work is completed;
11. No concrete or asphalt in the mounting area other than ballasts, poles for mounting solar panels, or other code required surfaces, such as transformer or electric gear pads;

12. Address existing soil and water resource concerns that may be impacted to ensure the installation does not disturb an existing soil and water conservation plan or to avoid creating a negative impact to soil and water conservation best management practices, such as stimulating erosion or water run-off conditions;
13. All large-scale ground-mounted solar energy facilities shall be required to be fenced only if necessary for public safety. Any fencing used shall be permeable to allow small wildlife to pass through, and designed to blend into the surrounding landscape.
14. All appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other and shall be screened from the view of public rights-of-ways and persons not on the parcel, in all residential districts.
15. Battery storage systems may be included in a project only when accessory to the PV array collection system utilized for solar power generated as part of the approved project. Hazards associated with the battery storage will be identified and addressed in the system's operation and management plan as a requirement for the Special Permit. The items to address in the operation and management plan shall include; noise, fire, and hazardous material management.
16. Access roads and driveways shall be designed to limit visibility into the site with minimum disturbance necessary to gain appropriate access to and around the arrays. Setbacks shall not be disturbed by access roads, except where allowed by the permit granting authority for access to the site.
17. Lighting of solar energy facilities shall be consistent with state and federal law. Lighting of appurtenant structures shall be limited to that required for safety and operational purposes, and shall be reasonably shielded from abutting properties. Lighting of the solar photovoltaic installation shall be directed downward and shall incorporate full cut-off fixtures to reduce light pollution. Lighting shall be Night Sky program compliant.
18. There shall be no signs, except announcement signs, no trespassing signs or any signs required to warn of danger. A sign is required that identifies the owner and operator with an emergency telephone number where the owner and operator can be reached on a twenty-four hour basis.
19. All utility connections shall be underground except to the extent that underground utilities are not feasible in the reasonable determination of the board review.
20. Inverters and transformers shall be sited so as to minimize sound impact to residences. Noise levels at the nearest residential receptors will be determined for all equipment in combination, and must be at background levels for the district in which the receptors are located, and if not, will require mitigation that must be approved as conditions of the Special Permit issued by the SPGA.
21. Solar photovoltaic panels should be positioned so as not to cast glare to abutting uses by providing screening methods. Setbacks shall provide for adequate screening of noise and glare from abutting uses and structures. Techniques such as dense natural vegetated plantings of native plants, earthen berms and/or increased setbacks will be required, depending upon site specific conditions. Setbacks shall not be disturbed by access roads, except where allowed by the permit granting authority for access to the site. Setbacks shall not be used for any purpose other than natural vegetation or other screening required by the reviewing board. Setbacks from property lines shall be as provided above for the type of large ground-mounted solar energy facilities.
22. The Solar Photovoltaic Installation owner, operator or their successors shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the applicable fire

chief. Upon request the Solar Photovoltaic Installation owner, operator or their successors shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the large ground-mounted solar energy facilities shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation.

23. The Solar Photovoltaic Installation owner, operator or their successors shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures and planting and maintaining healthy native plants for vegetative visual screening.
24. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the applicable fire chief and Emergency Medical Services. The Solar Photovoltaic Installation owner, operator or their successors shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the large ground-mounted solar energy facilities and any access road(s), unless accepted as a public way.

596. Abandonment or Decommissioning

The Solar Photovoltaic Installation owner, operator or their successors in interest shall remove any ground-mounted solar energy facility which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the permit granting authority by certified mail 60 days prior to the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal.

596.1 Decommissioning shall consist of but not limited to:

1. Physical removal of all below-grade foundations, mounting structures, supports, solar energy structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.
2. Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.
3. Stabilization and re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The SPGA may allow the Solar Photovoltaic Installation owner, operator or their successors to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

596.2 Abandonment: Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the Solar Photovoltaic Installation shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the permit granting authority. If the Solar Photovoltaic Installation owner, operator or their successors fail to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the Town may enter the property and physically remove the installation.

596.3 Proponents of Solar Photovoltaic Installations shall provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal in the event the Town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Town, equivalent to 200 percent of the cost of removal and compliance with the additional requirements set forth herein.

The amount of the cost of removal and reconditioning shall not be reduced by any expected or estimated amounts to be recovered through the re-sale or recycling of materials. Such surety will not be required for municipal- or state-owned facilities.

The Proponent shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal and reconditioning, prepared by a qualified engineer. The submission shall include a mechanism for calculating and adjusting the increased value of the surety removal costs

due to inflation and a regular review (not less than every five-years) and adjustment of the estimate shall be conducted. In no case will the surety be reduced.

597. Criteria for Special Permit Review and Approval

- 597.1 A Special Permit may be granted under this section if the SPGA finds that each of the design review standards set forth above have been met and that the location of the ground-mounted solar energy facilities is suitable and that the size and design are the minimum necessary for that purpose.
- 597.2 The SPGA shall also impose, in addition to any applicable conditions specified in this section, such conditions as it finds reasonably appropriate to safeguard the neighborhood, public or otherwise serve the purposes of this section, including, but not limited to: screening, lighting, noise, fences, modification of the exterior appearance of the structures, limitation upon size, method of access or traffic features, parking, removal upon cessation of use or other requirements. Such conditions shall be imposed in writing and the applicant may be required to post bond or other surety for compliance with said conditions in an amount satisfactory to the SPGA.
- 597.3 The Special Permit shall lapse if substantial use or construction has not commenced within two years of the date of issuance, except for good cause shown (including but not limited to appeals of the grant of the site plan or litigation enjoining the construction under the permit), and provided further that such construction, once begun, shall be actively and continuously pursued to completion within a reasonable time.

Article 16 Revisions to Definitions

As-of-Right Siting: As-of-Right Siting shall mean that development may proceed without the need for a special permit, variance, amendment, waiver, or other discretionary approval. As-of-right development requires a building permit and may be subject to site plan review to determine conformance with local zoning ordinances or bylaws. Projects cannot be prohibited, but can be reasonably regulated where necessary to protect public health, safety or welfare by the Inspector of Buildings, the Select Board, or the Planning Board.

Battery Energy Storage Management System: An electronic system that protects energy storage systems from operating outside their safe operating parameters and disconnects electrical power to the energy storage system or places it in a safe condition if potentially hazardous temperatures or other conditions are detected.

Battery Energy Storage System: A battery energy storage system (BESS) is an electrochemical device that charges (or collects energy) from the electrical grid or an electricity generating facility, such as but not limited to a Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation, and then discharges that energy at a later time to provide electricity or other grid services when needed.

Environmental Justice Communities: A neighborhood is defined as an Environmental Justice population if one or more of the following four criteria are true: 1) the annual median household income is not more than 65 per cent of the statewide annual median household income; 2) minorities comprise 40 per cent or more of the population; 3) 25 per cent or more of households lack English language proficiency; or 4) minorities comprise 25 per cent or more of the population and the annual median household income of the municipality in which the neighborhood is located does not exceed 150 per cent of the statewide annual median household income.

Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation / Large-Scale Ground Mounted Solar Energy Systems: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and has a minimum nameplate capacity of 250 kW DC.

On-Site Solar Photovoltaic Installation: A solar photovoltaic installation that is constructed at a location where other uses of the underlying property occur. This would include Dual-Use installations as defined in the Massachusetts SMART program.

Off-Grid System: A solar photovoltaic installation where all energy generated on the installation site is consumed on that site and does not send any energy into the electrical grid for distribution.

Permanently protected open space: Areas shown on the BioMap2 image layer of the MassGIS database, further described at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/biomap2-conserving-biodiversity-in-a-changing-world>

Pine Barrens: Consist of outwash from the last glacial maximum, which left thick glacial deposits of sand and gravel, providing the geologic foundation for a rare pine barren ecosystem. This forest and its fire-dependent pitch pine, the endangered Plymouth red-bellied turtles and other globally rare plant communities on top of deep deposits of glacially-deposited sands which filter and protect the Plymouth/Carver Sole Source Aquifer.

Previously Developed Areas or Previously Disturbed Areas including agricultural land: Land is disturbed if it has been the subject of human activity that has changed the land's surface, being changes that remain clear and observable

Includes the built environment such as impermeable surfaces like large rooftops, parking lots, as well as land that was subject to earth removal and land in active agricultural use.

Does not include wetlands, bogs or associated forested upland.

Priority Habitat, Core Habitat, Estimated Habitat, and/or Critical Natural Landscape: Areas shown on the BioMap2 image layer of the MassGIS database, further described at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/biomap2-conserving-biodiversity-in-a-changing-world>

Project Area: The land under the Solar Photovoltaic including all areas within any fencing, all components of the system including all supporting structures, buffers, setbacks, access ways, vegetative screening, and any other land disturbed during installation.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of the solar photovoltaic system in Direct Current (DC).

Residential neighborhoods: shall consist of at least 3 [three] occupied houses with at least one common lot line and a common street for access

Small-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and has a minimum nameplate capacity of under 250 kW DC and less than one acre in size.

Solar Energy: Radiant energy received from the sun that can be collected in the form of heat or light by a solar energy system.

Solar Energy System: A device or structural design feature, a substantial purpose of which is to provide daylight for interior lighting or provide for the collection, storage, and distribution of solar energy for space heating or cooling, electricity generation, or water heating.

Solar Photovoltaic Array: An arrangement of solar photovoltaic panels.

Solar Photovoltaic Generation Units: An arrangement of solar photovoltaic panels.

Solar Photovoltaic Installation: A solar energy system that converts solar energy directly into electricity through an arrangement of solar photovoltaic panels.

Solar Photovoltaic Installation Site Plan [or Special Permit] Review: A review by the site plan reviewing authority [or special permit granting authority] to determine conformance with the town's zoning bylaws.

State Historic Register: the Inventory of Historic and Archeological Assets, maintained by the Massachusetts State Historic Preservation Office

Wetland Resource Area: those resources identified in 310 CMR 10.00 et seq.

Article 3 – Revisions to Use Table

PRINCIPAL USE	R130	R60	R43	R30	MR30	WV1	WV2	OV1	OV2	CS	CG	CP	CMF	MAR	INS	IND
Large ground-mounted solar energy	SPR	SPR	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	SPZ	SPZ	N	N	N	N

Change the Row For: “Large ground-mounted solar energy to read: “Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations”

And in the ‘CG’ and ‘CP’ columns change the ‘SPZ’ to ‘SPP’ allowed by Special Permit from the Planning Board

And in the ‘IND’, and ‘CS’ columns change the “N” to ‘SPP’ allowed by Special Permit from the Planning Board

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Solar Bylaw Committee

Explanation:

Revisions to Section 590 and other supporting bylaw sections of the Wareham Zoning By-Law have been made by the Solar Bylaw Study Committee after careful consideration and significant community input.

The Committee, comprised of seven Wareham citizens of diverse backgrounds, has aimed to balance the rights of landowners to use their land to develop solar energy systems while being committed to protecting the health, safety and welfare of our diverse communities including but not limited to the environmental justice and elderly populations and to preserve the natural environment.

The goal is to encourage the responsible use of solar energy generation facilities, encourage construction and operation of Large-Scale Ground-Mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installations in previously disturbed areas to minimize adverse ecological impacts, to provide standards for the placement, design, construction, monitoring and modification of large-scale ground-mounted solar energy facilities that address public safety, minimize impacts such that no person is deprived of the freedom from excessive or unnecessary glare or noise, scenic, natural and historic resources of the Town and provide adequate financial assurance for decommissioning.

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Revisions to Section 590 incorporate the MA state model by-law and Department of Energy Resources SMART program guidance (225 CMR 20.00 September 22, 2021) that strongly discourages siting such projects in areas of important habitat. They strongly discourage locations that result in significant loss of natural resources and encourage rooftop siting, as well as locations in industrial and commercial districts, on farms where appropriate and on vacant, previously disturbed land. Section 590 of the Wareham Zoning By-Law recognizes that significant tree cutting is problematic because of the important water management, cooling, and climate benefits trees provide.

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article: 3-1-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of this article: 7-0-0

Finance Committee Recommendation:

The Solar By-Law Study Committee, appointed by the Board of Selectmen, drafted this zoning bylaw amendment to comply with the requirements of Massachusetts General Law Section 40A, sec. 3 and other relevant authority. The proposed bylaw imposes certain restrictions on solar development. After research and input from the community, the Solar By-law Study

Committee determined that in certain instances, the public health, safety or welfare outweighs the public need for some solar energy systems. The Finance Committee supports the bylaw amendment because it protects important municipal interests, including environmental justice, protection against adverse ecological and financial impacts, protection of drinking water, sensitive habitats, protection of wildlife, and resiliency in the wake of climate change, while enabling the development of other appropriate solar facilities.

ARTICLE S16 – ADD REVOLVING ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Town By-Law Division I, Article VI, Section 4 Revolving Funds by inserting the following revolving funds to the current Table in place:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorizing to Spend Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>FY23 (current) Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY 22 (prior) Fund Balance</u>
Little Harbor Golf Course	Town Administrator, Municipal Maintenance Director	Beginning 5/1/2022 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 FY22 funds transferred to FY23 revolving fund
Decas Facility	Town Administrator, Municipal Maintenance Director	Beginning 7/1/2022 all rental, fees and any other revenue generated from the facility formerly known as the Decas School	Pay for all operational, employee and capital costs associated the facility formerly known as the Decas School	750,000	Unencumbered balance from FY22 funds transferred to FY23 revolving fund

and further, this article shall set the FY23 spending limits for these revolving funds or do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

Explanation:

The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of this article:
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Finance Committee Recommendation:

Adding these categories to our revolving Funds does not create nor imply that the functions are going to be a reality. They serve to provide an option should the Town Meeting and/or Executive Branch wish to go forward with any project. The “FY23 Spending Limits” only limits the amount that can be spent, it does not appropriate any monies (tax dollars). The source of any revenues would be that which is produced exclusively by the individual operation.

