

W A R R A N T
ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WAREHAM

APRIL 1, 2014
(ELECTION)

DESIGNATED POLL LOCATIONS

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

APRIL 28, 2014
(GENERAL BUSINESS PORTION)

WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL
VIKING DRIVE
WAREHAM, MA 02571

7:00 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 to meet in **Precinct 1:** Wareham Town Hall, 54 Marion Road; **Precinct 2:** Ethel B. Hammond Elementary School, 13 Highland Avenue, Onset, **Precinct 3 and Precinct 6:** Minot Forest Elementary School, 63 Minot Avenue, Wareham; **Precinct 4 and Precinct 5:** John W. Decas School, 760 Main Street, South Wareham; on Tuesday, April 1, 2014 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. for the election of Town officers designated in the official ballot, to be adjourned until Monday, April 28, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the High School Auditorium , 7 Viking Drive, Wareham, MA at which time the general business of the Town shall be transacted, and to act on the following articles:

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SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

ARTICLE 1 – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To choose the following officers: two (2) Selectmen for the term of three (3) years, two (2) Assessors for the term of three (3) years, two (2) School Committee members for the term of three (3) years, one (1) Housing Authority for a term of five (5) years, one (1) Housing Authority for a term of three (3) years and one (1) Housing Authority for a term of one (1) year, and one (1) Constable for a term of three years, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

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 2015 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

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

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

- 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 Community and Economic Development Authority

ARTICLE 3 – COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICIALS

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 41, s. 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.

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SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4 – FY15 REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to approve and all of the following G.L. c. 44, §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>FY (current) Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY (prior) Fund Balance</u>	<u>Spending Restrictions or Comments</u>
COA/ Transportation	COA/ Transportation	User Fees/	Transportation	200,000	Unencumbered balance from FY14 funds transferred to FY15 revolving fund	
Library	Library	Fines/fees/ Fund Raising	Supplies, books	20,000	Unencumbered balance from FY14 funds transferred to FY15 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 FY14 funds transferred to FY15 revolving fund	
COA/Activities	COA/Activities	User Fees/ Fund Raising	User Fees/ Fund Raising	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY14 funds transferred to FY15 revolving fund	
Social Recreation	Director of Social Services	Programs, Supplies, Equipment, Contracted instructors and any other related expenses	Programs, supplies, equipment, contracted instructors and any other related expenses	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY14 funds transferred to FY15 revolving fund	
Recycling	Chair of Recycling Committee with approval of Town Administrator	Programs, receipts from recycling programs and projects, proceeds from fundraising activities and donations	User Fees/ Fund Raising	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY14 funds transferred to FY15 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 FY14 funds transferred to FY15 revolving fund	
Board of Health	Health Department	Fees from Rental Inspection program	Fund Rental Inspection Program	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY14 funds transferred to FY15 revolving fund	

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

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ARTICLE 5 – FY15 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

ARTICLE 6 – FY15 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 2015, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7 – PROPOSITION 2½ CONTINGENT SUPPLEMENT TO ANNUAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for supplemental funding of the Fiscal Year 2015 Operational Budgets contingent upon the successful passage of a Proposition 2-1/2 Override Ballot Question, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8 – UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL-TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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 Vocational-Technical High School District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2015, 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 Vocational-Technical School District

ARTICLE 9 – 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, 2014, and ending June 30, 2015, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10 – APPROPRIATION TO THE EMS

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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 MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 11 - RESCIND PREVIOUS TOWN ARTICLE FOR PURCHASE OF SCHOOL BUSES

To see if the town will vote to rescind the action taken on Article 19 of the April 22, 2013 Town meeting or take any other action relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 12 – RETURN EVERETT EDUCATIONAL CENTER TO TOWN CONTROL

To see if the Town will vote to transfer care, custody and control of the Everett School, so called, and as further described in a filing on file of the Office of the Town Clerk, from the School Committee held for school purposes, to the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, including sale or other disposition, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen at the request of the School Committee

ARTICLE 13 – HIGH SCHOOL ROOF PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of Wareham School Committee for the installation of a new roof system for Wareham High School, 7 Viking Drive, Wareham, MA 02571. This project will include the removal of the existing roof system, removal of wet or damaged installation, repair of the roof deck as needed and installation of a new roof system. This installation would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) sixty-eight percent (68%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 14 – CEMETERY SALES

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To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Sales of Cemetery Lots and Graves, the sum of \$122,000.00 and said sum to be expended by the Cemetery Commissioners for the care, improvement, embellishment or enlargement of town cemeteries, subject to the approval of the Board of Selectmen as provided by G.L. c.114, s.27, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 15 – CPC ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee, on the Fiscal Year 2015 Community Preservation budget and further to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund FY 2015 estimated annual revenues the following amounts as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee **(1) \$ 40,600** to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2015; **(2) \$81,200** for Open Space Reserves; **(3) \$81,200** to Historic Preservation Reserves; and **(4) \$81,200** 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

ARTICLE 16 – CPC ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund, Fiscal Year 2015 estimated annual revenue, or any other available monies in the Community Preservation Fund, under Open Space, the sum of **\$6,822** for payment for debt service on the property known as Bryant Farm, and further to appropriate under Historic Preservation, the sum of **\$95,727** for payment for debt service on the property known as Tremont Nail, both voted for purchase by Town Meeting in April 2004, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 17 – CPC ARTICLE

To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unallocated funds, or any other monies available in the Community Preservation Fund, under the category of Recreation/ Historic Preservation, the sum of \$11,000 for an Onset Bath House Engineering Survey, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 18 - CHARTER CHANGE

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SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

To see if the Town will vote to change the submission dates of the budget by the Town Administrator and the School Committee, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

In section 5-2(a) remove the words:

The budget adopted by the school committee shall be submitted to the Town Administrator in sufficient time to enable him to prepare the total town budget he is required to submit by section 5-3

And insert the words:

The final budget adopted by the school committee shall be submitted to the Town Administrator no later than 20 days before his required date of submission per section 5-3 in order to prepare a total town budget.

In section 5-3 remove the words:

No later than December 15th

And insert the words:

No later than January 25th

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 19 – AMENDMENT OF BYLAWS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the by-law of the Town of Wareham, **Animal Control, Division VIII, Article II, Section 3, BEACH/MARSH**, by Amending this section to be titled **BEACH/MARSH/TOWN OF WAREHAM PUBLIC BUILDINGS** and adding the following text in paragraph one after the end of the first sentence:

“All domestic animals, dogs and/or cats, are not allowed in any public building, on or off a leash, under the control of the Town of Wareham. All registered Service dogs, when accompanied by the owner, Animal Control Officer and/or Police Official, shall be the only exception to this section of the by-law,” or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 20 – STREET LAYOUT

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout on file with the Town Clerk of the following roads as public ways: Bachant Way and Lynne Road, and further that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain or accept as donations portions of the privately owned property that include the layout of said roadways; or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 21 – STREET LAYOUT

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SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout on file with the Town Clerk of the following road as a public way: Cranberry Lane, and further that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain or accept as donations portions of the privately owned property that include the layout of said roadways; or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 22 - TRANSFER DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Laws to add Article 18 – Transfer Development Rights (Zoning By-Law) Rules and Regulations, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 23 – PETITIONED ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to amend Division VIII by adding Article IV. “Registration and maintenance of abandoned or foreclosed buildings, structures, and properties.”

In general the by-law imposes maintenance obligations on owner’s of foreclosing properties, and requires such owner’s to register with the Town and pay an initial and annual registration fee in the amount of \$100.00.

Inserted by Joseph Mulkern, et. al.

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ARTICLE 24 – PETITIONED ARTICLE

To see if the Town will vote to amend the zoning By Laws for Accessory Buildings in Residential Districts.

Inserted by David W. Fenton, et. al.

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You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof on or before Friday, February 21, 2014 in at least one public place in each precinct within the Town, and by publishing a copy of the Warrant on or before March 13, 2014.

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SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

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

Given under our hands this 18th day of February in the year 2014.

WAREHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Peter W. Teitelbaum, Chairman

Alan H. Slavin, Clerk

Stephen M. Holmes

Patrick G. Tropeano

Judith Whiteside

A True Copy

ATTEST:

Stephen P. Coughlin
Constable of Wareham

APRIL 28, 2014
SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT (CONT'D.)

DATE: _____
Plymouth §

DATE: _____

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Wareham herein described, to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned by posting attested copies thereof in at least one public place in each precinct within the town on or before February 21, 2014 and by causing this Warrant to be published on or before March 13, 2014.

DATE: _____
Stephen P. Coughlin
Constable of Wareham

The original posting with return made was delivered to Town Clerk Mary Ann Silva.

DATE: _____
Stephen P. Coughlin
Constable of Wareham

In accordance with the Wareham Charter, Article 2 - Legislative Branch - Section 2-4, Town Meeting Warrants, Item (d), I have hand delivered a copy of the Warrant for the Annual Spring Town Meeting to be held on April 28, 2014 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. to the:

Town Moderator, Chairman of the Finance Committee
Chairman of the Planning Board, Chairman of the Capital Planning Committee,
Chairman of the Personnel Board.

DATE: _____
Stephen P. Coughlin
Constable of Wareham