

WARRANT

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ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF WAREHAM

APRIL 22, 2024
(GENERAL BUSINESS PORTION)

WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
VIKING DRIVE
WAREHAM, MA 02571

7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

MAY 7, 2024
(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 22, 2024 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. at the Wareham Elementary School Cafetorium, 63 Minot Avenue, Wareham, MA at which time the general business of the Town shall be transacted to meet and act upon the articles below; following the conclusion of which the meeting shall be adjourned until the commencement of the Annual Town Election for Town Officers designated in the official ballot on May 7, 2024 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 7, 2024 at 8:00 o'clock p.m.

ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To choose the following officers: one Select Board member for a term of three (3) years; one Select Board member for a term of two (2) years (unexpired term); two Board of Assessors for a term of three (3) years; two School Committee members for a term of three (3) years; one Housing Authority member for a term of five (5) years; one Housing Authority member for a term of one (1) year (unexpired term); one Sewer User Commissioner for a term of three (3) years; one Non Sewer User Commissioner for a term of three (3) years; one Deputy Moderator for a term of three (3) years, to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Select Board.

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ARTICLE 2 - RECURRING BUSINESS

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

Inserted by the Select Board.

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

Inserted by the Select Board.

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

Inserted by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 3 - COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN APPOINTED AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

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

Inserted by the Select Board.

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ARTICLE 4 – FY25 REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2024 for the revolving funds established in town by-laws for certain departments, committees, or officers in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½, or take any other action relative thereto.

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorizing to Spend Fund</u>	<u>FY25 (current) Spending Limit</u>
COA/Transportation	COA Director	200,000
Library	Library Director	20,000
COA/Social Programs/ Daycare	COA/Social Programs	50,000
COA/Activities	COA Director	50,000
Hammond Rental	Director of Municipal Maintenance	50,000
Recycling	Chair of Recycling Committee with approval of Town Administrator	50,000
Shellfish Propagation	Shellfish Constable and Town Administrator	30,000
Board of Health	Health Department	75,000
Treasurer	Director of Finance	150,000
Code Enforcement	Building Commissioner	100,000
Solid Waste and Recycling	Town Administrator, Municipal Maintenance Director	2,500,000
Tremont Nail Factory Buildings & Grounds	Director of Municipal Maintenance	500,000
Little Harbor Golf Course	Town Administrator, Municipal Maintenance Director	1,000,000
Decas Facility	Administrator, Municipal Maintenance Director	750,000

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

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ARTICLE 5 - OCCASIONAL REPORTS

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

Inserted by the Select Board.

ARTICLE 6 – FY25 CAPITAL PLAN

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

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

ARTICLE 7 – FY25 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 2025, or take any other action relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 8 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUDGET

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

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

ARTICLE 9 - UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money as its share of the operating and capital costs of the Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025, or to do or act in any

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manner relative thereto.

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

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, 2024, and ending June 30, 2025, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 11 – TREMONT NAIL REMEDIATION PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Act Funds FY25 Estimated Annual Revenues or any other monies available in the Community Preservation Act Fund under the category of Historic Preservation, the sum of \$250,000, for Debt Principal Debt payoff payment and the sum of \$15,207.64, for Short Term Interest on the bond approved at the 2018 Fall Town Meeting, Article 11, for the cleanup of contamination at the Tremont Nail Factory site or to take any action relative thereto.

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

ARTICLE 12 – FY2025 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND RESERVES

To see if the Town will vote to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Act Funds FY 2025 Estimated Annual Revenues for the following amounts (1) \$60,00.00 for administrative expenses; (2) \$120,000.00 to Open Space Reserves; (3) \$120,000.00 to Historical Preservation Reserves; and (4) \$120,000.00 to Affordable Housing Reserves or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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

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CITIZENS PETITIONS

ARTICLE 13– REMOVE LIMIT OF 3 LICENSED MARIJUANA RETAILERS

To see if the Town will amend the zoning By Laws and/or other applicable town laws to allow more than 3 licensed Marijuana Retailers in Wareham. We believe a limit on Marijuana Retail Establishments that operate compliantly only hurts consumer selection, limits the public tax basis and undermines an open and well regulated market.

Inserted by Jaako Rinta

ARTICLE 14 - JOHN B. DIXON RECYCLING CENTER

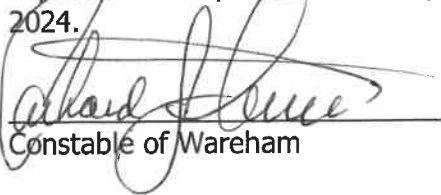
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer \$25,000.00 to the John B. Dixon Recycling Center's expense budget to fund the Center's recycling efforts in the Town for the next five years.

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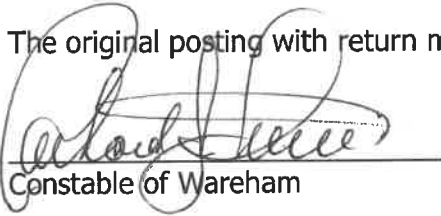
Plymouth, S.S.

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified the inhabitants of the Town of Wareham herein described, to meet at the time and place for the purpose within mentioned by posting attested copies thereof upon the Town's principal bulletin board within the Town on or before March 6, 2024.


Constable of Wareham

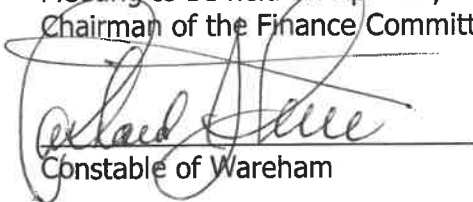
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Date

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


Constable of Wareham

2/28/24
Date

In accordance with the Wareham Charter, Article 2 - Legislative Branch - Section 2-4(d) Town Meeting Warrants, I have hand delivered a copy of the Warrant for the Annual Fall Town Meeting to be held on April 22, 2024 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. to the Town Moderator and the Chairman of the Finance Committee.


Constable of Wareham

2/28/24
Date

VOTES OF FINCOM/SELECT BOARD FOR 2024 ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING WARRANT

ARTICLE	DESCRIPTION	SB VOTE TO PUT ON WARRANT	SB RECOMMENDATIONS	FINCOM RECOMMENDATIONS
1	Election of Officers			
2	Recurring Business			
3	Compensation of Certain Elected and Appointed Officials			
4	FY25 Revolving Funds			
5	Occasional Reports			
6	FY25 Capital Plan			
7	FY25 Budget			
8	Emergency Medical Services Budget			
9	Upper Cape Cod Regional Technical High School Budget			
10	WPCF Enterprise Fund			
11	Tremont Nail Remediation Project			
12	FY2025 Community Presevation Fund Reserves			
13	Remove Limit of 3 Licensed Marijuana Retailers			
14	John B. Dixon Recycling Center			
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To the Constables of the Town of Wareham:

Greetings:

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof on or before March 6, 2024 upon the principle town bulletin board outside of the Town Clerk's office.

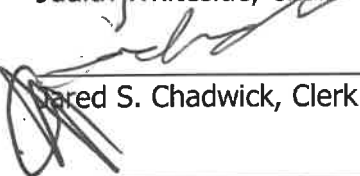
Hereof fail not and make sure due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 27th day of February, 2024.

TOWN OF WAREHAM SELECT BOARD



Judith Whiteside, Chair

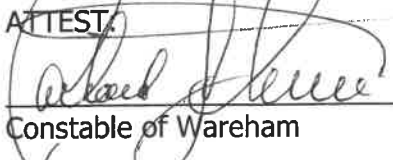


Jared S. Chadwick, Clerk

Alan H. Slavin

Ronald S. Besse

A True Copy

ATTEST:


Constable of Wareham

2/28/24
Date