

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

AUGUST 17, 2020

6:00 P.M.

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL PROPERTY**

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Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Plymouth, ss

To either of the Constables of Mattapoisett, in said County of Plymouth:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Mattapoisett qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the Old Rochester Regional High School Property, located at 135 Marion Road, in said Mattapoisett on Monday, the seventeenth day in the Year 2020 at six o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: ELECTED OFFICERS' COMPENSATION

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of elected officers of the Town for Fiscal Year 2021 as follows:

| | <u>CURRENT</u> | <u>PROPOSED</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Moderator | \$270.00 | \$270.00 |
| Board of Selectmen, Chairman | \$5,600.00 | \$5,600.00 |
| Board of Selectmen, Members – each | \$5,050.00 | \$5,050.00 |
| Assessor – each | \$5,050.00 | \$5,050.00 |
| Town Clerk | \$62,000.00 | \$63,800.00 |
| Board of Health – each | \$650.00 | \$650.00 |
| Highway Surveyor | \$88,740.00 | \$90,958.00 |
| Mattapoisett School Committee – each | \$650.00 | \$650.00 |
| Water/Sewer Commissioner – each | \$650.00 | \$650.00 |
| Tree Warden | \$9,500.00 | \$9,690.00 |
| Herring Inspector | \$930.00 | \$930.00 |

or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sums of money to defray general operating expense of the Town for Fiscal Year 2021 including debt and interest, the money to be raised by taxation, borrowing or transfer from available funds, or take any action relative thereto.

Amounts to be voted are shown in Attachment "A".

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3: FUNDING TO REDUCE OPEB LIABILITY

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 from the Tax Levy for the purpose of contributing to the Town of Mattapoisett Other Post Employment (OPEB) Trust Fund said funds to be used for the purpose of future costs or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4: FIRE STATION DEBT REDUCTION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 dollars from the Town of Mattapoisett Debt Stabilization Account for the purpose the Fiscal 2021 annual principal and interest payment for the fire station project or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5: DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUND AUTHORIZATION

To see if the Town will vote, in accord with MGL c.44, §53, to amend Section 27.1 of the Town Bylaws, Revolving Funds, to add the two new revolving funds to the Bylaw, and further, to amend the chart set forth in Section 27.2 of the Town Bylaw to set expenditure limits for such new revolving funds for the Fiscal 2021 year, with such expenditure limits to apply from year to year unless amended by Town Meeting prior to July 1 in any fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

Amendment to Section 27.1

| Revolving Fund | Authorized to Spend | Revenue Source | Use of Fund |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| Recreation Dept. Activities | Recreation Director | Fees | Recreation |
| Fire Hazmat Materials | Fire Chief | Cleanup Supplies | Fire Dept |

Amendment to Section 27.2 (with changes shown in bold underline, and no other changes to said section)

| Revolving Fund | FY Limit |
|---|------------------------|
| <u>Recreation Dept. Activities</u> | <u>\$65,000</u> |
| Public Health Nursing Services | \$5,000 |
| Heritage Days | \$10,000 |
| Local Cultural Council | \$5,000 |
| Wood Waste Recycling | \$10,000 |
| Community Farmer's Market | \$7,500 |
| Library Fines | \$10,000 |
| Private Road Maintenance | \$25,000 |
| Fire Alarm Bylaw Penalties | \$50,000 |
| Public Access Channels | \$200,000 |
| COA Programs | \$5,000 |
| <u>Fire Hazmat Materials</u> | <u>\$50,000</u> |
| School Kiln Art Project | \$7,500 |
| Center School Clock Maintenance | \$5,000 |

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6: PERSONNEL SCHEDULES

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mattapoisett Personnel Compensation Schedules, by adding the Personnel Schedules all as shown in Attachment "B" or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 7: WATER AND SEWER RESERVE ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000, with \$10,000 to come from Water Retained Earnings and \$10,000 to come from Sewer Retained Earnings, for the purpose of establishing Reserves, respectively, for unforeseen expenses of each Department in FY2021, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Water and Sewer Commissioners

ARTICLE 8: ALLOCATION OF REVENUES COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT (From Community Preservation Funds)

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2021 Community Preservation Budget, and to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Act, Fiscal Year 2021 estimated annual revenues to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Committee for Fiscal Year 2021 and reserve for future appropriation from said annual revenues a sum of money for open space including recreation, historic preservation and community housing purposes, as well as a sum of money to be placed in the FY2021 Budgeted Reserve all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee as follows;

Appropriate FY2021 Estimated Annual Revenues

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|-------------------------|-----------|
| Administrative Expenses | \$ 1,000 |
| Debt Service Expense | \$ 52,070 |

Transfer from FY2021 Estimated Annual Revenues for the Following Reserve Accounts.

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|-----------------------|-----------|
| Housing | \$ 18,890 |
| Historic Preservation | \$ 18,890 |
| Open Space | \$ 18,890 |
| Budgeted Reserve | \$ 89,156 |

or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee

ARTICLE 9: AUTHORIZATION OF USE OF GRANT ANTICIPATION NOTES FOR TOWN PROJECTS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the various town departments to use Grant Anticipation Notes for any grant funding that they are in receipt of notice of award, and have a signed executed contract between the Town and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and Mattapoisett, further to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to use Grant Anticipation Notes for the purpose of funding, with reimbursement from the Commonwealth for expenditure of the grant funding, or take any action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 10: INDUSTRIAL DRIVE CONFIRMATORY TAKING – EASEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary actions to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain an easement for a public way, and for all municipal and other purposes reasonably related thereto in, over, and through certain land, within the current layout of Industrial Drive in the Town of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, said parcels and layout being more specifically shown a certain plan of land entitled "Transportation Improvement Project, Plan and Profile of North Street/Industrial Drive in the Town of Mattapoisett, Plymouth County – Final Design, by The Engineering Corp. dated April 29, 2020 as amended, a copy of which is on file with the Mattapoisett Town Clerk's Office And, since damages have been previously awarded to the owners of each parcel over which an easement is taken hereunder by certain previous Takings, to award \$1.00 to the owner of each property over which an easement is taken hereunder for a total award of \$14.00 to be paid from the Tax Levy; or to take any other action thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11: ACUSHNET ROAD BRIDGE IMPROVEMENT EASEMENTS

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary actions to acquire public way easements, slope easements, drainage easements, public utility easements and temporary construction easements through all legal means including by eminent domain pursuant to General Laws Chapters 79 and 82, by purchase, or by donation, for the reconstruction and improvement of the bridge by which Acushnet Road crosses over the Branch of the Mattapoisett River, and for all municipal and other purposes reasonably related thereto, within, over, and through certain land in the Town of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, in the locations shown on a certain plan of land entitled "Plan of Easements at Acushnet Road Over Branch of Mattapoisett River" Dated January 21, 2020 by Field Engineering and GPI Engineering on file with the Mattapoisett Town Clerk, and, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for such acquisition and all costs incidental and related or take any action relative thereto.


Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

You are hereby notified to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the several places designated in the Town By-Laws, namely the Mattapoisett Post Office and the Mattapoisett Town Hall, and the Mattapoisett Library seven (7) days at least before the day appointed for said meeting.


Here of fail not and make do return of this Warrant with your doing thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this Third day of August in the year Two Thousand and Twenty.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN



Paul A. Silva, Chairman



Jordan C. Collyer, Vice Chairman



John N. DeCosta, Jr., Clerk

I, Ken Pacheco being a duly elected Constable of the Town of Mattapoisett, in the County of Plymouth, hereby make affidavit that legal notice of the meeting called under this warrant has been served on the voters of said Town of Mattapoisett by posting attested copies thereof at the places designated in the Town's General By-Laws, namely the Post Office and the Town Hall on 8/6/20 which is at least seven days prior to the day appointed for said meeting, in accordance with Section 10 of Chapter 39 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Ken Pacheco, Constable