

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT**

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 11, 2026**

**6:30 P.M.**

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT  
MAY 11, 2026**

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, located at 135 Marion Road, in said Mattapoisett on Monday, the eleventh day of May in the Year 2026 at six thirty in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles:

**ARTICLE 1: ELECTED OFFICERS' COMPENSATION**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of elected officers of the Town for Fiscal Year 2027 as follows:

	<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>
Moderator	303. <sup>00</sup>	309. <sup>00</sup>
Select Board, Chair	6,186. <sup>00</sup>	6,310. <sup>00</sup>
Select Board, Members – each	5,602. <sup>00</sup>	5,714. <sup>00</sup>
Assessor – each	5,602. <sup>00</sup>	5,714. <sup>00</sup>
Town Clerk	79,825. <sup>00</sup>	82,250. <sup>00</sup>
Board of Health – each	724. <sup>00</sup>	740. <sup>00</sup>
Highway Surveyor	92,185. <sup>00</sup>	95,200. <sup>00</sup>
Mattapoisett School Committee – each	724. <sup>00</sup>	740. <sup>00</sup>
Water/Sewer Commissioner – each	724. <sup>00</sup>	740. <sup>00</sup>
Tree Warden	10,978. <sup>00</sup>	11,300. <sup>00</sup>
Herring Inspector	1,035. <sup>00</sup>	1,056. <sup>00</sup>

or take any action relative thereto.

**BY VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

*Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 2: GENERAL OPERATING BUDGET**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to defray general operating expense of the Town for Fiscal Year 2027, 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”.**

**BY VARIOUS TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 3: ORR GATEWAY HEALTH INSURANCE CLAIMS**

**2/3 Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Town’s General Stabilization Fund, the sum of \$734,587, or any other sum, to the Old Rochester Regional School Committee for the purpose of funding a deficit of the Gateway Health Trust, including any and all incidental and related costs, said funds to be paid to the Old Rochester Regional School Committee upon approval of the Mattapoisett Select Board, or take any other action relative thereto.

**BY SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 4: APPROPRIATION FOR OPEB LIABILITIES**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$229,100 to meet the Town’s obligations under the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 45 to fund the Town’s future costs of other post-employment benefits (OPEB) identified by the GASB 45 Report; and as funding therefor, to raise \$175,000 from the Tax Levy and appropriate \$25,000 from Available Free Cash, with \$160,000 to be appropriated to the Town of Mattapoisett OPEB Account, and \$40,000 to be paid for the Mattapoisett share of the ORR School Liability, and transfer the sums of \$4,100 from Sewer Betterment Reserves and \$25,000 from Water Retained Earnings, to the Town of Mattapoisett OPEB Account for Water and Sewer Enterprise related OPEB Liability, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY SELECT BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 5: DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUND  
AUTHORIZATION**

**2/3 Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving fund annual expenditure limits for Fiscal Year 2027 as shown in the table below, or take any action relative thereto.

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>FY27 Limit</b>
Center School Clock Maintenance	\$5,000
COA Programs	\$5,000
Community Farmer's Market	\$7,500
Conservation Commission	\$30,000
EV Charging Stations	\$35,000
Fire Alarm Bylaw Penalties	\$10,000
Heritage Days	\$10,000
Library Fines	\$10,000
Local Cultural Council	\$15,000
Memorial Brick	\$15,000
Police Vehicle Fleet	\$100,000
Private Road Maintenance	\$25,000
Public Access Channels	\$200,000
Public Health Nursing Services	\$10,000
Recreation Fund	\$150,000
Roadway Design & Construction	\$200,000
School Kiln/Art Project	\$7,500
Wood Waste Recycling	\$10,000

**BY VARIOUS TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 6: TRANSFER TO STABILIZATION**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$735,000, or any other sum, from Certified Free Cash to the Town's General Stabilization Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 7: WATER RESERVE ACCOUNT**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000, or any other sum, from Water Retained Earnings for the purpose of establishing a Water Reserve Fund for unforeseen expenses of the Department in FY2027, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 8: SEWER RESERVE ACCOUNT**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000, or any other sum, from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of establishing a Sewer Betterment Reserves for unforeseen expenses of the Department in FY2027, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 9: CYCLICAL ANNUAL PROPERTY REVALUATION  
AND TOWN MAPPING**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$42,000, or any other sum, from the Town's Tax Levy for the purpose of funding the Department of Revenue mandated cyclical revaluation of property in Mattapoisett and mapping updates, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 10: CYCLICAL ANNUAL OPEB ACTUARIAL REPORT**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,500, or any other sum, from the Town's Tax Levy for the purpose of funding the mandated actuarial analysis of the Town's OPEB liability, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY SELECT BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 11: PERSONNEL SCHEDULES**

**Majority Vote**

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.

**BY SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 12: ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT OF CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to accept a report of the Capital Planning Committee outlining the needs of the various town departments as to both short and long-term capital equipment, improvements, and project needs **all as shown in Attachment “C”**, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 13: CAPITAL PLAN FUNDING**

**2/3 Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the total sum of \$1,919,000 for the purpose of replacing and/or purchasing and /or lease purchasing for terms up to or more than three years, as appropriate, the following items, including equipping of vehicles and equipment and as applicable, professional engineering, architectural services, design, site preparation and demolition, installation, including all other incidental and related expenses all as set forth below:

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>CAPITAL REQUEST</b>	<b>COST</b>
Ambulance/Paramedic	Ambulance Replacement	\$ 400,000
Ambulance/Paramedic	Ambulance Power Stretcher	\$ 65,000
Fire Department	Firefighter PPE (PFAS Free)	\$ 19,000
Highway Department	Annual Road Improvements	\$ 300,000
Police Department	Firearms Replacement	\$ 52,000
Police Department	Police Cruiser Replacement	\$ 80,000
Old Hammondtown School	Update Surveillance/Security	\$ 16,000
Highway Department	Dump Truck Replacement	\$ 260,000
Highway Department	Front-End Loader Replacement	\$ 250,000
Center School	Food Service Coolers	\$ 18,000
Center School	Chiller Overhaul	\$ 41,000
Center School	Replace RTU #5 (Roof-Top-Unit)	\$ 100,000
Highway Department	Zero Turn Mower (Replace 2008)	\$ 25,000
Center School	Phased Roof Repair/Replacement	\$ 37,000
Highway Department	John Deer Gator Replacement	\$ 30,000
Center School	Dishwasher Replacement	\$ 36,000

Old Hammondtown School	Replace Flooring	\$ 25,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 1,754,000</b>

<b>ENTERPRISE FUNDS</b>		
<b>DEPARTMENT</b>	<b>CAPITAL REQUEST</b>	<b>COST</b>
Waterfront Enterprise Fund	Docks & Floats Repair/Replace	\$ 15,000
Water Enterprise Fund	North Street Water Main Relining (Design)	\$ 150,000
<b>SUBTOTAL</b>		<b>\$ 165,000</b>

or take any action relative thereto.

**BY VARIOUS TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 14: RELINE PINE ISLAND WATER MAINS**

**2/3 Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$725,000.00, or any other sum, to pay the costs associated with the relining of the water main at Pine Island in its entirety, including but not limited to, the cost of professional engineering services, architectural services, design services, site preparation and/or demolition, and/or installation and/or reinstallation or repair of existing water main, and all other incidental or related expenses, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mattapoisett Select Board, be authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §§ 7 or 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that the Select Board be authorized to enter into any and all agreements as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes of this project, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 15: VARIOUS PROJECT FUNDING**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$523,500 from Available Free Cash for the purpose of funding the following expenses and projects, or take any other action relative thereto.

<b><u>FY2027 Budget Line-Item</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<b>Fire Department Fleet Repairs/Maintenance</b>	<b>\$ 31,000</b>

Town is looking to perform one-time repair/maintenance to Fire Department vehicles including tire replacements, brake upgrades and other maintenance items deemed appropriate upon inspection.

**Police Department Building Repair/Maintenance** **\$ 75,000**

Town is looking to perform repair/maintenance on the Police Department Building including the repair/replacement of rotten exterior trim and other items deemed appropriate upon inspection.

**Harbormaster Building Upgrades/Maintenance** **\$ 20,000**

Town is looking to perform upgrades/maintenance on the Harbormaster Building including the installation of a mini-split system to provide the building with proper heating and cooling and other items deemed appropriate upon inspection.

**America 250<sup>th</sup> Celebration** **\$ 7,500**

The funding will be used to pay for events, memorial plaques, and staffing for a local celebration to commemorate America's 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

**Main Street TIP Project Costs** **\$ 175,000**

Town will look to fund several new project costs for the Main, Water, Beacon, Marion Road TIP project including legal costs to prepare easements, preparation of an engineered landscape plan, engineered plan for water main replacement, and all other costs required in preparation of project construction.

**Highway Building Project OPM/Admin Services** **\$ 215,000**

The funding will be used to pay for the required OPM (Owner Project Manager), Building Environmental testing, and additional administrative services for the Highway Building Project.

**BY SELECT BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 16: AMENDMENT TO FY26 ANNUAL BUDGET**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the following line items in the FY26 Annual Budget, approved under Article 2 of the May 2025 Annual Town Meeting, by increasing/decreasing the appropriations for the following line items, and determine whether such funds should be raised and appropriated or transferred from available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

<b><u>FY2026 Budget Line-Item</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
423 – Snow & Ice Removal Salary & Wages	\$ 32,000

Other Expenses	\$ 208,000
914 – Health Insurance	(\$ 240,000)

**BY SELECT BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 17: WATER STREET CULVERT REPLACEMENT PROJECT 2/3 Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$2,000,000, or any other sum, to pay the costs associated with the design, planning, engineering, bidding, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, and installation associated with the Water Street Culvert replacement project, including all incidental and related expenses, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mattapoisett Select Board, be authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §§ 7 or 8, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and that the Select Board be authorized to enter into such contracts and agreements as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes of this project, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY SELECT BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 18: ALLOCATION OF REVENUES COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the FY2027 Community Preservation Budget, and to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund, FY2027 estimated annual revenues to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Committee for FY2027 and reserve for future appropriation from said annual revenues a sum of money for open space, historic preservation and community housing purposes, as well as a sum of money to be placed in the FY2027 Budgeted Reserve all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee as follows:

**Appropriate FY2027 Estimated Annual Revenues**

Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,500
Debt Service Expense	\$ 45,856

**Transfer from FY2027 Estimated Annual Revenues for the following Reserve Accounts.**

Housing	\$ 26,000
Historic Preservation	\$ 26,000
Open Space	\$ 26,000

Budgeted Reserve \$ 134,644

or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 19: CPA FUNDING – HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000, or any other sum, from the CPA Historic Preservation Fund, or other available Community Preservation Fund revenues, for the purpose of entering into a services contract with a preservation consultant to complete the survey plan that is Phase IV of the Mattapoisett Historic Resource Inventory Project, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 20: CPA FUNDING – HAMMOND CEMETERY HISTORIC  
STONE WALL RESTORATION**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000, or any other sum, from the CPA Historic Preservation Fund, or other available Community Preservation Fund revenues, for the purpose of performing restoration on approximately 80 feet of the historic stone wall located at Hammond Cemetery, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 21: CPA FUNDING – MUSEUM CARRIAGE HOUSE ACCESS**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the sum of \$13,000, or any other sum, from the CPA Historic Preservation Fund, or other available Community Preservation Fund revenues, to complete the construction of a universal access entrance on Baptist St. at the historic Church Street building to improve ADA entrance accessibility, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 22: CPA FUNDING – CEMETERY FIND DATABASE**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$7,200, or any other sum, from the CPA Historic Preservation Fund, or other available Community Preservation Fund revenues, to digitize additional historical cemetery graves sites for online public access, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 23: ACCEPTANCE OF ROOM OCCUPANCY EXCISE TAX**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 64G, § 3A which will authorize the Town to impose a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental or motel located within the Town by an operator at a rate of six per cent (6%) of the total amount of rent for each such occupancy, or take any other action relative thereto.

**BY SELECT BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 24: COMMUNITY IMPACT FEE**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c. 64G, § 3D(a) to impose a 3% community impact fee applying to transfers of occupancy for "Professionally-managed units" (one of two or more short-term rental units in same city/town operated by the same operator and not located within a single, or two, or three-family dwelling that includes the operator's primary residence), or take any other action relative thereto.

**BY SELECT BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 25: ACCEPTANCE OF THE HERO ACT**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will accept the provisions of G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clause 22I as created by Chapter 178 of the Acts of 2024, commonly referred to as the "HERO Act", which if accepted, would increase the amount of tax exemption granted to veterans beginning in Fiscal Year 2027, on their domiciles under G.L. c. 59, § 5, Clauses 22, 22A, 22B, 22C, 22E and 22F annually by a cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) determined by the Department of Revenue (DOR) based on the consumer price index (CPI), or take any other action relative thereto.

**BY SELECT BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends  
Finance Committee Recommends*

**ARTICLE 26: ADU BYLAW**

**2/3 Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mattapoisett Zoning By-Laws to add to Article 5, a new Section 5.12 Accessory Dwelling Units, the text of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and the Planning Board; and further, to amend the Town of Mattapoisett Zoning By-laws, Table of Contents, to include this new Section 5.12 ; and further, that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format; or take any action relative thereto.

**BY PLANNING BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends*

**ARTICLE 27: COTTAGE CLUSTER BYLAW**

**2/3 Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mattapoisett Zoning By-Laws to add to Article 5, a new Section 5.13 Cottage Community Development, the text of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk and the Planning Board; and further, to amend the Town of Mattapoisett Zoning By-laws, Table of Contents, to include this new section 5.13; and further, that non-substantive changes to the numbering of this by-law be permitted in order that it be in compliance with the numbering format, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY PLANNING BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends*

**ARTICLE 28: BYLAW AMENDMENT DOG REGULATIONS**

**2/3 Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 17 of the Town’s General Bylaws, the text of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, to make changes as required under Chapter 213 of the Acts of 2024 (“Ollie’s Law”) and for the Bylaw’s clarity and effectiveness, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY PLANNING BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends*

**ARTICLE 29: MAIN, WATER, BEACON MARION ROAD TIP PROJECT**

**Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to (a) authorize the Select Board to acquire, by purchase, gift and/or eminent domain, upon such terms as the Select Board deems appropriate, such interests in land as are necessary, which may include the fee and/or permanent and temporary easements, in the locations more or less depicted on the plan entitled: “Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division Plan and Profile of Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street & Marion Road In the Town of Mattapoisett Plymouth County,” dated March 31, 2021, prepared by MassDOT Highway Division, as it may be amended, a copy of which has

been placed on file and is available for review at the office of the Town Clerk, for the purpose of carrying out the Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road Improvement Project, including without limitation, for the construction, installation, inspection, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and/or relocation of rights of way, sidewalks, drainage, utilities, driveways, retaining walls, guardrails, fences, slopes, utilities, grading, rounding, landscaping, and other structures and/or appurtenances, and any and all purposes and uses incidental or related thereto; (b) transfer the care, custody, management and control of the portions of the Town-owned properties shown on the aforesaid plans from the board or officer having custody of the same for the specific purposes for which such properties are currently held to the Select Board for the foregoing purposes and further to dedicate said portions of the Town-owned properties to said public way purposes; (c) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money for the foregoing purposes and any and all costs incidental or related thereto, including, without limitation, the cost of any land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, and surveys; and, (d) authorize the Select Board to enter into all agreements and take any and all actions as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the foregoing, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY SELECT BOARD**

*Select Board Recommends*

You are hereby notified to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the several places designated in the Town's General 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 28<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

**SELECT BOARD**



R. Tyler Macallister



Jodi L. Bauer



Jordan C. Collyer