TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

NOVEMBER 9, 2026

6:30 P.M.

OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
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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, located at 135 Marion Road, in said Mattapoisett on Monday, the ninth day of November in the Year 2026 at six thirty in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: RENOVATION OF HIGHWAY BUILDING **2/3 Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the authorization to borrow as approved by the Town on Article 17 of the May 11, 2026 Annual Town Meeting (titled the "Water Street Culvert Replacement Project") to provide that the appropriation and borrowing authorized thereunder may also be used for the Highway Building Renovation Project, including all incidental and related expenses; or take any action relative thereto.

BY SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 2: WATER/SEWER BUILDING (INDUSTRIAL DRIVE) **2/3 Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow, the sum of $3,956,500 to pay the costs of the design, planning, engineering, and new construction associated with the Mattapoisett Water/Sewer Building, including all incidental and related expenses; and, to authorize the Treasurer, with approval of the Select Board, to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L.c.44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefore, and, further, that the Select Board be authorized to enter into such contracts and agreements as shall in its judgement be necessary to effectuate the intent of this article, or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS

ARTICLE 3: ACCEPTANCE OF COOPER'S WAY AS PUBLIC WAY **Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Cooper's Way as a public way as it has been laid out by order of the Select Board in the location placed on file with the Town Clerk as required by law; and further to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent

domain, upon such terms and conditions as the Select Board may determine, such interests in land as are necessary to provide for the use and maintenance of said way for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Mattapoisett; and to take any and all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out the purposes of this article; or take any action relative thereto.

BY SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 4: PRIOR YEAR TRANSFER STATION EXPENSES **9/10 Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $1,342.82 from Transfer Station Retained Earnings to pay for unpaid obligations from prior years; or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF HEALTH

ARTICLE 5: PUBLIC WORKS EASEMENT COSTS **Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 drainage easements related to Water Street Culvert Replacement Project, and for all municipal and other purposes reasonably related thereto, within, over, and through certain land in the Town of Mattapoisett, Massachusetts, as shown on that certain plan of land entitled “Water Street Culvert Replacement” dated December 9, 2025, as amended by Greenman-Pedersen, Inc, and the Knollwood Stormwater Remediation Project; and further to transfer the balance of $65,397.42 from the appropriation approved under Article 7 of the November 14, 2022 Special Town Meeting (Pearl & Oakland Road Reconstruction) for the purpose of funding any related costs; or take any action relative thereto.

BY SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 6: VARIOUS PROJECT FUNDING **Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $300,000 from Available Certified Free Cash for the purpose of funding the following expenses and projects, including all incidental and related expenses; or take any action relative thereto.

FY2027 Project Funding	**Amount**

Replacement of Roof Top Unit #1 **$100,000**

This project would include the complete replacement of the Roof Top Unit, AAON AC Unitary Large Package Unit. The current unit is over 20 years old and subject to more frequent service calls to maintain its efficiency. Parts are becoming scarce and a challenge to find. This will improve the operational efficiency of the school while providing a safe and healthy environment for the students, staff and the community who use Center School Elementary Cafeteria.

Digitization of Public Records **$ 75,000**

In combination with acquired grant funding, the Town will seek to digitize paper records for the Building, Conservation, Planning, and Health Departments. This effort will improve records management, enhance accessibility, reduce reliance on physical files, and support more efficient delivery of services to residents.

Online Permitting Software **$ 75,000**

The Town will seek to negotiate a multi-year contract with a software provider to enhance and expand its online permitting capabilities. The initiative will also seek to incorporate additional departments and licensing activities into the platform, improving efficiency, streamlining processes, and enhancing the Town's ability to provide convenient and accessible services to residents.

Building and Grounds Maintenance **$25,000**

The Town will use this funding to carry out essential repairs, maintenance, and refurbishment of equipment and facilities. This investment will help ensure that Town-owned buildings, grounds, and equipment remain safe, functional, and well-maintained, supporting the continued delivery of essential municipal services and helping to extend the useful life of existing assets.

Engineering Services BOH **$ 15,000**

The Board of Health will use this funding to engage an engineer or qualified consultant to inspect the cap at the Town's landfill on Tinkham Hill Lane and assess its condition before any work begins on the approved solar project.

Town Website Accessibility and Cybersecurity Compliance **$ 10,000**

The Town will use the funding to improve the accessibility of PDF documents and other attachments available on the Town's website and improve cybersecurity measures to meet requirments.

BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS

ARTICLE 7: GRANT MATCHING FUNDING **Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $50,000 from available Certified Free Cash for the purpose of replenishing the Town's Grant Matching Fund to provide the Town match to any awarded grant reward with the approval, through majority vote, of the Select Board and Finance Committee; or take any action relative thereto.

BY SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 8: PROJECT FUNDING MAIN, WATER, BEACON MARION ROAD RECONSTRUCTION **Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $500,000 from available Certified Free Cash for the purpose of funding the Main Street, Water Street, Beacon Street and Marion Road Improvement Project, including without limitation, the cost of professional engineering, architectural services, design, appraisals, and surveys, including all incidental and related expenses; or take any action relative thereto.

BY SELECT BOARD

ARTICLE 9: TRANSFER STATION OPERATIONAL MANAGEMENT **Majority Vote**

To see if the Town will vote to place the management, operation, control, and regulation of the Town Transfer Station and its surrounding facility grounds directly under the jurisdiction of the Select Board; and further, to authorize the Select Board to adopt, amend, or repeal reasonable rules, regulations, and fee schedules for the use of said Transfer Station pursuant to applicable state statutes; or take any action relative thereto.

BY SELECT BOARD

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 20th day of October in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Six.

SELECT BOARD

Jodi L. Bauer

Jordan C. Collyer

Judith Mooney

Nicole Doyon Lynch

Frances-Feliz Kearns