

**TOWN OF MARION
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**



**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
at Sippican School Auditorium
Spring Street
May 13, 2024
6:45 p.m.**

and to elect Officers on

**May 17, 2024
at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center
465 Mill Street (Route 6)**

***BRING THIS COPY WITH YOU
TO TOWN MEETING***

TOWN OF MARION
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For the Annual Town Meeting to be Held
May 13, 2024



Plymouth, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Marion in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Marion qualified to vote in Town election and Town affairs to meet at the Sippican School Auditorium in said Marion, on Monday, the 13th day of May 2024, at 6:45 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles, to wit:

Article 1. To see what compensation the Town will pay its elected Town officials:

	FY24	FY25	
	<u>Approp</u>	<u>Recommend</u>	<u>% chg</u>
Select Board, each member, per annum	\$ 4,902	\$ 4,902	0.0%
Board of Assessors, each member, per annum	\$ 4,839	\$ 4,839	0.0%
Board of Health, each member, per annum	\$ 1,866	\$ 1,866	0.0%
Moderator, for Annual Meeting	\$ 245	\$ 245	0.0%
per Special Town Meeting	\$ 81	\$ 81	0.0%

or take any other action thereon.

Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends

Article 2. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury in order to pay interest and maturing debt and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several Town departments and Reserve Fund for the ensuing year; or take any other action thereon.

	FY24 Revised	FY25	FY24 to 25
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	Appropriation	Recommendation	% Change
113 Election and Town Meetings	\$9,875	\$11,875	20.25%
122 Select Board	\$50,133	\$51,116	1.96%
122 Negotiations – Select Board	\$26,112	\$50,000	**0.00%
123 Town Administrator	\$157,000	\$160,140	2.00%
131 Finance Committee	\$34,200	\$36,700	7.31%
132 Reserve Fund	\$34,794	\$65,000	**0.00%
135 Finance Director/Town Acct	\$154,700	\$117,963	-23.75%
141 Assessors	\$140,145	\$147,034	4.92%
145 Treasurer	\$67,619	\$73,914	9.31%
146 Collector	\$62,251	\$63,096	1.36%
151 Legal	\$152,000	\$152,000	0.00%
155 Information Technology	\$199,662	\$215,952	8.16%
159 Administrative Services	\$879,417	\$906,913	3.13%
161 Town Clerk	\$77,559	\$83,573	7.75%
163 Registrar of Voters	\$14,200	\$14,800	4.23%
171 Conservation	\$3,950	\$4,950	25.32%
175 Planning Board	\$84,826	\$86,464	1.93%
176 Zoning Board	\$2,119	\$2,119	0.00%
191 Town Facilities	\$402,566	\$414,659	3.00%
195 Town Report	\$8,300	\$8,300	0.00%
199 Unclassified	\$1,906	\$1,934	1.47%
<i>Total General Government</i>	\$2,563,334	\$2,668,502	4.10%
PUBLIC SAFETY			
210 Police Department	\$2,274,545	\$2,370,879	4.24%
210 Police Cruiser	\$72,029	\$0	0.00%
220 Fire/EMS Department	\$1,316,784	\$1,342,551	1.96%
241 Building Department	\$140,322	\$142,339	1.44%
292 Animal Control	\$72,649	\$73,913	1.74%
295 Marine Resources	\$313,417	\$359,959	14.85%
299 Tree Warden	\$30,700	\$30,700	0.00%
<i>Total Public Safety</i>	\$4,220,446	\$4,320,341	2.37%
SCHOOLS			
300 Sippican School	\$6,666,193	\$7,080,780	6.22%
300 Bristol Agricultural HS	\$0	\$0	0.00%
301 ORR Operating	\$5,274,891	\$5,551,389	5.24%
301 ORR Stabilization Fund	\$29,893	\$30,920	3.44%
302 ORR Debt	\$189,999	\$183,737	-3.30%
302 Upper Cape Cod Oper.	\$466,078	\$576,084	23.60%
302 Upper Cape Cod Debt	\$21,655	\$23,656	9.24%
<i>Total Education</i>	\$12,648,709	\$13,446,566	6.31%
PUBLIC WORKS ADMIN.			
420 Public Works	\$1,891,661	\$1,975,557	4.44%
490 Utilities & Fuel	\$453,710	\$457,000	0.73%
<i>Total Public Works</i>	\$2,345,371	\$2,432,557	3.72%
HUMAN SERVICES			
511 Board of Health	\$152,961	\$158,167	3.40%
541 Council on Aging	\$237,652	\$250,433	5.38%
543 Veterans	\$102,366	\$108,000	5.50%
<i>Total Human Services</i>	\$492,979	\$516,600	4.79%

CULTURE & RECREATION				
610	Library	\$224,490	\$232,602	3.61%
630	Recreation	\$136,096	\$130,433	-4.16%
670	Natural History Museum	\$10,000	\$12,500	25.00%
	Celebrations-Parades & Band	\$19,200	\$19,200	0.00%
692	Concerts			
<i>Total Culture & Recreation</i>		\$389,786	\$394,735	1.27%
DEBT SERVICE				
710	Principal Payments	\$491,800	\$659,600	34.12%
711	Interest Payments	\$173,498	\$219,306	26.40%
<i>Total Debt Services</i>		\$665,298	\$878,906	32.11%
PENSION & INSURANCE				
911	Pension Assessment	\$1,657,111	\$1,802,363	8.77%
914	Group insurance	\$1,781,420	\$1,605,486	-9.88%
940	Town Insurance	\$772,449	\$771,655	-0.10%
<i>Total Pension & Insurances</i>		\$4,210,980	\$4,179,504	-0.75%
TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET		\$27,536,903	\$28,837,711	4.72%
	<i>Less Transfers</i>	\$344,715	\$500,820	
	<i>Less Indirect Costs</i>	\$841,305	\$862,134	
	<i>Less Transfer from Free Cash</i>	\$329,893	\$350,000	
	<i>Less Transfers from School Stabilization Fund</i>	\$0.00	\$30,920	
	<i>Raise and Appropriate</i>	\$26,020,990	\$27,124,757	

***FY24 approved appropriation was \$80,000 & \$65,000; funds were then transferred to pertaining departments*

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,505,438 to be used to operate the Water Enterprise Fund, the following sums to be appropriated to Salaries and Expenses (\$1,108,725); Reserve Fund (\$60,000); Debt (\$920,783); and Indirect Costs (\$415,930); with the funds to be raised from department receipts (\$2,310,438) and Water Retained Earnings (\$195,000); or take any other action thereon.

	FY24	FY25	% chg
WATER ENTERPRISE FUND	Appropriation	Recommend.	Differ
Salaries and Expenses	\$1,101,844	\$1,108,725	0.62%
Reserve Fund	\$60,000	\$60,000	0.00%
Debt (principal, interest and charges)	\$948,595	\$920,783	-2.93%
Subtotal	\$2,110,439	\$2,089,508	-0.99%
Indirect Costs	\$391,791	\$415,930	6.16%
TOTAL WATER ENTERPRISE BUDGET	\$2,502,230	\$2,505,438	0.13%
<i>Less Water Retained Earnings</i>	\$200,000	\$195,000	
<i>Water Revenues</i>	\$2,294,655	\$2,310,438	

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$3,645,200 to be used to operate the Sewer Enterprise Fund, the following sums to be appropriated to Salaries and Expenses (\$1,258,729); Reserve Fund (\$60,000); Debt (\$1,880,266); and Indirect Costs (\$446,205); with the funds to be raised from Departmental Receipts (\$3,370,200) and Sewer Retained Earnings (\$275,000); or take any other action thereon.

	FY24	FY25	% chg
SEWER ENTERPRISE FUND	Appropriation	Recommend.	Differ
Salaries and Expenses	\$1,200,638	\$1,258,729	4.84%
Reserve Fund	\$60,000	\$60,000	0.00%
Debt (principal, interest and charges)	\$1,927,584	\$1,880,266	-2.45%
Subtotal	\$3,188,222	\$3,198,995	0.34%
Indirect Costs	\$449,514	\$446,205	-0.74%
TOTAL SEWER ENTERPRISE BUDGET	\$3,637,736	\$3,645,200	-0.38%
<i>Less Sewer Retained Earnings</i>	\$300,000	\$275,000	
<i>Less Free Cash</i>	\$0	\$0	
<i>Sewer Revenues</i>	\$3,320,404	\$3,370,200	

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Overlay Surplus Account the sum of \$25,000 to be used by the Board of Assessors for the revaluation of real and personal property as mandated by the Department of Revenue; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$50,000 to the Compensated Absence Account for the purpose of funding accrued benefits for retiring employees; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$50,000 to be expended by the Facilities Department to complete building maintenance projects; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$5,000 to be expended by the Stewards of Community Open Space to update the Open Space and Recreation Plan; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (School Stabilization Fund) the sum of \$150,000 to be expended by the Marion School Committee to support the funding of unanticipated out-of-District placement costs; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$20,000 to be expended by the Building Commissioner for the purpose of providing emergency demolition services; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$20,000 to be expended by the Tree Warden for the purpose of providing emergency removal of diseased and storm damaged trees; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$50,000 to supplement the remaining balance from Article 10 of the Annual Town Meeting of 2008 for purposes of instituting tax foreclosure procedures on delinquent real estate parcels in the Town in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 53; or take any action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the remaining balances from the funds appropriated pursuant to the votes taken on the motions for Article 9 of the May 9, 2022 Annual Town Meeting (\$25,242.45), to be used by the Facilities Department for the purpose of replacing the vinyl flooring at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash and Retained Earnings) the sum of \$2,372,177, with \$1,383,177 from Free Cash, \$750,000 from Water Retained Earnings, and \$314,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings, to fund the replacement or purchase of the following items as part of the Town’s Capital Improvement Plan, including equipping of vehicles and equipment and, as applicable, the hiring of professional services and all other incidental and related costs all set forth below:

General Fund

Cardiac Monitor & AED Replacement (Fire)	\$95,000
Digital Recording Logger (Police)	\$47,000
Refurbish Engine 2 (Fire)	\$182,000
Fire Station #1 Bathroom Update (ADA) (Fire)	\$35,000
Upgrade WiFi (Sippican)	\$20,000
Records Digitization (Town)	\$175,000
McQuay Chiller Refurbishment (Sippican)	\$42,000
PA & Master Clock Replacement (Sippican)	\$42,000
Roof-Top Chiller Replacement (Sippican)	\$50,000
Sidewalk Evaluation (DPW)	\$45,000
IT Phased Replacement (Town)	\$10,000
Community Center Roof (Design) (Facilities)	\$35,000
Upgrade Vehicle Fleet (Electric) (Town)	\$45,000
Furniture Phased Replacement (Town)	\$10,000
Window Phase Replacement (Sippican)	\$20,000
Hook Lift System Truck (DPW)	\$130,000
Furniture Phased Replacement (Sippican)	\$36,000
Bird Island Light House (Design) (Facilities)	\$30,000
Sprague’s Cove Restorative Plantings (DPW)	\$25,000
Town House Security Upgrade (Town)	\$42,066
Digital Radio Upgrade (Police)	\$19,322
Brush Truck (Fire)	\$72,789
Island Wharf Water Line (Town)	\$100,000
Police Vehicle Replacement (Police)	\$75,000

Water Enterprise

Perry Hill - North Well Access (Design)	\$75,000
Emergency Generators	\$675,000

Sewer Enterprise

Inflow and Infiltration Removal Program	\$200,000
Creek Road Force Main Evaluation (Design)	\$64,000
Grant Match Fund	\$50,000

or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1,699,645 to be used for the construction and equipping of a new Department of Public Works Operations Building, including all costs incidental and related thereto; and to meet this appropriation to see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$803,195 and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$896,450 under the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §7(1) or any other appropriate enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that the appropriation authorized hereunder shall be contingent upon approval by the voters of a ballot question to exclude the amounts to pay for the bonds or notes authorized for this purpose from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so called; 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 other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash and Waterways Fund) the sum of \$803,250; with \$403,250 from the Waterways Fund, and \$400,000 from Free Cash, for the purchase and equipping of a replacement Public Safety and Patrol Boat, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Does Not Recommend
Select Board Recommends*

Article 16A. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$803,250 to be used for the purchase and equipping of a replacement Public Safety and Patrol Boat, including all costs incidental and related thereto; and to determine whether to meet this appropriation such amount should

be raised by authorizing the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$803,250 under the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, §7(1) or any other appropriate enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that while such bonds and notes shall be general obligations of the Town, payment shall be made in the first instance from Harbor receipts; 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 other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to approve of the \$12,000,000 debt authorized by the Old Rochester Regional School District to pay costs of making various capital improvements and repairs to the District's Junior/Senior High School, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto. This approval shall be contingent upon a vote of the Town to exclude the Town's allocable share of this debt from the provisions of G.L. c. 59, §21C (also known as Proposition 2½); or to take any other action relative thereto.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury (Free Cash) the sum of \$100,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefit Liability Trust Fund; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$2,000 from the Chester A. Vose Fund, said monies to be used by the Assessors for the reduction of taxes; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate from Fiscal Year 2025 estimated annual revenues, \$12,000 to the Community Preservation Committee for administrative expenses; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate from Fiscal Year 2025 estimated annual revenues, \$120,090 for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the Community Preservation Act, M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §6, for the purposes of Open Space, Community Housing and Historic Preservation, for Fiscal Year 2025 and \$268,210 to the Community Preservation Act Budgeted Reserves; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$11,750 from CPA Undesignated Fund balance to be allocated and reserved for the purpose of surveying and marking the bounds of the Town-owned Boatyard Park, with funds to be available from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025, and any remaining funds to be automatically returned to the Community Preservation Fund category from which said funding originated, without further action required by Town Meeting; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$77,000 from Open Space and Recreation Reserves to be allocated and reserved for the purpose of designing, permitting, and bidding improvements to the Silvershell Beach parking lot, with funds to be available from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025, and any remaining funds to be automatically returned to the Community Preservation Fund category from which said funding originated, without further action required by Town Meeting; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$120,000 from CPA Undesignated Fund balance to be allocated and reserved for the purpose of purchasing temporary and permanent easements related to the Shared Use Path, with funds to be available from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2026, and any remaining funds to be automatically returned to the Community Preservation Fund category from which said funding originated, without further action required by Town Meeting; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$28,925 from Historic Preservation Reserves to be allocated and reserved for the purpose of designing, permitting, and bidding the restoration of the Bird Island Lighthouse, with funds to be available from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025, and any remaining funds to be automatically returned to the Community Preservation Fund category from which said funding originated, without further action required by Town Meeting; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$75,000 from CPA Undesignated Fund balance to be allocated and reserved for the purpose of funding additional engineering expenses related to the Shared Use Path, with funds to be available from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025, and any remaining funds to be automatically returned to the Community Preservation Fund category from which said funding originated, without further action required by Town Meeting; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$5,470 from CPA Undesignated Fund balance to be allocated and reserved for the purpose of installing new irrigation systems at the Bicentennial Park and the Children's Garden at the Sippican School, with funds to be available from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025, and any remaining funds to be automatically returned to the Community Preservation Fund category from which said funding originated, without further action required by Town Meeting; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$16,744 from CPA Undesignated Fund balance to be allocated and reserved for the purpose of purchasing and installing a digital cemetery management system, with funds to be available from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2025, and any remaining funds to be automatically returned to the Community Preservation Fund category from which said funding originated, without further action required by Town Meeting; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate \$30,000 from CPA Undesignated Fund balance to be allocated and reserved for the purpose of designing, purchasing, and installing ten (10) markers on historic buildings and sites, with funds to be available from July 1, 2024 until June 30, 2026, and any remaining funds to be automatically returned to the Community Preservation Fund category from which said funding originated, without further action required by Town Meeting; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to act upon the Recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee to extend the funding-period for the Marion Shared Use Path Easement Appraisals, initially approved at the May 2022 Annual Town Meeting, until June 30, 2025, with any remaining funds to be automatically returned to the Community Preservation Fund category from which said funding originated, without further action required by Town Meeting; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 120 (Stretch Energy Code) of the Code of Marion, by deleting the Chapter in its entirety; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90, §17C, authorizing the Select Board, in the interest of public safety and without further authority, to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district in the town on any way that is not a state highway; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to discontinue a portion of Wells Road, between Wareham Road (Route 6) and Spring Street, as a public way, as shown on the sketch plan on file with the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Select Board to convey said portion of Wells Road to the

abutter(s), as may be applicable, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board determines to be in the best interests of the Town, for such consideration, which may be nominal consideration, as the Select Board deems appropriate; and, further, to accept or reserve a sewer easement in said portion of Wells Road; and to authorize the Select Board to execute any and all documents to effectuate the intent of this article; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 230.3-2 (Zoning Map) and Zoning Map of the Code of Marion, by re-drawing the existing boundaries of the Aquifer Protection Overlay District on the Zoning Map of the Town of Marion, dated May 12, 2014, as shown in an attachment to this Warrant and on file in the Town Clerk’s office, in a manner consistent with Wellhead Protection Regulations, 310 CMR 22.21(2), and Section 230-8.2 (Water Supply Protection District) of the Code of Marion; or take any other action thereon

*Planning Board Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 230.3-2 (Zoning Map) and Zoning Map of the Code of Marion, by re-classifying the following lots, located on 207-215 Wareham Street, from General Business Zoning District to Zoning District Residential E:

Map 11	Lot 90
Map 11	Lot 91
Map 11	Lot 91A
Map 11	Lot 91B

on the Zoning Map of the Town of Marion, dated May 12, 2014; said lots are further shown as Lot #2, 3, 4 & 5 on a plan entitled “Plan of Land in Marion, Mass. prepared for Abilio Rodriquez”, dated May 1970, by Arthur C. Thompson, Inc. Engineering & Surveyors, Marion, Massachusetts and filed in Plymouth County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 15, Page 789; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Planning Board Recommends
Select Board does Not Recommend*

Article 36. To see if the Town will authorize, but not require, the Select Board to accept or convey, grants of easements for streets, water, drainage, sewer and utility purposes or any public purpose on terms and conditions the Select Board deems in the best interest of the Town; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, §53E½, to establish and authorize for FY2025 a Recreation Revolving Fund for the purpose of accepting receipts from fees collected from participants in the various recreation programs, with said funds to be received by the Treasurer and credited to the said revolving fund and to be dispersed by the Town Accountant to offset the costs of these programs, total expenditures not to exceed \$150,000; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, §53E½, to establish and authorize for FY2025 a Public Health Revolving Fund for the lawful collection of monies by the Town Treasurer and the expenditure of said monies by the Marion Board of Health for all lawful purposes including, but not limited to, purchasing medical supplies and vaccines, and the provision of public health and related services within the Town of Marion, with total expenditures not to exceed \$60,000; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee Recommends
Select Board Recommends*

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board or its designee to make application on behalf of the Town to the appropriate agency of the Federal or State Governments for grants in aid or other funds or to private foundations or other foundations to further carry out certain programs hereinafter listed and to expend such grants to the Town; said applications and expenditures may include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Emergency Management Funds
- B. Sewer system, planning and improvements
- C. Water system improvements and aquifer protection
- D. Recreation and conservation land planning, acquisition, and improvements of open space

- E. Open space acquisition
- F. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs self-help program
- G. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs urban self-help program
- H. Executive Office of Environmental Affairs land and water conservation funds
- I. Repairs and renovations to Town properties
- J. Coastal Zone funds for coastal-related activities
- K. Housing-related grants
- L. Public Safety
- M. Title 5 subsurface disposal of sanitary waste management
- N. Public or private grants deemed by the Select Board to be in the best interest of the community
- O. State Road funds, Chapter 53B and Chapter 150 (commonly known as Chapter 90 funds);

or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to institute, defend, or compromise suits of law; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell any article belonging to the Town, provided the Town has no further use for the same; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to sell or transfer any taxation possession property held by the Town, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 60, §77, after the Select Board has notified the Planning Board, Open Space Acquisition Commission, Conservation Commission and the Affordable Housing Trust of the availability of such land and said agencies may report in writing within twenty (20) days to the Select Board any Recommendations that they may have with regard to the disposition of said land; or take any other action thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to negotiate and enter into lease agreement(s) on and/or for Town-owned land and property, on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Select Board shall determine to be appropriate; such lease or leases to be for a term of up to twenty (20) years; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to consider the reports of the Town officers and committees and act thereon.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 45. To choose by ballot all necessary officers for the ensuing year; one Select Board member for three years; one Assessor for three years; one Board of Health member for three years; two Planning Board members for three years; two Marion School Committee members for three years; and two Open Space Acquisition Commission members for three years; commencing on Friday, the 17th of May, 2024, at 8:00 o'clock in the morning in the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center, 465 Mill Street (Route 6), in said Marion.

*Finance Committee has no Recommendation, as no financial impact
Select Board Recommends*

Article 46. Repair storm drain system. Keep storm drains clean. Pump catch basins when full. Keep storm drains flowing so that our property does not flood. Investigate source of excess water flooding neighborhood of Ichabod Lane.

Submitted via Citizen's Petition

Question 1. Shall the Town of Marion be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds or notes to be issued in order to pay the costs of the final design, construction and equipping of a new Operations Building for the Department of Public Works, including all costs incidental and related thereto?

Yes_____ No_____

Question 2. Shall the Town of Marion be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bonds issued by the Old Rochester Regional School District for the purpose of paying costs of making various capital improvements and repairs to the District's Junior / Senior High School, including all costs incidental, and related thereto?

Yes_____ No_____

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Elizabeth Taber Library, one at the Town House and one at the Marion Post Office, all in said Marion, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting aforesaid.

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

Given our hands this 2nd day of April in the Year Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

Carleton Burr, Jr.
Chairman

Randy L. Parker
Vice-Chairman

Norman A. Hills
Clerk

SELECT BOARD

A true copy, ATTEST:

I, Richard B. Nighelli, being a duly appointed constable of the Town of Marion, in the County of Plymouth, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, hereby make affidavit that legal notice of the meeting called under this Warrant has been served on the voters of said Town of Marion by posting up attested copies in not less than three public places within the said Town on April 5, 2024, said date being fourteen days, at least, before the date of the meeting, in accordance with Chapter 64, Section 3(A), of the Code of the Town of Marion.

Richard B. Nighelli
CONSTABLE

Addendum #1 – Article 14

FY 25 MARION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT TO SELECT BOARD AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Capital Improvements Planning Committee (CIPC) assists Town Departments in developing capital project requests as part of the annual budget process that is approved by residents at the Spring Town Meeting. Projects or assets that cost at least \$10,000 and have a useful life of at least 5 years are defined as capital projects. The CIPC typically visits various locations to further understand capital plans and needs. Unfortunately, the committee was unable to conduct any site visits in 2023. In 2023 the Select Board appointed two new CIPC members. Debra Watson and Mandy Givens filled positions previously held by Paul Naiman and Richard Giberti.

Each year Marion Department Heads submit Capital Project requests to the CIPC that include the department's priority, budget impact, regulatory/public safety justification, equipment information (replacement, efficiency, useful life, cost reduction), alignment with the Master Plan and additional benefits to the Town. Committee members score each project based on the submission, and an average is calculated to create Capital Project rankings. The rankings provide an impartial perspective for the Finance Committee, Finance Director, Town Administrator and Select Board to aid them in the Budget Process. Ten(10)-Year Plans are also developed based on information submitted by the Department Heads, compiled by the Town Administrator, and reviewed by the Committee. This information provides a forecast of future Capital needs over the coming 10 years.

For FY 25, thirty-six projects, totaling \$9.482 million were submitted by the Department Heads. Eighteen of the projects were submitted by the Department of Public Works (DPW) totaling \$7.649 million. Eighteen additional projects were submitted by all the other Department Heads, totaling \$1.833 million.

Beginning this year, capital projects from the ORR School District were not formally reviewed and ranked by the CIPC, and are not included in this memo. ORR school officials briefed the CIPC on their plans and expectations for a new capital budgeting process that will address both small and large capital project needs and the funding sources for them. ORR officials also agreed to informally present and discuss their future capital projects and their 10-Year Capital Plan with the CIPC.

Below are the ranked projects for the DPW, and all other departments. Many of the DPW projects are regulatory and/or support public health

and safety and are paid by way of fees, and thus receive higher rankings. The higher ranked projects for all other departments frequently have significant public health and safety value, or urgent need for equipment replacement.

#	DPW	Project	Cost (K)
1	Sewer	NDPES Regulatory Compliance Suppo	\$ 160
2	Water	Perry Hill - North Well Access (Design)	\$ 75
3	Water	Emergency Generators	\$ 1,200
4	Sewer	Creek Rd Pump Station Replacement	\$ 3,213
5	Sewer	Point Rd Force Main (Design)	\$ 60
6	Sewer	I&I Removal Program	\$ 200
7	Sewer	Creek Rd Force Main Evaluation	\$ 64
8	Sewer	Front St Force Main (Design)	\$ 300
9	Sewer	Silvershell Station Resiliency Plan	\$ 65
10	Highway	Sidewalk Evaluation	\$ 45
11	Water	Island Warf Water Main	\$ 100
12	Sewer	F350 4x4 Truck with Crane	\$ 100
13	Highway	Community Center Parking Lot	\$ 1,787
14	Sewer	WPCF Sidestream Pump Rehab (Design)	\$ 25
15	Highway	Hook Lift System Truck	\$ 130
16	Sewer	Bio-Filter Media Replacement	\$ 50
17	Highway	Sprague's Cove Restorative Plantings	\$ 25
18	Sewer	Grant Match Fund	\$ 50
Total			\$ 7,649

#	Dept	Project	Cost (K)
1	Fire/EMS	Cardiac Monitor & AED Replacement	\$ 95
2	Police	Digital Recording Logger	\$ 47
3	Fire/EMS	Refurbish Engine 2	\$ 182
4	Facilities	Fire Station #1 Bathroom Renovation	\$ 35
5	Marine	Patrol Boat Replacement	\$ 804
6	Sippican	Upgrade WiFi Access Points & Switch	\$ 20
7	Town Admin	Records Digitization	\$ 250
8	Sippican	McQuay Chiller Refurbishment	\$ 42
9	Sippican	PA & Master Clock Replacement	\$ 42
10	Sippican	Roof-Top Chiller Refurbishment	\$ 50
11	Town Admin	IT Phased Replacement	\$ 10
12	Facilities	Community Center Roof: Design/Bid	\$ 35
13	Health	Health Vehicle (Small SUV)	\$ 50
14	Recreation	Medium Duty Truck	\$ 75
15	Town Admin	Furniture Phased Replacement	\$ 10
16	Sippican	Window Phased Replacement	\$ 20
17	Sippican	Furniture Phased Replacement	\$ 36
18	Facilities	Light House Restoration: Design/Bid	\$ 30
Total			\$ 1,833

Total for all departments:	\$9,482
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Funding sources for the 36 FY25 capital projects are estimated as follows:

Source:	General Fund	Sewer Enterprise	Water Enterprise	Marine Enterprise	Debt	Total
Cost (000s):	\$1,229	\$4,287	\$1,375	\$804	\$1,787	\$9,482

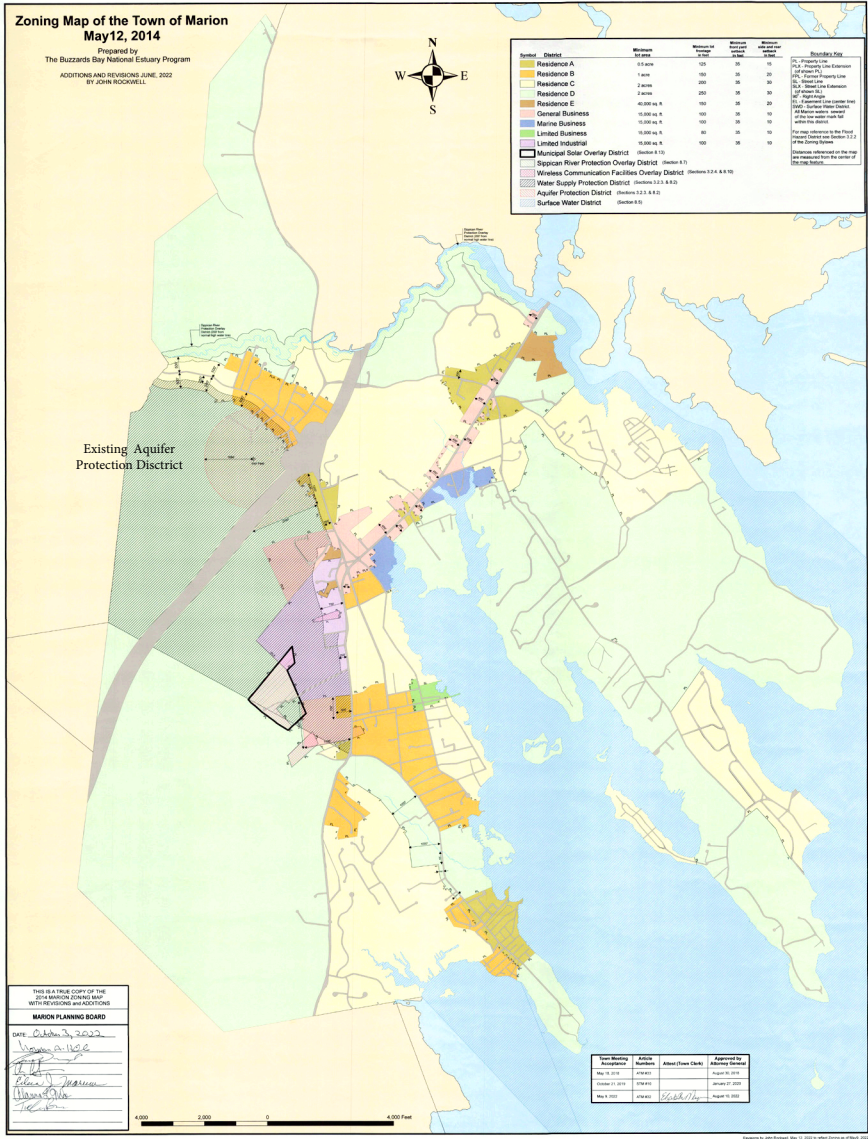
The funding source for the DPW Highway's Community Center Parking Lot was identified as General Fund but given the large cost of the project (\$1.787 million), the CIPC has listed that project in the above table as potentially requiring the town to take on additional debt. We recommend the Finance Committee clarify the potential funding source for this project.

Attachment to this memo is the most recent version of the 10-Year Plan (dated 1/25/24) for all departments. This Plan contains two additional FY 25 Projects (Upgraded Digital Radios for the Harbor Department and Town House Security Upgrades.) The attached Plan also reflects a \$100,000 grant received for the Town's Records Digitization Project. Because they were added after the committee had completed its process for FY 25, the two additional projects and the secured grant funds for the third were not considered, reviewed, or ranked by the CIPC, and are not reflected in the tables above.

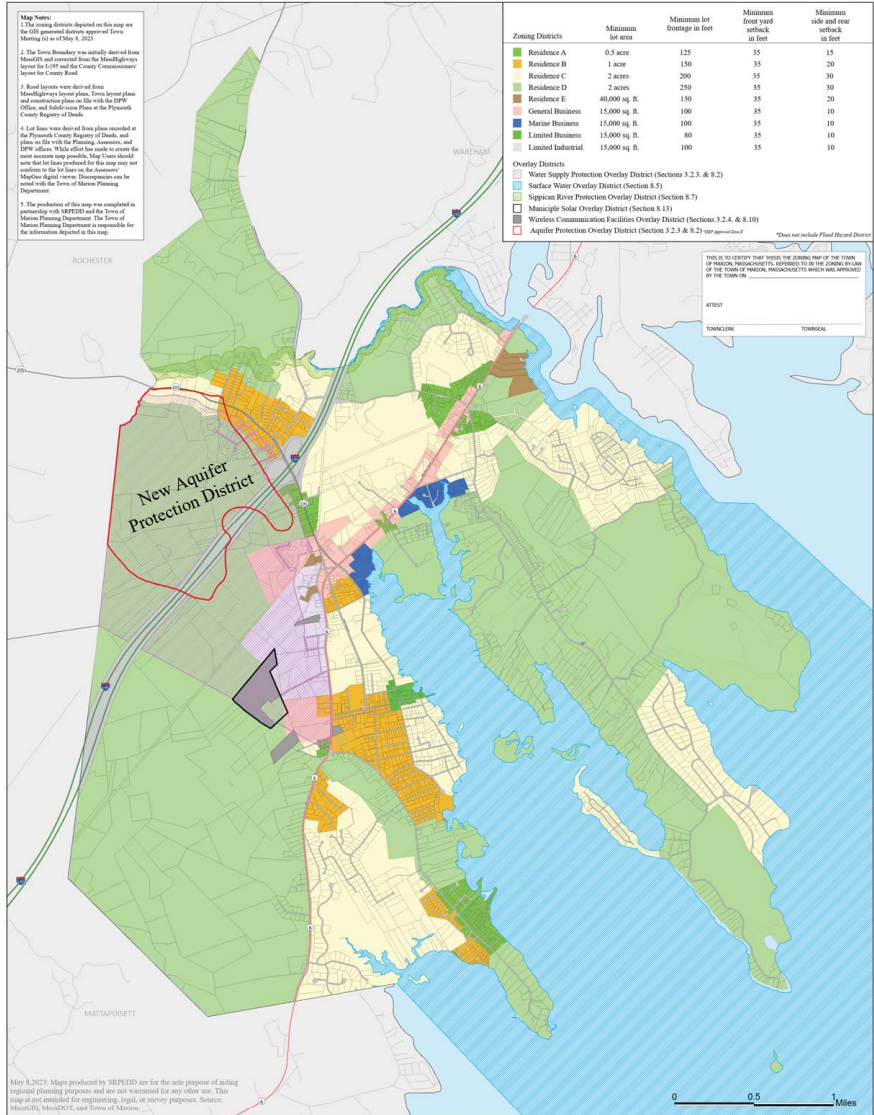
Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Janik, Chair
 Steve Nojeim, Secretary
 Casey Barros
 Mandy Givens
 Debra Watson

Addendum #2 – Article 34



Town of Marion Zoning Map - 2024 Draft



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