

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 13, 2013

6:30 PM

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

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MEETING**

**WARRANT
FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TO BE HELD
MAY 13, 2013**

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, on Monday, the thirteenth day of May at six thirty in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles:

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 1: ELECTED OFFICERS' COMPENSATION: (No Funding Required)

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of elected officers of the Town for Fiscal Year 2014 as follows:

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>	
Moderator	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	R
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$ 3,700.00	\$ 3,700.00	R
Board of Selectmen, Members – each	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	R
Assessor – each	\$ 3,300.00	\$ 3,300.00	R
Town Clerk	\$ 53,658.00	\$ 59,025.00	2Y/2N
Board of Health – each	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	R
Highway Surveyor	\$ 65,675.00	\$ 71,205.00	R
Mattapoisett School Committee – each	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	R
Water/Sewer Commissioner – each	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	R
Tree Warden	\$ 7,145.00	\$ 7,145.00	R
Herring Inspector	\$ 745.00	\$ 745.00	R

Or take any other action relating thereto.

BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MAJORITY VOTE

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 2014 including debt and interest, the money to be raised by taxation, borrowing or transfer from available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

Amounts to be voted are shown in Attachment "A"

BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 3: APPROPRIATE FOR OPEB LIABILITIES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$297,720 to meet the Town's obligations under the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 45 to fund the Town's future obligations for the cost of other post employment benefits identified by the GASB 45 Report; and as funding therefor, to raise \$278,984 from the Tax Levy, and transfer \$3,080 from Sewer Retained Earnings and \$15,656 from Water Retained Earnings, or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 4: DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUND AUTHORIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize Revolving Funds for certain departments and reauthorize existing Town revolving funds that require annual reauthorization, under and pursuant to MGL c. 44 § 53 ½ for the Fiscal 2014 year, or take any action relative thereto. Amounts to be voted are shown in Attachment "C"

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

ARTICLE 5: PHASE III TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200,000 to carry out road improvement work identified as Phase III within the Town of Mattapoisett Five Year Road Improvement Plan, including all work associated and incidental thereto; and as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(6) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor; provided, however, that the appropriation authorized hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of a so-called Proposition 2 1/2 debt exclusion question to be placed on the ballot of the next Annual Town Election, or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE 6: APPROPRIATION TO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$229,000 from Free Cash to the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund under and pursuant to G.L. c.40 § 5B, or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 7: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN: (No Funding Required)

To see if the Town will vote to receive the Five Year Capital Improvement Plan to be presented by the Capital Planning Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

The recommended Five Year Capital Improvement Plan is shown in Attachment "B".

BY THE CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

ARTICLE 8: CAPITAL PLAN FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$ 256,670.00 from the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund for the purpose of purchasing equipment as described below:

- a) Thermo Imaging Equipment – Fire Department \$10,000
- b) Police Cruiser \$32,000
- c) Fire Rescue Tools and Air Bags \$14,500
- d) Highway Department Vehicle Wash System \$45,000
- e) Highway Department Facility Repair \$35,000
- f) Local Schools Technology Upgrade \$30,000
- g) Town Hall Stair Lift System \$15,000
- h) Town Hall Equipment Replacement \$31,870
- i) Fire Boat Pump and Radio System \$10,000
- j) Police Storage Facility \$25,000
- k) Recreation Equipment/Replacement \$8,300

Or take any action relative thereto:

BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE 9: HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SANDER/TRUCK

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 by borrowing for the purpose of purchasing a Sander/Truck, and as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44 sec 7(9) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor, or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 10: CYCLICAL ANNUAL PROPERTY REVALUATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Town's Tax Levy for the purpose of funding the Department of Revenue mandated tri-annual cyclical evaluation of property in Mattapoisett, or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF ASSESSORS
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 11: 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 2014 Community Preservation budget, and to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Act Fiscal Year 2014 estimated annual revenues a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Committee for Fiscal Year 2014 and reserve for future appropriation from said annual revenues a sum of money for open space, historic resources and community housing purposes, as well as a sum of money to be placed in the FY2014 budgeted reserve all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee as follows;

Appropriate FY 2014 Estimated Annual Revenues

Administrative Expenses \$ 1,000

Debt Service Expense \$ 23,970

Transfer from FY 2014 Estimated Annual Revenues for the Following Reserve Accounts.

Housing \$ 17,380.31

Historical Preservation \$ 17,380.31

Open Space \$ 17,380.31

Budgeted Reserve \$ 96,692.21

Or take any other action relative thereto.

BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY

ARTICLE 12: HAMMOND STREET TENNIS COURTS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$170,000 dollars from the Community Preservation Funds for the creation, preservation, and restoration and rehabilitation of land for recreational use, specifically for the purpose of constructing new Town tennis courts on Hammond Street, adjacent to Center School, including site improvements and all other work associated and incidental thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 13: FUNDING TO REMOVE DISCONTINUED FIRE ALARM WIRING

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$15,000 dollars from the Tax Levy for the purpose of removing all cabling and additional accessories associated with the decommissioned fire alarm system throughout the Town, to include personnel and equipment costs and all other work associated and incidental thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 14: STABILIZATION FUND VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

To see if the Town will authorize the Old Colony Regional Vocational Technical School District to establish a Facility Stabilization Fund under and pursuant to G.L. c.71, §16G ½, or take any action relative thereto.

BY OLD COLONY SCHOOL DISTRICT

MAJORITY

ARTICLE 15: ACCEPTANCE OF G.L. c. 60A, §9,

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 60A, §9, regarding deferral of excise tax payments for certain service personnel on active duty or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

MAJORITY

ARTICLE 16: FACILITY ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE FORMATION

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Facility Assessment Committee, charged with looking at the needs of Mattapoisett regarding a Town Hall and a Fire Station. Said Committee shall consider available analysis, research, and information and make recommendations as to the most feasible and economic measures to address these needs. The Committee shall be subject to the requirements of the Open Meeting Law, G.L. c.30A, §§ 18-25 and be comprised of seven individuals appointed by the Board of Selectmen with experience in public facility, commercial construction, and facility construction costing or some such experience as shall be relevant to evaluation of the issues. The Committee to report back to the 2014 Annual Town Meeting as to its findings or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE 17: SPECIAL EDUCATION STABILIZATION FUND CONTRIBUTION

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$65,000 from Certified Surplus Revenue, Free Cash to the Special Education Stabilization Fund or to take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE 18: FUNDING FOR ELECTRIC SERVICE UPGRADES ON TOWN WHARVES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of funding Phase II of the electrical services upgrades at the Town Wharves, including all work associated and incidental thereto, and as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor, or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN or HARBORMASTER
RECOMMENDATION FROM TOWN MEETING FLOOR

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 19: RESERVE FOR FUTURE APPROPRIATION – SALARIES AND WAGES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$189,890 from the Tax Levy as a reserve for future appropriation for salaries and wages, or take any action relative thereto.

BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE 20: WATER LAND ACQUISITION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, in consultation with the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to acquire by purchase, gift or otherwise, for passive recreation, conservation and water supply protection purposes under G.L. c.40 §41, the fee simple interest in 19.5 acres of land, more or less, located west of Acushnet Road and shown as Lots 72 and 73 on Assessor's Map 21, such land to be protected by Article 97 and held in the care, custody and control of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners. The Board of Selectmen and the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners be authorized to enter into any and all agreements and execute such instruments in the name of the Town as may be necessary to effect such purpose, and as funding therefore to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow \$65,000 and such additional funds as may be necessary for said purchase including associated closing costs, legal fees, and transfer expenses, and , if borrowing to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8 or any other enabling authority and issue

bonds and notes therefor; provided, however, that no funds shall be expended hereunder until the Town has received, been allocated,

Or otherwise secures through grants, contracts for reimbursement, or gifts, an amount equal to the purchase price for said property and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to the nonprofit land conservation organization a conservation restriction on said property, or to take any action relative thereto.

BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE 21: WELL #2 REFURBISHMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of refurbishing Well #2, and as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §8(7C), or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds and notes therefor, or take any action relative thereto.

BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 22: WATER TANK MIXERS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purpose of performing certain Town Water Supply Well Systems upgrades and improvements, including all work associated and incidental thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

2/3 VOTE

ARTICLE 23: COVE STREET WATER MAIN

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 for the purpose of installing municipal water on Cove Street, and as funding therefor, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §8(5), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor, or take any action relative thereto.

BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 24: WATER DEPARTMENT BUILDING MAINTENANCE

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from Water Retained Earnings, for the purpose of doing certain repairs to buildings of the Water Department, including all work associated and incidental thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 25: EEL POND FORCE MAIN STUDY

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of conducting a comprehensive analysis of the performance of the Eel Pond Force Main and formulation of recommendations for addressing the findings, or take any action relative thereto.

BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 26: SEWER VACUUM SYSTEM

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$33,745 from Sewer Retained Earnings and \$47,525 from Article 2 of the May 2010 Annual Town Meeting Sewer Extension Project, Mattapoissett Neck Area, pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7, for the purpose of purchasing sewer cleaning equipment, or take any action relative thereto.

BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 27: SEWER RESERVE ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of establishing a Reserve for unforeseen expenses of the Department in FY2014, or take any action relative thereto.

BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 28: WATER RESERVE ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purpose of establishing a Reserve for unforeseen expenses of the Department in FY 2014, or take any action relative thereto.

BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 29: GRINDER PUMP MAINTENANCE AND REPAIRS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of repairing and refurbishing of and making improvements to Sewer Grinder Pumps, including all work associated and incidental thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 30: WATER WELL INFRASTRUCTURES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purpose of performing certain necessary upgrades to the infrastructure of Town owned wells, including all work associated and incidental thereto, or take any action relative thereto.

BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS

MAJORITY VOTE

ARTICLE 31: MATTAPOISETT NECK SEWER EXTENSION –ADDITIONAL CONNECTION

To see if the Town will vote the following:

Notwithstanding the provisions of Article 3.5.4.6 and Article 3.5.7 (of the General By-laws) hereof, the Water and Sewer Commissioners shall be authorized to allow the following property to connect to the Mattapoisett Neck Road Sewer Project and shall have the ability, the sole discretion to allocate sufficient capacity to said lot to service said connection.

The lot is at 36 Mattapoisett Neck Road and is shown on the Mattapoisett Assessors Maps as Map 11 Lot 131.

The Mattapoisett Water/Sewer Commission shall be able to postpone such additional connection if in their sole discretion due to financial, engineering, permitting and capacity restraints. Such connection shall be subject to the Department of Environmental Protection and other permitting approvals. Such additional connection shall not impair the ability of any connection already assigned to the project. This additional connection will be assigned upon the following priority (i) after those lots so voted in Article 5 of the November 15th, 2011 Special Town Meeting, (ii) Lot is in existing Service Area, (iii) Lot contains an existing house, or take any action relative thereto

BY VARIOUS PETITIONERS

MAJORITY VOTE or 2/3 VOTE (if Stabilization Fund)

ARTICLE 32: ROADS AT PINEHURST, KERWIN, CEDAR POINT AND OAKLAWN AVE.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$447,096 from the Tax Levy or from the Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reconstructing, repairing and resurfacing with permeable asphalt, Pinehurst Ave from Highland Ave to Ocean Ave, Kerwin Ave from Highland Ave to Ocean View Ave, Cedar Point Ave from Highland Ave to Ocean View Ave, and Oaklawn Ave from Highland Ave to Ocean View Ave, or take any action relative thereto.

BY VARIOUS PETITIONERS
FINANCE COMMITTEE DOES NOT RECOMMEND