

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT  
TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 14, 2018**

**6:30 P.M.**

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

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

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**TO BE HELD  
MAY 14, 2018**

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 fourteenth day of May in the year 2018 at six thirty in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles:

**ARTICLE 1: RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT PROHIBITION ZONING BYLAW AMENDMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mattapoisett's Zoning Bylaws by adding a new Article 13, RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS, that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add Article 13, "Recreational Marijuana Establishments":

**(Insert in Town Zoning Bylaw a new Article 13) to read as follows:**

Consistent with General Laws Chapter 94G, subsection 3(a)(2), all types of non-medical "marijuana establishments" as defined in General Laws Chapter 94G, Section 1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other types of licensed marijuana related businesses, shall be prohibited within the Town of Mattapoisett.

Or take any action relative thereto.

**BY VARIOUS PETITIONERS  
PLANNING BOARD**

**ARTICLE 2: RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENT BAN GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mattapoisett General Bylaws by adding a new Article to the Town of Mattapoisett General Bylaws entitled RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS, that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Table of Contents to add said article:

**(Insert in Town General Bylaws the following)**

Consistent with General Laws Chapter 94G, subsection 3(a)(2), all types of non-medical “marijuana establishments” as defined in General Laws Chapter 94G, Section 1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers, or any types of licensed marijuana related businesses, shall be prohibited in the Town of Mattapoisett.

Or take any action relative thereto.

**BY VARIOUS PETITIONERS**

**ARTICLE 3: ELECTED OFFICERS’ COMPENSATION**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of elected officers of the Town for Fiscal Year 2019 as follows:

	<u>CURRENT</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Moderator	250.00	260.00
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	4,912.00	5,508.00
Board of Selectmen, Members – each	4,424.00	5,020.00
Assessor – each	4,424.00	5,020.00
Town Clerk	59,000.00	60,180.00
Board of Health – each	550.00	625.00
Highway Surveyor	81,500.00	87,000.00
Mattapoisett School Committee – each	550.00	625.00
Water/Sewer Commissioner – each	550.00	625.00
Tree Warden	8,500.00	8,900.00
Herring Inspector	850.00	925.00

or take any action relative thereto.

**BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

**ARTICLE 4: 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 2019 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 DEPARTMENTS**

**ARTICLE 5 : APPROPRIATE FOR OPEB LIABILITIES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$434,100 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 (OPEB) identified by the GASB 45 Report; and as funding therefore, to raise \$405,000 from the Tax Levy, \$385,000 towards the Town of Mattapoisett OPEB Liability, and \$25,000 towards the Mattapoisett share of the ORR School Liability, and transfer \$4,100 from Sewer Retained Earnings and \$25,000 from Water Retained Earnings, towards the Water and Sewer Enterprise Liability, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 6: 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 E½ for the Fiscal 2019 year, or take any action relative thereto. Amounts to be voted are shown in Attachment "B".

**BY VARIOUS TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

**ARTICLE 7: ACCEPTANCE OF REPORT OF CAPITAL PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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 their short and long term capital equipment and project needs all as shown in "Attachment C" or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 8: FIRE STATION DESIGN, ENGINEERING, COSTING AND BIDDING**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$260,000, \$105,000 from the Tax Levy and \$155,000 from Free Cash for the purpose of designing, engineering, costing and bidding a new Fire Station, to replace the current station, and further to receive a report of the Mattapoisett Fire Chief on conditions regarding the fire station or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 9: ESTABLISHMENT OF CAPITAL PROJECTS DEBT STABLIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts's General Laws Chapter 40 Section 5B to establish a Capital Projects Debt Stabilization Fund for the purpose of reserving funds for Principal and Interest Payments for Capital Projects to be undertaken by the Town from time to time or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 10: APPROPRIATION TO CAPITAL DEBT STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Tax Levy to the Capital Debt Stabilization Fund or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 11: CAPITAL PLAN FUNDING**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$392,600 with \$250,000 from the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund, \$55,000 from Free Cash, and \$87,600 from prior year article balances as shown in Attachment "G" for the purpose, of funding as described below:

Police Officer Bulletproof Vests	\$27,600
Police Station Roof Replacement	\$41,000
Small Town Department Capital Items Bundle	\$54,000
Police Cruiser Replacements	\$91,000
Improvements Interior and Exterior Highway Barn	\$100,000
Elementary School Technology Upgrades	\$60,000
Pave Parking Lot on Barstow Street Used by the COA	\$20,000

Or take any action relative thereto.

**BY VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS**

**ARTICLE 12: ROAD IMPROVEMENTS FUNDING**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Tax Levy for the purpose of funding design, engineering, permitting and road work related to town roads in Mattapoissett including work associated with Phase VIII of the Mattapoissett Road Improvement Plan, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 13: PHASE VIII TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT PLAN FUNDING**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$250,000 to carry out road improvement work identified as Phase VIII within the Town's Road Infrastructure Improvement Plan, including all work associated and incidental thereto; and as funding therefore, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum pursuant to G.L. c.44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefore; 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. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sec. 20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 14: CYCLICAL ANNUAL PROPERTY REVALUATION AND TOWN MAPPING**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from the Town's Tax Levy for the purpose of funding the Department of Revenue mandated cyclical evaluation of property in Mattapoisett and mapping updates or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**ARTICLE 15: 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 FY2019, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 16: 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 FY2019, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 17: RESCINDING PRIOR BORROWING AUTHORIZATIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following previously approved unissued Water Enterprise borrowing authorizations:

Article 7, 11-09-15 Special Town Meeting Marion Road Water Main Relining \$245,000

Article 2, 05-11-15 Special Town Meeting Mechanic Street Water Upgrades \$163,500

Or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 18: EXISTING SEWER GRINDER PUMP REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$35,000 from the Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of annual repairs, refurbishing, maintenance and replacement of the Departments sewer grinder pumps, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 19: WATER/SEWER/TOWN GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION SYSTEM EQUIPMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000, \$5,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings and \$5,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding the cost of equipment and software for GIS implementation or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 20: TOWN DRINKING WATER WELL UPDATES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000 from Water Retained Earnings for the purpose of funding various improvements, upgrades, and repairs to the Town's various groundwater wells and their infrastructure, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 21: PURCHASE OF NEW WATER/SEWER TRUCK**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$60,000, with \$30,000 to come from Water Retained Earnings, and \$30,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings for the purpose of purchasing a new truck, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 22: AQUIFER PROTECTION ZONE 1 LAND PROTECTION ACQUISITION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000 by borrowing for the purpose of acquiring Lots 68-78 as shown on the Mattapoisett Assessors Maps as Map 21 for the purpose of protecting public water supply and its recharge area, further to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said funds under and pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Subsection 8 (3) or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefore, further any premium received by the Town upon sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with MGL. Ch. 44 sec. 20 thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER/SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 23: 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 2019 Community Preservation Budget, and to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Act Fiscal Year 2019 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 2019 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 FY2019 Budgeted Reserve all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee as follows;

**Appropriate FY 2019 Estimated Annual Revenues**

<b>Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
<b>Debt Service Expense</b>	<b>\$ 54,239</b>

**Transfer from FY 2019 Estimated Annual Revenues for the Following Reserve Accounts.**

<b>Housing</b>	<b>\$ 18,068</b>
<b>Historical Preservation</b>	<b>\$ 18,068</b>
<b>Open Space</b>	<b>\$ 18,068</b>
<b>Budgeted Reserve</b>	<b>\$ 73,929</b>

Or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 24: FUNDING TO BUILD A DOG PARK**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from CPA various Reserves for the purpose of providing funding for the purpose of building a dog park on town owned land to provide a space for dogs and their owners to allow their dogs to run in a secure and safe location, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 25: RENOVATION COSTING ANALYSIS-AMERICAN LEGION BUILDING**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from CPA various Reserves for the purpose of analyzing the current American Legion Building also known as the former East Mattapoisett Primary School, as to the projected cost to perform a full restoration of the building, with the intent of transfer of the property to the Town of Mattapoisett from the American Legion, for future community purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 26: REPLACEMENT OF ROOF ON COMMUNITY BUILDING AT PARK STREET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from Community Preservation reserves for the purpose of funding the replacement of the asphalt shingle roof and incidental costs related thereto for the purpose of making the building roof system water tight; or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 27: RETURN OF PREVIOUS CPA ARTICLE FUNDING SURPLUS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Community Preservation Committee to work in conjunction with the Town Accountant to return any unused, or unspent balances of previously approved CPA Town Meeting articles to their respective budgetary categories that the funds were originally allocated from all as shown within "Attachment D", or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 28: FIRE DEPARTMENT STAFF SCHEDULE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mattapoisett Personnel Compensation Schedule, by adding the Personnel Schedule "Attachment E".

Or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 29: SNOW IN THE STREET GENERAL BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by adding the new bylaw entitled, "Deposit of Snow on Public Ways", as follows, and to authorize the Town Clerk to assign an appropriate number to said bylaw to conform to the General Bylaw numbering format:



No person, whether acting personally or through an agent, shall throw, shovel, cast, plow, place, dump, or otherwise deposit snow onto a public way. Any person or persons violating this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Any police officer of the Town shall be the "enforcing authority" for the purpose of non-criminal disposition.

Or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 30: GENERAL BYLAW AMENDMENT UTILITY SCHEDULE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by inserting the following new bylaw, entitled, "Road Work Schedules" as follows, and to authorize the Town Clerk to assign an appropriate number to said bylaw to conform to the General Bylaw numbering format:

For the purposes of ensuring the public health and safety:

- (1) No application to install, remove, modify, or replace a public utility defined by Massachusetts State Law, shall be deemed to be complete unless it includes the public utility's intended schedule for initiating and completing the work at issue;
- (2) Any public utility submitting an application under section (1) of this bylaw shall use its best efforts to update the schedule with any intended changes; and
- (3) When more than one public utility may be involved in a particular project, such utilities are encouraged to work cooperatively to minimize disruption of traffic, road infrastructure and other impacts to the public convenience.

Or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 31: ACCEPTANCE OF A GIFT OF LAND**

To see if the Town will vote to accept a gift of land on North Street on the northwest corner of Maplewood Street as shown on the Mattapoissett Assessor's Map as Lot 148 of Map 18 or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 32: AMENDMENT TO GENERAL BYLAWS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mattapoissett General Bylaws to delete the number of members on the Council on Aging from 11 and insert 9 as the minimum number of members on the Mattapoissett Council on Aging. Further add to the Council on Aging Board makeup the position of Vice Chairperson; or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 33: AMENDMENT TO PERSONNEL BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Mattapoisett Personnel Bylaw by the following:

Delete: Council on Aging Director Grade 16

Insert: Council on Aging Director Negotiable

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 34: ADOPTION OF PERSONNEL SCHEDULES**

To see if the Town will vote to approve amendments to various Personnel Schedules and Classifications within the Mattapoisett Personnel Bylaws all as shown in "Attachment F", or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

**ARTICLE 35: RESERVE FOR RESOLUTION OF DISPUTE REGARDING TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF DISPOSAL COST OF CURBSIDE RECYCLING MATERIALS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from the Tax Levy for the purpose of setting aside an amount that will be reserved for the purpose of paying a demand made against the Town of Mattapoisett for additional payment for claimed recyclable material disposal expenses if a Court of Law rules that the town must pay the demanded amount; or take any action relative thereto.


**BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN**

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

Here of fail not and make due 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 the third day of May in the year Two Thousand and Eighteen.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN**



Paul A. Silva



Jordan C. Collyer

R. Tyler Macallister

