

**TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT**

**TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 9, 2022**

**6:30 P.M.**

**OLD ROCHESTER REGIONAL  
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM**

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT  
MAY 9, 2022**

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 May in the Year 2022 at six-thirty in the evening, then and there to act on the following Articles:

**ARTICLE 1: ELECTED OFFICERS' COMPENSATION**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of elected officers of the Town for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

	<b><u>CURRENT</u></b>	<b><u>PROPOSED</u></b>
Moderator	276. <sup>00</sup>	282. <sup>00</sup>
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	5,715. <sup>00</sup>	5,829. <sup>00</sup>
Board of Selectmen, Members – each	5,150. <sup>00</sup>	5,253. <sup>00</sup>
Assessor – each	5,150. <sup>00</sup>	5,253. <sup>00</sup>
Town Clerk	70,000. <sup>00</sup>	71,400. <sup>00</sup>
Board of Health – each	665. <sup>00</sup>	678. <sup>00</sup>
Highway Surveyor	75,000. <sup>00</sup>	80,000. <sup>00</sup>
Mattapoisett School Committee – each	665. <sup>00</sup>	678. <sup>00</sup>
Water/Sewer Commissioner – each	665. <sup>00</sup>	678. <sup>00</sup>
Tree Warden	9,885. <sup>00</sup>	10,083. <sup>00</sup>
Herring Inspector	949. <sup>00</sup>	968. <sup>00</sup>

or take any action relative thereto.

**BY VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMITTEES**

**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 2023 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**

**ARTICLE 3: APPROPRIATION FOR OPEB LIABILITIES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$204,100 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, with \$140,000 to be appropriated to the Town of Mattapoisett OPEB Account, and \$35,000 to be paid for the Mattapoisett share of the ORR School Liability, and transfer the sums of \$4,100 from Sewer Retained Earnings 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 THE SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 4: DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUND AUTHORIZATION**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to MGL c. 44, Sec. 53E ½, for Fiscal Year 2023, to amend Article 27 of the Town Bylaws by deleting the text and list set forth in Section 27.2(1), and, further, to authorize annual expenditure limits for Revolving Funds for certain departments, as set forth below, with such expenditure limits to be applicable from fiscal year to fiscal year unless Town Meeting votes to change the same prior to the start of such fiscal year, or take any action relative thereto.

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>FY Limit</b>
Public Health Nursing Services	\$5,000
Heritage Days	\$10,000
Local Cultural Council	\$5,000
Wood Waste Recycling	\$10,000
Community Farmer's Market	\$7,500
Library Fines	\$10,000
Private Road Maintenance	\$25,000
Fire Alarm Bylaw Penalties	\$10,000
Public Access Channels	\$200,000

COA Programs	\$5,000
School Kiln/Art Project	\$7,500
Center School Clock Maintenance	\$5,000
Recreation	\$140,000

**BY VARIOUS TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

**ARTICLE 5: CYCLICAL ANNUAL PROPERTY REVALUATION AND TOWN MAPPING**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$36,000 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 or take any action relative thereto.

**BY BOARD OF ASSESSORS**

**ARTICLE 6: CYCLICAL OPEB ACTUARIAL REPORT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,500 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 THE SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 7: POLICE DEPARTMENT MPAC ACCREDITATION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from the Town's Tax Levy for the purpose of funding the pursuit of accreditation for the Mattapoisett Police Department including all incidental and related expenses or take any action relative thereto.

**BY THE SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 8: PERSONNEL SCHEDULES**

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 "E"** or take any action relative thereto.

**BY THE SELECT BOARD**



**ARTICLE 9: RESERVE ALLOCATION COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$90,000 from the Town’s Tax Levy or other available funds, to fund and implement the cost items of the first year of separate collective bargaining agreements between the Town and all employee unions, with each agreement covering the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2025, and, further, to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate such funds accordingly or take any action relative thereto.

**BY THE SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 10: 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 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**

**ARTICLE 11: CAPITAL PLAN FUNDING**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the total sum of \$824,151, with \$639,151 from Available Free Cash, \$90,000 from Water Retained Earnings, and \$95,000 from Sewer Retained Earnings, 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:

Road Improvements	\$250,000
Mechanical Systems	\$96,651
Telephone System	\$40,000
Tasers	\$50,000
Center School – Master Clock	\$12,500
Outside Lighting Library	\$25,000
Security Cameras Library	\$10,000
OHTS Flooring	\$25,000
Police – Motorcycle	\$25,000
Police – Cruiser	\$55,000

**Water Department**

Well Upgrades	\$30,000
New Building Design 50% Share	\$25,000
New Truck 50% Share	\$35,000

**Sewer Department**

Lift Station Updates	\$35,000
New Building Design 50% Share	\$25,000
New Truck 50% Share	\$35,000

or take any action relative thereto.

**BY VARIOUS TOWN DEPARTMENTS**

**ARTICLE 12: 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 FY2023 Community Preservation Budget, and to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund, FY2023 estimated annual revenues to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Committee for FY2023 and reserve for future appropriation from said annual revenues a sum of money for open space, historic preservation and housing purposes, as well as a sum of money to be placed in the FY2023 Budgeted Reserve, all as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee as follows:

**Appropriate FY2023 Estimated Annual Revenues**

Administrative Expenses	\$ 1,000
Debt Service Expense	\$ 49,890

**Transfer from FY2023 Estimated Annual Revenues for the following Reserve Accounts.**

Housing	\$ 24,500
Historic Preservation	\$ 24,500
Open Space	\$ 24,500
Budgeted Reserve	\$ 115,000

or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 13: CPA FUNDING CENTER SCHOOL BASKETBALL COURT RECONSTRUCTION AND THE CONSTRUCTION OF TWO PICKLE BALL COURTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the CPA Open Space/Recreation Fund and/or the CPA Reserve-Not Designated Fund, the sum of \$55,000 for the reconstruction of the two basketball courts and for the construction of two pickle ball courts at Center School, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 14: MATTAPOISETT HISTORICAL COMMISSION SURVEY PLAN FOR TOWN-WIDE HISTORIC PROPERTIES INVENTORY**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the CPA Unrestricted Fund Balance or other available Community Preservation Fund revenues the sum of \$12,500 for the purpose of entering into a services contract with a Preservation Planning Consultant to provide a comprehensive review of Town cultural and historic resources; and to develop a Survey Plan that will provide steps to ensure compliance with Massachusetts Preservation Standards, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 15: MATTAPOISETT BIKE PATH PHASE 2A PRE-DESIGN MEASURES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the CPA Open Space Fund and/or the CPA Reserve-Not designated Fund the sum of \$120,000 for the purpose of funding completion of bike path pre-design efforts, including, but not limited to, (1) wetland delineations, (2) property appraisals to clear the Town's title for the Phase 2A Rail Trail, (3) assessment of routing alternatives for the final mile of the Path, and (4) recommendations for construction financing, including all incidental and related expenses needed to carry out the vote taken hereunder, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 16: RESTORATION OF THE MATTAPOISETT WHARF SWORDFISH WEATHERVANE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the CPA Historical Fund the sum of \$12,500 for the purpose of preserving and restoring the weathervane at the Mattapoissett Wharf, including all incidental and related expenses, with the goal that such preservation and restoration project may also allow the weathervane be used as a form/templet/model to build a long-lasting replica to be installed at the end of Long Wharf, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 17: SNOW STAKE REGULATIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Mattapoissett General Bylaws to amend Article 10 by adding the following new section:

10.1.2 During a snowstorm, property owners can help prevent damage to their landscaping and lawns by placing snow stakes or other markers at the lawn or curb edge. Snow stakes must be at least 3 feet (36 inches) tall, made of wood, plastic, or fiberglass, and bright in color. Stakes shall not be made of metal or other non-flexible material. Stakes may be present year-round if outside of the Town's right of way and in conformance with this bylaw. Any person or persons violating this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) for each offense. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense. Any police officer of the Town shall be the "enforcing authority" for the purpose of non-criminal disposition.

**BY THE SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 18: LITTERING AND DUMPING**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Mattapoissett General Bylaws to amend Article 20 by adding the following new section:

20.3. LITTERING AND DUMPING: No person may place, throw, deposit or discharge, or cause to be placed, thrown, deposited or discharged garbage, trash, refuse, scrap, bottles, cans, containers, rubbish or other material of any kind on a public road or public right of way, or private way, or within twenty (20) yards thereof, or in or upon inland waters, or within 100 feet of such waters, or on private property without the written permission of the owner, except in a designated waste receptacle or as may otherwise be directed by the Town or the property owner. A person or persons violating this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of three-hundred dollars (\$300.00).

ENFORCEMENT: This bylaw shall be enforced by any available means in law or equity, including but not limited to enforcement by non-criminal disposition pursuant to MG.L. c. 40 § 21D. The enforcing authority shall be the Mattapoissett Police Department, including any Police Officer in said Department, and the Mattapoissett Board of Health, or any agent of the Board of Health. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate offense.

**BY THE SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 19: APPROVE AND AUTHORIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE SOLAR PILOT AGREEMENT WITH NEXT GRID BOWMAN, LLC**

To see if the Town will vote to approve, the Solar PILOT agreement with Next Grid Bowman, LLC, c/o Madison Energy Holdings, LLC, 8100 Boone Blvd., Suite 310, Vienna, VA 22182, for a Solar Facility located at 8 Bowman Road, Mattapoissett and shown on Mattapoissett Assessors Map 3, Lot 47, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 357 of the Acts of 2020, and to authorize the Town of Mattapoissett Select Board, the Town of Mattapoissett Board of Assessors, and the Town Administrator of the Town of Mattapoissett, to execute said Solar PILOT Agreement on behalf of the Town, and to take any other action relative thereto.

**BY THE SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 20: APPROVE AND AUTHOIZE THE EXECUTION OF THE SOLAR PILOT AGREEMENT WITH BROWNELL BOAT YARD**

To see if the Town will vote to approve, the Solar PILOT Agreement with Mattapoissett Solarpower, Inc., 7 Industrial Drive, Mattapoissett, MA 02739 for a Solar Facility located at 7 Industrial Drive, Mattapoissett, and shown on Mattapoissett Assessors Map 26, Lot 16, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 357 of the Acts of 2020, and to authorize the Town of Mattapoissett Select Board, the Town of Mattapoissett Board of Assessors, and the Town Administrator of the Town of Mattapoissett, to execute said Solar PILOT Agreement on behalf of the Town, and to take any other action relative thereto.

**BY THE SELECT BOARD**

**ARTICLE 21: 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 FY2023 or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 22: 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 FY2023 or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 23: MRVWD FILTER REPLACEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$7,200,000.00 indebtedness authorized by the District Commission of the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District on May 6, 2022 for the purpose of financing the construction of water treatment facility upgrades including, but not limited to, ultrafiltration system and related appurtenances replacement, ultraviolet disinfection system, supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system upgrades, engineering and all other related professional fees, and including all incidental and related expenses thereof, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 24: SEWER DEPARTMENT GIS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 from Sewer Retained earnings for the purpose of funding the cost of equipment and software including all incidental and related expenses for GIS implementation or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 25: FAIRHAVEN SEWER PLANT UPDATES**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$21,000.00 from Sewer Retained earnings for the purpose of funding the Town of Mattapoissett's share of costs for the upgrades to the Fairhaven Treatment facility or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 26: OAKLAND STREET SEWER**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$720,000.00 for the purpose of replacing the failing Oakland Street Sewer Main in its entirety including but not limited to, as applicable, professional engineering, architectural services, design, site preparation and demolition, and installation, and all other costs incidental or related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Mattapoisett Select Board, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 section 8(7c), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor or take any other action relative thereto.

**BY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

**ARTICLE 27: PEASES POINT/HOLLYWOOD SEWER**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of \$25,704.07 from Article #4 from ATM 2010 (Industrial Park Sewer Ext.) for the purpose of funding \$25,704.07 for design work of the sewer extension into the Pease Point /Hollywood area, including all incidental and related expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

**BY WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION**

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 Mattapoissett Post Office and the Mattapoissett Town Hall, and the Mattapoissett 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 25th day of April in the year Two Thousand and Twenty-Two.

**THE MATTAPOISETT SELECT BOARD**



Jordan C. Collyer

Jodi Lynn Bauer



Jodi Lynn Bauer

Tyler Macallister

