



TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

FOR 2020

With

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

And

RECOMMENDATIONS

Date of Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting:

Time

Place

June 13, 2020

1:30 P.M.

Edgartown School Field

Date of Annual Election:

Time

Place

June 18, 2020

10:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.

Town Hall Meeting
Room - Entrance from
South Summer Street
Parking Lot

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE MEETING

If you require special assistance or have any accessibility requests in regard to attending or participating in Edgartown's Annual Town Meeting on Saturday June 13, 2020, please contact the Edgartown Selectmen's Office either via email, selectmen@edgartown-ma.us or by phone, 508-627-6180. We will make every effort to accommodate requests if at all possible

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the Citizens of Edgartown:

The Financial Advisory Committee recognizes its essential role of facilitating effective decision making at Town Meeting by providing recommendations of proposal and budget analysis, information gathering, dialogue, debate, feedback and collaboration with Town boards and committees. This year, our committee began meeting in the fall to allow for thoroughness in analysis and process.

The annual budget cycle commences with the Capital Programs Committee hearing every department spending request in excess of \$100,000. This year's capital projects were scale rated based on qualitative and quantitative metrics in relation to; public health and safety, legal requirements, service to community, extent of benefit, operational efficiency, opportunity cost, operational budget impact, and external funding. After careful review, the projects with the highest relative scores were the road and sidewalk infrastructure improvements requested by the Highway Department, and the Master Plan proposal submitted by the Planning Board. Over the next five years the Town has \$31,000,000.00 in capital requests that must be managed with free cash and the maturity of preexisting debt via the screening processes of the Financial Advisory Committee and Capital Programs Committee.

In January the Financial Advisory Committee and Personnel Board approved a 2.2% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) consistent with the US Bureau of Labor Statistic Northeast Urban Index. If approved at Town Meeting, the overall operating budget will represent a 3.33% increase over the previous fiscal year - including external assessments, employee benefits, and regional education costs.

The Town's stabilization fund remains healthy at \$2,798,555.18, and this year's warrant will include an article to add an additional \$450,000.00 in order to keep pace with current budgetary growth rates. We continue to appropriate monies to fund Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB), and have requested \$150,000.00 from the operating budget, and another \$100,000.00 from a warrant article, for a total of \$250,000.00 to fund this liability.

The Finance Advisory Committee reserve fund will increase to \$100,000.00 in order to provide managerial flexibility in light of Town not regularly conducting a Special Town Meeting in the fall. This fund has not grown since 2012, and will enable the Town to fulfill budgetary shortfalls and approve emergency spending in the event of unforeseen circumstances.

I could not conclude this report without acknowledging the cooperation and attendance of all the Finance

Advisory Committee Members, as well as the many Department Heads involved in the budget and article review process.

Our Committee would like to thank our assistant, Bryan Belanger, for his aid and assistance.

UPDATE: May 25th, 2020:

As a result of the economic uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 virus, the Financial Advisory Committee was forced to reevaluate the Fiscal Year 2021 operating and capital budget.

In early April, the Town Administrator presented a detailed revenue analysis that compared percentages declines from the past recessionary period to Fiscal Year 2021 future projections. The conclusion was an estimated \$1,200,00.00 loss in local receipts, and another \$250,000.00 decline in State Aid. The worst-case scenario being the aforementioned revenue losses coupled with increasing property tax receivables. Traditionally, Edgartown's very conservative revenue estimates provide a solid hedge against any economic downturn, however due to the extreme uncertainty of the current fiscal crisis, the Financial Advisory Committee was obligated to take aggressive actions to reduce the budget.

On April 15th, the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee voted to institute a Fiscal Year 2020 budget freeze for all non-essential spending defined as: expense costs outside of reoccurring utility payments, contractual obligations, and/or directly supporting health and public safety. On May 1st the Finance Advisory Committee re-reviewed all 95 Special and Annual Town Meeting warrant articles, and eliminated items that were not needed for the next 12 to 18 months of operations. The result was a \$1,782,449.73 reduction across almost every one of the Town's 26 departments.

On May 15th, the Board of Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee voted to eliminate the Fiscal Year 2021 Cost of Living Adjustment previously set at 2.2%, as well as remove any additional operating budget requests associated with supplementary positions, grade changes, and any additional hours. The outcome was an additional cost savings of \$341,830.02 for the upcoming Fiscal Year

In total, the town will eliminate \$2,124,279.75 from the previously approved budget presented in February, while saving \$1,773,792.47 in free cash to better position for the next 12-18 months of uncertain municipal operations. If approved at Town Meeting, the operating budget will represent a 2.44% increase over the previous fiscal year.

None of these decisions were taken lightly, but unfortunately due to the current crisis they were absolutely necessary.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT, Chairman
STEVEN JORDAN, Assistant Chairman
LESLIE BAYNES
JAMES CARTER
ROBERT COAD
PAUL PERTILE
SCOTT MORGAN, Alternate

Edgartown Financial Advisory Committee

FREE CASH, STABILIZATION FUND AND STATE REVENUES & CHARGES
(Definitions at back of this booklet)

Free Cash was certified by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue in the amount of \$3,572,967.00 effective for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2020. There will be a Special Town Meeting just prior to the Annual Town Meeting on June 13, 2020. The requests from Free Cash will total \$211,997.83. The requests on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for June 13, 2020 from Free Cash will total \$1,587,176.70. That will leave us with a balance of \$1,773,792.47 in our Free Cash for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020. Our Stabilization Fund Balance is \$2,798,555.18.

This year we are appropriating \$200,000.00 to be invested in the Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust Fund for Other Post Retirement Benefits. Edgartown's investments through June 30, 2019 are \$2,314,616.11.

State revenues for Fiscal Year 2020 were \$2,312,631.00, an increase of \$205,371.00. State Charges for Fiscal Year 2020 were \$1,749,145.00, which represented a decrease of \$3,135.00.

JAMES M. HAGERTY
Town Administrator

**IMPACT ON TAX RATE OF VARIOUS PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS
(ASSUMES TOWN VALUE DOES NOT CHANGE UNLESS NOTED)**

ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR TAX LEVY AND RATE	FY2020
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	\$9,399,979,752
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$31,489,932.18
TAX RATE	\$3.35
TAX RATE INCREASE PER	\$100,000.00
	OF TAX LEVY = \$0.01060
	(1.1 CENTS)

BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR 2020 ANNUAL ELECTION

The following represents a summary of the Ballot Questions and their tax rate impact for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 based on FY2020 assessments and projected expenditures.

QUESTION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COST	TYPE OF OVERRIDE	TAX RATE INCREASE PER APPROPRIATION	ARTICLE #
1	Norton Lot / B&G Club Land Purchase	\$ 650,000	Capital Exclusion	\$0.069	1
2	Rebuilding & Resurfacing Town Streets	\$ 100,000	Capital Exclusion	\$0.011	40
3	Rebuilding & Repairing Town Sidewalks, Bike Paths, Storm Drainage	\$ 100,000	Capital Exclusion	\$0.011	41
4	VTA Budget	\$ 177,046	Override	\$0.019	47
	TOTALS	\$ 1,027,046		\$0.1090	

**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE
2021 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2020 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2021**

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2020	Appropriations Requested FY 2021	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
MODERATOR				
1. Salary - Elected	300.00	300.00	300.00	
SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR				
2. Selectman's Salaries (3) - Elected	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	
3. Other Salaries (2 FT, 2 PT)	234,156.29	243,333.45	232,186.03	91,380.87
4. Expense	10,350.00	11,350.00	11,350.00	
FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMM.				
5. Salary (1 PT)	5,060.45	5,379.21	5,379.21	5,379.21
6. Expense	4,867.00	7,034.00	7,034.00	
7. Reserve Fund	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	
TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S DEPT.				
8. Salaries (2 FT)	174,252.10	174,521.56	174,521.56	174,521.56
9. Expense	14,205.00	14,205.00	14,205.00	
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT				
10. Salaries (1FT)	43,596.80	41,746.95	41,746.95	41,746.95
11. Expense	2,000.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	
ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT				
12. Assessors' Salaries(3)-Elected	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	
13. Other Salaries (3 FT)	205,897.35	207,568.01	207,568.01	207,568.01
14. Expense	29,804.00	32,746.00	32,746.00	
TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT				
15. Salaries (2FT)	148,868.34	150,144.71	150,144.71	150,144.71
16. Expense	25,075.00	25,075.00	25,075.00	
TOWN COLLECTOR'S DEPT.				
17. Collector's Salary - Elected	80,091.28	81,320.32	80,091.28	
18. Salaries (2 FT)	113,651.75	115,281.04	113,910.80	113,910.80
19. Expense	12,220.00	12,220.00	12,220.00	
PERSONNEL BOARD				
20. Salary (1 FT, 1PT)	86,668.89	111,353.04	89,804.88	89,804.88
21. Expense	10,200.00	10,350.00	10,350.00	

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TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT				
22.	Salaries (2FT)	125,184.57	131,316.47	131,316.47
23.	Expense	3,320.00	3,320.00	
ELECTION & REGISTRATION				
24.	Salaries (3 PT)	10,000.00	10,000.00	
25.	Expense	7,127.00	7,127.00	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
26.	Salaries (1 FT, 1 PT)	135,560.91	136,724.21	136,724.21
27.	Expense	37,000.00	37,000.00	
PLANNING BOARD				
28.	Salaries (1 FT)	75,707.12	66,795.12	66,795.12
29.	Expense	7,600.00	10,000.00	
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS				
30.	Salary (1 PT)	28,218.40	29,276.14	29,276.14
31.	Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	
TOWN HALL AND VISITOR'S CENTER MAINTENANCE				
32.	Salary (1 S)	8,260.60	8,260.60	8,260.60
33.	Town Hall and Visitor's Center Maintenance	145,700.00	145,700.00	
COMPUTER SYSTEM MANAGER				
34.	Computer System Administrator (1 FT)	111,106.53	110,755.84	110,755.84
35.	Computer System Expense	108,018.00	112,818.00	
TOWN BUILDING UTILITIES				
36.	Library Utilities	28,000.00	28,000.00	
COUNCIL ON AGING				
37.	Salaries (5FT 1PT)	355,417.31	327,564.21	327,564.21
38.	Expense	40,640.00	44,390.00	
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMIS.				
39.	Salaries (1 PT)	41,852.93	43,359.41	43,359.41
40.	Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
41.	Expense	80,000.00	100,000.00	
BY-WAYS COMMITTEE				
42.	Expense	1,100.00	1,100.00	
43.	LEGAL EXPENSE	167,500.00	167,500.00	
44.	Tax Title/Foreclosure	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Total for General Government		2,788,877.62	2,847,838.81	1,728,508.99
			2,804,440.43	

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2020	Appropriations Requested FY 2021	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</u>				
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
45.	Salaries (21 FT 2 PT 5 S)	3,238,128.24	3,174,021.59	252,837.66
46.	Expense	332,262.00	332,262.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
47.	Salaries (1 FT, 3 Chiefs & 46 Firefighters)	421,006.98	421,006.98	50,409.54
48.	Expense	232,574.00	213,923.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE				
49.	Salaries (5 FT, 26 EMTs)	744,129.65	727,885.13	727,885.13
50.	Expense	98,641.90	98,641.90	
BUILDING INSPECTOR'S DEPT.				
51.	Salaries (2 FT, 1 PT)	156,192.38	153,103.18	153,103.18
52.	Expense	12,600.00	12,600.00	
INSPECTORS (GAS, PLUMBING, WIRE & FIRE)				
53.	Salaries (5 PT)	140,000.00	140,000.00	
54.	Expense	950.00	950.00	
CIVIL DEFENSE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
55.	Salaries	1,000.00	1,000.00	
56.	Expense	10,000.00	10,000.00	
ANIMAL CONTROL DEPT.				
57.	Salaries (1 FT, 2 PT)	95,467.80	95,467.80	95,467.80
58.	Expense	8,200.00	8,200.00	
FORESTRY DEPARTMENT				
59.	Forest Fire Control/Emergency Service	34,645.00	34,645.00	
60.	Control Dutch Elm Disease	4,000.00	4,000.00	
61.	Care of Shade Trees	21,000.00	21,000.00	
62.	Planting Shade Trees	7,500.00	7,500.00	
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT				
63.	Salaries (3 FT & 2 S)	324,494.22	324,494.22	324,494.22
64.	Expense	28,000.00	28,000.00	
	Total for Protection of Persons and Property	5,910,792.17	5,808,700.80	1,604,197.53
<u>HARBORMASTER</u>				
HARBORMASTER'S DEPT.				
65.	Salaries (4 FT, 6 - 8 S)	400,574.59	400,574.59	400,574.59
66.	Expense	127,800.00	127,800.00	
67.	Marine Adv. Comm. Expense	2,100.00	2,100.00	
	Total for Harbormaster Department	530,474.59	530,474.59	400,574.59

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<u>DREDGE</u>				
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68.	133,593.92	137,286.20	134,397.00	134,397.00
69.	136,000.00	137,000.00	137,000.00	
	269,593.92	274,286.20	271,397.00	134,397.00
Total for Dredge				
<u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u>				
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70.	791,811.33	836,242.03	836,242.03	836,242.03
71.	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	
72.	61,100.00	61,100.00	61,100.00	
73.	235,300.00	235,300.00	235,300.00	
	1,107,211.33	1,151,642.03	1,151,642.03	836,242.03
Total for Highway Department				
<u>HEALTH AND SANITATION</u>				
TRANSFER STATION & SITE MAINTENANCE				
74.	546,418.36	546,460.91	546,460.91	
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT				
75.	671,802.47	649,554.70	649,554.70	649,554.70
76.	505,595.00	560,159.00	560,159.00	
BOARD OF HEALTH				
77.	195,687.84	198,932.86	198,932.86	198,932.86
78.	126,285.21	135,568.73	135,568.73	
	2,045,788.88	2,090,676.20	2,090,676.20	848,487.56
Total for Health and Sanitation				
<u>VETERAN'S SERVICES</u>				
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79.	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	
	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	
Total for Veteran's Services				
<u>EDUCATION</u>				
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80.	6,217,922.57	6,457,892.19	6,457,892.19	
81.	897,494.50	1,191,614.65	1,191,614.65	
82.	1,528,081.53	1,672,451.76	1,672,451.76	
M.V.R.H.S. DISTRICT				
83.	5,136,422.26	5,088,368.33	5,088,368.33	
	13,779,920.86	14,410,326.93	14,410,326.93	
Total for Education				

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2020	Appropriations Requested FY 2021	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
EDG. PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPT.				
84.	609,488.97	626,183.19	626,183.19	626,183.19
85.	316,609.12	322,422.17	322,422.17	
	926,098.09	948,605.36	948,605.36	626,183.19
<u>PARK AND BEACHES</u>				
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86.	329,698.95	354,986.91	354,986.91	354,986.91
87.	63,500.00	73,500.00	73,500.00	
	393,198.95	428,486.91	428,486.91	354,986.91
<u>KATAMA AIRPORT</u>				
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88.	40,000.00	42,358.80	40,000.00	40,000.00
89.	74,900.00	74,900.00	74,900.00	
	114,900.00	117,258.80	114,900.00	40,000.00
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT				
90.	35,144.00	36,059.00	36,059.00	36,059.00
91.	4,925.00	4,925.00	4,925.00	
	40,069.00	40,984.00	40,984.00	36,059.00
<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>				
92.	430,000.00	500,000.00	500,000.00	
93.	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
94.	6,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
95.	9,500.00	11,500.00	11,500.00	
96.	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	
97.	2,750.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	
98.	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
99.	73,500.00	73,500.00	73,500.00	
100.	36,242.50	38,224.00	38,224.00	
101.	434,966.00	489,097.00	489,097.00	
102.	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2020	Appropriations Requested FY 2021	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
103. Dukes County Regional Housing	109,162.00	121,167.00	121,167.00	
104. Beautification Committee	25,000.00	33,000.00	33,000.00	
D.C. RETIREMENT SYSTEM				
105. Pension Fund	1,592,064.67	1,694,975.00	1,694,975.00	
106. Other Post Employment Benefits	150,000.00	150,000.00	150,000.00	
GROUP INSURANCE				
107. Health - Town Share	3,735,860.00	3,735,860.00	3,735,860.00	
108. Medicare - Town Share	241,115.40	240,000.00	240,000.00	
109. Life Ins. - Town Share	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
Total for Unclassified	6,887,160.57	7,135,073.00	7,135,073.00	
<u>INTEREST AND DEBT</u>				
PRINCIPAL				
110. GOB 2008	88,000.00	88,000.00	88,000.00	
111. GOB 2010	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	
112. MPL 2010 Series B	27,000.00	26,000.00	26,000.00	
113. Wastewater 2011	11,411.00	11,411.00	11,411.00	
114. MPL 2015 Series A	506,700.00	508,000.00	508,000.00	
115. MPL 2015 Series B	595,000.00	585,000.00	585,000.00	
116. MPL 2016	245,000.00	245,000.00	245,000.00	
117. M.V. Senior Center Building (County)	49,312.00	49,312.00	49,312.00	
INTEREST				
118. GOB 2008	12,168.50	8,912.50	8,912.50	
119. GOB 2010	9,375.00	6,375.00	6,375.00	
120. MLP 2010 Series B	3,375.00	2,565.00	2,565.00	
121. Wastewater 2011	11,495.64	11,124.78	11,124.78	
122. MPL 2015 Series A	69,235.00	43,900.00	43,900.00	
123. MPL 2015 Series B	65,600.00	39,025.00	39,025.00	
124. MPL 2016	89,425.00	84,525.00	84,525.00	
125. M.V. Senior Center Building (County)	9,122.72	7,643.36	7,643.36	
126. Interest Temporary Loans	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Totals for Interest and Debt	1,902,219.86	1,826,793.64	1,826,793.64	
Sub-totals	36,684,056.13	37,743,238.64	37,592,500.89	6,609,636.80

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2020	Appropriations Requested FY 2021	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<u>WATER DEPARTMENT (FUND 024)</u>				
127. Salaries (8 FT)	619,651.82	632,781.86	632,781.86	632,781.86
128. Expense	614,150.00	638,135.00	638,135.00	
129. Principal	272,716.34	272,868.66	272,868.66	
130. Interest	199,401.27	188,898.79	188,898.79	
Total for Water Department	1,705,919.43	1,732,684.31	1,732,684.31	632,781.86
Total Appropriations and Transfers for FY 2020	38,389,975.56			
Total Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2021		39,475,922.95		
Total Appropriations Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee			39,325,185.20	
Total Appropriations Recommended by the Personnel Board				7,242,418.66

**WARRANT FOR
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 13, 2020**

County of Dukes County, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Edgartown in the County of Dukes County, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet adjacent to the Edgartown School in said Edgartown on Saturday, the thirteenth day of June, Two Thousand Twenty at one thirty o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the Articles in this Warrant:

And to meet again in the Town Hall Meeting Room, entrance from South Summer Street parking lot, in said Edgartown on Thursday, the eighteenth day of June, Two Thousand twenty at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the polling place, then and there to act on Question One on the Official Ballot identified in this Warrant.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be closed at seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Answer **YES** or **NO** to the following question:

Question 1. Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$650,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a parcel of land containing approximately 4.67 acres, which is a portion of the land shown on Assessor's Map 20C, Lot 134.1, on the terms and conditions set out in a Memorandum of Understanding with the Martha's Vineyard Boys & Girls Club, dated February 14, 2020, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty?

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$650,000.00 to purchase a parcel of land, containing approximately 4.67 acres, which is a portion of the land shown on Assessor's Map 20C, Lot 134.1 (the "Norton Parcel") from the Martha's Vineyard Boys & Girls Club ("MVB&GC") and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to effectuate the terms and conditions of a Memorandum of Understanding with the MVB&GC, dated February 14, 2020 (the "MOU"), by: a.) granting the MVB&GC a non-exclusive right and easement over Town land shown on Assessor's Map 20C, Lot 163; b.) accepting the transfer of an approximately 2 acre parcel of land, which is another portion of the Norton Parcel, from the MVB&GC; c.) accepting the right and option to acquire an additional portion of the Norton Parcel containing approximately 14.34 acres, as well as other land owned by the MVB&GC shown on Assessor's Map 20C, Lots 141.2 and 137.2, as set out in the MOU; and d.) exchanging utility easements and utility tie-in rights with the MVB&GC, as further set out in the MOU; provided,

however, that the action authorized by this article is contingent upon a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #1) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on June 18, 2020, voting in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2021 Proposition 2½ spending cap.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$5,000.00 to pay for the electric hazard mitigation, repair, and/or replacement of the Monument Flag Pole at the intersection of Pease's Point Way and Main Street.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$68,182.40 to be added to the Insurance Account as the result of increased worker's compensation costs.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$16,000.00 to be added to the Unemployment Compensation Account.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,850.00 to fund the purchase of an Apple iPad and Food Code-Pro software to be utilized by the Board of Health for food establishment inspections.

Submitted by the Board of Health

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$19,800.00 to fund the municipal match of the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program, Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment Adaption Plan.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$100,000.00 to purchase and equip a mini attack pumper. This truck is a replacement of a 1981 pumper, and 1999 F-250 used by the department for medicals and access to remote areas on Chappaquiddick, and to authorize the Fire Chief and Board of Selectmen to dispose of two vehicles in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 9A of Chapter 200A of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended by Section 65 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010, which provides an alternate and simplified procedure for disposing of abandoned funds (often referred to as unclaimed checks or “tailings”) held by the Town.

Submitted by the Treasurer

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Edgartown Wetland Protection Bylaw:

Add to Section 1.4: upon or within one hundred (100) feet of the hundred-year storm line as shown on the latest Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) maps, land subject to tidal action, **land subject to coastal storm flowage, land subject to flooding, and riverfront area.**

Add Section 1.6 **upon or within two hundred feet (200) of land under the ocean, any estuary, creek, river, stream, or pond.**

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10. Shall the Town of Edgartown adopt the following nonbinding referendum:

Shall the installation of an electric-inducing bus-charging Terminal on Church Street, by the regional Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA), in the heart of the Edgartown Historic District, be reconsidered?

This project includes but is limited to: installing 200kW to 300kW + electric-induction bus chargers in the street, connecting solar panel, large electric boxes wrapped in plastic (whether or not imprinted with graphics) that must, per code have a minimum of 4’ of air space surrounding each box; brick paver; granite paver, brick or wooden seat-walls w/ down lighting and granite tops; wood pergola; wood covered seating area; light post matching Main Street posts; water bubbler; covered walkways; felling existing trees; planting new shade trees and landscaping along property line; to determine if there would be better electric induction charging facilities elsewhere than in the Historic District Commission; due to its unique and valuable

historic nature that defines the Edgartown downtown; as well as to determine if elsewhere there would be better efficiencies; better access island-wide; the elimination of redundancy; the elimination of traffic congestion; improved property value for the residents and improved quality of life.

Voting “Yes” (“X”) on this referendum means you, a REGISTERED VOTER in the Town of Edgartown, support a FULL PUBLIC REVIEW of the VTA electric bus-charging project in the Historic District.

Submitted by Petition

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$165.43 to pay the following Fiscal Year 2019 unpaid bills:

Eversource \$ 165.43 Conservation
Commission

9/10 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof in one newspaper having general circulation in said Edgartown, fourteen days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting or by posting it in six or more conspicuous places in Town at least fourteen days before the time of said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty.

ARTHUR SMADBECK, Chairman
MICHAEL J. DONAROMA
MARGARET E. SERPA

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Edgartown

**WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 13, 2020**

County of Dukes County, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Edgartown in the County of Dukes County, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet adjacent to the Edgartown School in said Edgartown on Saturday, the thirteenth day of June, Two Thousand Twenty at one thirty o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the Articles in the Special Town Meeting Warrant and the Articles in this Warrant, with the exception of Article One.

And to meet again in the Town Hall Meeting Room, entrance from South Summer Street parking lot, in said Edgartown on Thursday, the eighteenth day of June, Two Thousand twenty at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the polling place, then and there to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of Officers on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be closed at seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Answer **YES or NO** to the following question:

Question 2. Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for rebuilding and resurfacing of certain Town streets for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty?

Question 3. Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$100,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for building and repairing of various Town sidewalks, bike paths, parking lots, and storm water drainage systems, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty?

Question 4. Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$177,046.50 in real estate and personal property taxes to supplement 26.51% of the Vineyard Transit Authority's Budget, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty?

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following Officers on the Official Ballot:

1. One Selectmen for Three Years
2. One Assessor for Three Years
3. One Board of Health Member for Three Years
4. Two Financial Advisory Committee Members for Three Years
5. Two Financial Advisory Committee Members for One Year
6. Two Library Trustees for Three Years

7. One Park Commissioner for Three Years
8. One Planning Board Member for Five Years
9. One School Committee Member for Three Years
10. One Wastewater Treatment Commissioner for Three Years
11. One Water Commissioner for Three Years

ARTICLE 2. To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees and to act thereon.

ARTICLE 3. To choose all other necessary Town Officers who are elected from the floor of the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise the necessary sums of money to defray the general expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2021 and to make appropriations therefore.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, Fiscal Year 2021 revenues in the following amounts to the following reserves.

\$120,000 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;

\$120,000 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;

\$120,000 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund;

\$500,000 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve;

\$20,000 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Administrative Expenses Account.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$112,000.00 to be paid to The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown Families for Fiscal Year 2021.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the amount of \$8,000.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2020 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$115,900.00 for a total of \$123,900.00 to fund the PALS program through The Resource Inc. (TRI). The PALS program will provide interest-free loans to

Edgartown families earning less than 100% median income to fund emergency needed structural home repairs to ensure safe and sanitary housing conditions.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund the sum of \$25,000.00 for the Town to conduct beach nourishment at Bend in the Road Beach.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund the amount of \$75,000.00 for the further planning and creation of a park at the Yellow House property at 66 Main St.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the amount of \$98,000.00 for Phase 2 of the Cooke House property restoration by the MV Museum. Phase 2 covers restoration and reinforcement to the foundation, sills and joists to help support the historic structure and prolong its useful life.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the amount of \$3,500.00 for the MV Agricultural Society toward the preservation of records and restoration of an ox cart. This is Edgartown's portion of a regional project with a total of \$18,000.00.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the amount of \$900.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2020 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$39,100.00 for the sum of \$40,000.00 to further implement the recommendations for the restoration of historic gravestones in Edgartown from the study funded in Fiscal Year 2014 for the Cemetery Commission.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2020 Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$30,500.00 and from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the sum of \$169,500.00 for a total of \$200,000.00 for Phase 2 of the historic preservation and capital improvements to the Town Wharf.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$20,000.00 to provide funds for an integrated pest management program as needed by various departments.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$350,000.00, to the Town's General Purpose Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2021 beginning on July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$50,000.00 to the Town's Other Post Employment Benefits Trust Fund, effective for Fiscal Year 2021 beginning on July 1, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$50,000.00 for capital improvements and repairs to the interior and exterior of Town Hall.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$15,000.00 for a solar consultant to draft a request for proposal or invitation to bid on future Town solar projects.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$10,000.00 for the Conservation Commission's Property Maintenance Fund.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$121,901.00, to support the Vineyard Health Care Access Program in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$16,796.00, to support the Dukes County Social Services in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$9,807.00, to support the Substance Use Disorder and Homelessness Prevention Programs on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$193,987.00, to support the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$26,152.00, to support the CORE program to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$10,232.00, to support the First Stop Information and Referral Service through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$36,564.00, to support the planning, advocacy and education for Healthy Aging on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$23,826.00 to cover the County of Dukes County FY2021 budget shortfall. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such formulated costs in Fiscal Year 2021.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum \$20,015.00 to fund the Dukes County Stabilization Fund. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such formulated costs in Fiscal Year 2021.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$68,153.00, the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2021, \$300,000.00 maintenance cost of the State-funded development, and upgrades of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center and Radio System, such share based on the apportionment formula equal to an average of 16.67% fixed share of Island-wide maintenance costs, plus 28.77% variable share of such costs based on dispatch volume, for the total share of 22.72%. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such maintenance costs in Fiscal Year 2021 according to the agreed upon dispatch and fixed cost formula.

Submitted by the Dukes County Sheriff

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$45,000.00 for the removal and replacement of one original hot water tank at the Edgartown School.

Submitted by the Edgartown School

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$25,037.00 to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the replacement of the dust collection system in Building Trades, including without limitation design, engineering, installation, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto.

The total costs of the dust collection system replacement project is \$225,000.00 which the District hopes to partially

fund through a matching grant of \$100,000.00; the application for the matching grants requires appropriation by the Member Towns of their share of the costs of the project prior to the District's application for the grants; as such, the member Towns are being asked to appropriate funds for their portion of the total cost of the project in advance of the District's receipt of grant.

Submitted by the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$15,425.00 to fund the Town of Edgartown's share of the administrative expenses for the All Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education.

Submitted by MV Superintendent's Office and Adult & Community Education of M.V.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$55,282.00 to purchase and equip one new police cruiser and further, to authorize the Chief of Police and Board of Selectmen to dispose of one cruiser in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Police Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will transfer the \$11,949.61 remaining from the ladder truck lighting upgrades (2018 ATM article 36) to the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will accept an easement from the Sherriff's Meadow Foundation to install and maintain an underground storage tank, well, driveway and lighting on the parcel of land located at #79 Litchfield Road (Assessor's Map 35- Lot 10). If approved, this easement will allow for the installation of a tank that will store water to be used by the Fire Department for fire suppression.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Fire Chief/Emergency Manager

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$60,000.00 to the Finance Advisory Committee Reserve Fund.

Submitted by the Financial Advisory Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$44,000.00 to fund various Shellfish Committee programs to be administered by the Shellfish Department.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$38,000.00 to fund the Town's Fiscal Year 2021 membership fee in the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$50,000.00 and from Receipts Reserved for Waterways the sum of \$10,000.00 for a total of \$60,000.00 for the maintenance and replacement of moorings, buoys, spiles, tie-off stakes, floats, walkways, and equipment necessary for marine operations on Town owned docks and property.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,000.00 for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #2) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on June 18, 2020, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2021 Proposition 2½ spending cap.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100,00.00 for the building and repairing of various Town sidewalks, bike paths, parking lots, and storm water drainage systems, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #3) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on June 18, 2020, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2020 Proposition 2½ spending cap.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$25,000.00 to clean the catch basins.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction, and improvements of the Town infrastructure, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of the reimbursement of funds. (Chapter 303, Acts of 2008, in the amount of \$237,803.00).

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$52,000.00 to be used for the rental and maintenance of the portable toilets at South Beach, Robinson Road Recreation Area, and Edgartown Park and Ride.

Submitted by the Park Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021, the sum of \$74,000.00 for the Wastewater Department's Equipment and Collection System Maintenance account.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Department to transfer the sum of \$80,000.00 from the Water Department's Surplus to the Water Department Expense account for improvements necessary for the Town's water system including: the installation, replacement, cleaning, and relining of water mains and appurtenances; the installation and replacement of water service lines and water meters; construction equipment; construction and restoration of pump stations, wells, water treatment, office, standpipe, and other structures, buildings, facilities, and grounds; water quality improvements; and for costs incidental and related thereto for Fiscal Year 2021. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or tax rate.

Submitted by the Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the additional sum of \$177,046.50 to supplement 26.51% of the Vineyard Transit Authority's Budget, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #4) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on June 18, 2020, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2021 Proposition 2½ spending cap. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such formulated costs in Fiscal Year 2021.

Submitted by the Vineyard Transit Authority

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following General Bylaw :

Section 1: Regulated Conduct

1.1 It shall be unlawful to sell or distribute (a) non-carbonated, unflavored water, and (b) soft drinks in plastic (including polyethylene terephthalate – PET) bottles of less than 34 ounces in the Town of Edgartown. For the purposes of this bylaw, 'soft drink' means any beverage containing carbonated water, a sweetener (including fruit juice) and/or a flavoring.

1.2 Sales or distribution of drinking water in plastic bottles occurring subsequent to a declaration (by the Emergency Management Director or other duly authorized Town, County, Commonwealth or Federal official) of an emergency affecting the availability and/or quality of drinking water to residents of the Town shall be exempt from this bylaw until seven days after the declaration has ended.

Section 2: Enforcement Process and Violations

2.1 Enforcement of this bylaw shall be the responsibility of the Board of Selectmen or its designee(s). The Board of Selectmen shall determine the inspection process and shall incorporate the process into other Town duties as appropriate.

2.2 Any person, individually or by his servant or agent, who violates any provision of this bylaw may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D and the Town's non-criminal disposition bylaw. The following penalties apply:

- first violation: written warning
- second violation: \$50 fine
- third and subsequent violations: \$100 fine
 - o Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate violation.

Section 3. Suspension of the Bylaw

3.1 If the Board of Selectmen determines that the cost of implementing and enforcing this bylaw has become unreasonable, they shall conduct a Public Hearing to inform the citizens of such costs. Subsequent to the Public Hearing, the Board of Selectmen may continue this bylaw in force or may suspend it permanently or for such length of time as they may determine.

Section 4: Effective Date

4.1 This bylaw takes effect on May 1, 2021

Submitted by the Plastic Free MV

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THE UNDERSIGNED HEREBY PETITION THAT THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) ARTICLES BE PLACED BEFORE THE VOTERS AT THE EDGARTOWN ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TO BE HELD IN APRIL, 2020:

ARTICLE 49: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain, under Chapter 79 of the Massachusetts General Laws, such easements or rights of way in land or such interests as may be necessary for the layout of the following ways shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land of Ocean Heights, Edgartown, Mass." Surveyed September 17, 1903 by

Walter B. Foster, C.E., Hingham, Mass., recorded in the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 4, Pages 36 and 37, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description:

- (1) the way known as Eighth Street North (also known as North 8th Street) from the Edgartown - Vineyard Haven Road to the Boulevard,
- (2) the way known as Tenth Street North (also known as North 10th Street) from the Edgartown - Vineyard Haven Road to the Boulevard,
- (3) the way known as Seventeenth Street North (also known as North 17th Street) from the Edgartown - Vineyard Haven Road to the Boulevard,
- (4) the way known as Twentieth Street North (also known as North 20th Street) from the Edgartown - Vineyard Haven Road to the Boulevard, and
- (5) the way known as Twenty Second Street North (also known as North 22th Street) from Twenty First Street North (also known as N. 21st Street) to the Boulevard,

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Petition

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 50: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds such sums as may be necessary estimated to be the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Dollars (\$35,000.00) (WHICH IS ONLY \$7,000.00 PER ROAD) for the expense and land damages resulting from the taking by eminent domain, under Chapter 79 of the Massachusetts General Laws, of such easements or rights of way in land or such interests as may be necessary for the of the following ways shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land of Ocean Heights, Edgartown, Mass." Surveyed September 17, 1903 by Walter B. Foster, C.E., Hingham, Mass., recorded in the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 4, Pages 36 and 37, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description:

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- (5) the way known as Twenty Second Street North (also known as North 22th Street) from Twenty First Street North (also known as N. 21st Street) to the Boulevard, Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Petition

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 51: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds such sums as may be necessary not to exceed in Fiscal Year 2020 the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) (WHICH IS ONLY \$10,000.00 PER ROAD) for the "brushing out" and grading of the roadbeds to Town Street standards of the following ways shown on a plan of land entitled "Plan of Land of Ocean Heights, Edgartown, Mass." Surveyed September 17, 1903 by Walter B. Foster, C.E., Hingham, Mass., recorded in the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 4, Pages 36 and 37, to which plan reference is hereby made for a more particular description:

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- (5) the way known as Twenty Second Street North (also known as North 22th Street) from Twenty First Street North (also known as N. 21st Street) to the Boulevard,

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Petition

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Section 17C of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

Submitted by Petition

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Edgartown General Bylaw Section 132-1 Construction Noise:

132-1. Construction Noise.

132-2. Exemptions.

132-3. Enforcement.

[HISTORY: [Adopted ATM 04-12-2011, Art. 14, Approved by A.G. 12-14-11]

132-1. Construction Noise

It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to create, assist in creating, continue or allow to continue any loud noise related to non-public construction activities, as outlined below, between the hours of 8:00 p.m. and 7:00

a.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the reasonable quiet, comfort, repose or the health and safety of others within the Town. **It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to create, assist in creating, continue or allow to continue any loud noise related to non-public construction activities, as outlined below, between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on weekdays and Saturdays, in the R5 Zoning District between Memorial Day and Labor Day, which either annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the reasonable quiet, comfort, repose or the health and safety of others within the Town.** Additionally, it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to create, assist in creating, continue or allow to continue any excessive, unnecessary or unusually loud noise related to non-public construction activities as outlined below at any time on Sundays or the following holidays: New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Construction shall mean those activities requiring a building permit, and shall also include any site preparation, earth removal, grading, assembly, erection, substantial repair, alteration or similar action, including demolition, for or of private streets, structures, utilities or similar non-public property. Construction noise shall be that noise generated by manual or mechanical activities associated with construction.

132.2 Exemptions

A. Noise associated with emergency work or emergency vehicles is exempt from the provisions of this bylaw. Emergency work shall mean any work performed in an effort to protect, provide, or restore public safety, or work by private or public utilities when restoring utility service. Emergency vehicles shall mean any vehicle operated in an effort to protect, provide, or restore public safety including, but not limited to, ambulances, police vehicles, and fire vehicles.

B. Noise associated with construction activities undertaken with authorization of the Police Chief and/or Building Inspector in order to complete a project, which is in the public interest, in a timely and expeditious manner.

C. Noise associated with Town snow removal, street sweeping, highway maintenance and cleaning is exempt for the provisions of this bylaw.

D. This bylaw shall not apply to homeowners performing regular maintenance and tasks on their own property, including emergency repairs with professional assistance.

132.3 Enforcement

Violations under this bylaw shall be enforced by the Police Department (with notice to the Building Inspector). Such acts shall constitute prima facie evidence of a violation of this chapter. Penalties shall include fines of: 1st offense: \$100.00, 2nd offense: \$200.00, and 3rd offense: \$300.00 and any offense thereafter. Any violation shall also entitle the Building Inspector to issue a cease and desist order or revoke the building permit.

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof in one newspaper having general circulation in said Edgartown, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting or by posting it in six or more conspicuous places in Town at least seven days before the time of said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 15th day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty.

ARTHUR SMADBECK, Chairman
MICHAEL J. DONAROMA
MARGARET E. SERPA

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Town of Edgartown

TOWN MEETING PROCEDURE GUIDELINES

The Moderator has absolute control of the Town Meeting.

The General Laws Chapter 39 Section 15: The Moderator shall preside and regulate the proceedings, decide all questions of order, and make public declaration of all votes. The Moderator recognizes speakers from the floor, and while they are speaking allows no interruptions except when a point of order is raised.

When a voter wishes to speak he may rise, say “Mr. Moderator,” and wait for recognition. Then, standing at a microphone, he should give his name. The voter may continue, with due regard to reasonable brevity, as long as he speaks directly to the question under discussion.

MOTIONS

MAIN motions are usually on articles in the Town Warrant. They are made, seconded, then open for consideration. Articles are not always brought before the Meeting in the order of their appearance in the Warrant.

SECONDARY motions are motions which refer to main motions. The Meeting is usually limited to the discussion of two secondary motions at one time. Secondary motions usually amend, postpone, or limit consideration.

AMEND

Amendments may be offered by any voter to the motion under discussion, provided the scope of the original motion is not enlarged or altered. Amendments are seconded and discussed; they require a majority vote to carry (pass). An amendment need not be voted upon if the proposed change is agreeable to the proponents of the original motion. Voters are encouraged to submit amendments in writing.

POSTPONE

1. **To refer to committee “Commit”;** If changes in a main motion are numerous, take much time, or require additional information, it is wise to commit the article to a committee. This secondary motion should specify which board or committee. If proposing a new committee, specify how many members, how appointments are to be made and when the committee should report.
2. **Postpone to a definite time;** defers action on a main motion to a stated hour, usually during the Meeting. At the hour specified, it is returned to the floor when a motion is made that the deferred article be considered.
3. **“Lay on Table”** intends to temporarily lay aside an article. Not debatable; majority vote carries. (To “Take from Table” see RECONSIDERATION.) An article not taken from table before the meeting adjourns is dead. To be considered at a subsequent meeting, it must reappear in the Warrant for that meeting.
4. **“Take no action” “Pass over” “Postpone indefinitely”** are debatable motions and require majority vote. The intent is to defeat the motion.

LIMIT CONSIDERATION

1. **Limit Debate:** This secondary motion requests vote to be taken at a specific time. Requires 2/3 majority vote.
2. **“Move the Previous Question”** demands an immediate vote on any motions under consideration. May not be debated or amended. Requires 2/3 vote to carry.

POINT OF ORDER

If a voter questions the legality or propriety of the proceedings, he may rise, interrupt the speaker and say, “Mr. Moderator, I rise to a point of order” or “question of privilege”.

RECONSIDERATION

To consider a tabled motion “Take from Table”. The motion to consider a tabled question requires a majority vote and can be made at any time when no other question is before the Meeting.

TO RECONSIDER AN ARTICLE ONCE ACTED UPON AND DISPOSED OF

1. **Move to reconsider the vote:** This motion may be made by one who voted on the prevailing side of a motion which has been adopted, rejected or postponed indefinitely and wishes to change his views.
2. **To rescind.** If no one who voted on the prevailing side is willing to move to reconsider, any voter may move to rescind the vote on the main motion. Usually a 2/3 vote is required.

VOTES ON MAIN MOTIONS

1. Usually majority of those attending carries.

Exceptions:

2/3 majority vote required borrowing of money; appropriations for land purchase; land purchase for public domain; sale or abandonment of unneeded land; abandonment of projects for which money has been borrowed; appropriation for celebration of settlement or incorporation; zoning by-laws.

4/5 usually required payment of a bill for which insufficient appropriations were made in previous year.

MODERATOR’S RULES REGARDING TOWN MEETINGS

Priority shall be given to Registered Voters of the Town for admission to all Town Meetings, whether Annual or Special meetings. Therefore the following rules shall apply:

1. Prior to admission to the Hall, persons desiring admittance shall check in with the Registrars of Voters who shall be present at the main entrance with Voter Registration Lists.
2. Town officials and voters who desire to have a non-voter present to speak on any article of which he may have special knowledge or expertise should request the Moderator in writing at least seven days prior to the meeting that the non-voter be allowed to be present. The request should briefly state the subject matter and articles to which the non-voter desires to address the meeting. If the Moderator allows the non-voter to be present, he shall so inform the Registrars of Voters.
3. The Registrars of Voters shall admit to the meeting all duly registered voters of the Town and all persons whom the Moderator has informed them to admit.
4. Five minutes prior to the time the meeting is scheduled to begin, if there are sufficient seats for the registered voters present, plus an adequate reserve for later arriving voters, the Registrars may admit non-voters. Admitted non-voters shall not mingle with registered voters. They shall be seated in an area distinguishable from the remainder of the meeting so that the Tellers and Moderator can easily determine those who have a right to vote and those who do not.
5. Non-voters admitted to a Town Meeting shall not address the Meeting without the permission of the Moderator and shall make no remarks or comments during debate or participate in voting.

The Moderator retains the right to have any voter or non-voter removed from the Meeting.

TOWN MEETING TERMINOLOGY

CHERRY SHEET

This is a cherry red form which shows all of the State and County charges and reimbursements to the Town as certified by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

RESERVE FUND

This fund may be established by the voters at an ANNUAL TOWN MEETING or Special Town Meeting and may be composed of (a) an appropriation (not exceeding 5% of the tax levy of the preceding year), (b) money transferred from Overlay Reserve, or (c) both.

Any unexpired balance thereof at the end of the year is closed out to the surplus revenue (E & D) except, however, that from such balance there shall first be deducted and credited back to Overlay Reserve, to the extent possible, a sum equal to that amount, if any, which was appropriated from the Reserve Fund.

Transfers from the Reserve Fund are within the exclusive control of the Financial Advisory Committee.


STABILIZATION FUND

A fund set up by Town meeting vote under the provisions of Section 5b, Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, not to exceed 10% of the amount raised in the preceding fiscal year by taxation of Real Estate and Tangible Personal Property. The aggregate amount in the fund at any time shall not exceed 10% of the equalized valuation of the Town. Any interest shall be added to and become a part of the fund. Appropriations from this fund may be made for any purpose. A two-thirds vote is required.

SURPLUS REVENUE - FREE CASH

Generally referred to as Excess and Deficiency, though that phrase nowhere appears in the statutes. This fund represents the amount by which Cash, Accounts Receivable and other floating assets exceed the liabilities and reserves. This amount of the Excess and Deficiency account over and above uncollected taxes of prior years constitutes "Free Cash" or "Available Funds" and is certified to the Town by the Director of Accounts of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, effective July first of each year.

**SPECIMEN BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EDGARTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020**

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s), like this** 
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.**
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's Name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN Three Years	Vote for ONE
Margaret E. Serpa 54 Norton Orchard Road	Candidate for Re-Election
Joseph L. Monteiro 26 Codman Spring Road	
Juliet Mulinare 4 Tower Lane	
	Write-in
BOARD OF ASSESSORS Three Years	Vote for ONE
Alan Gowell 52 Third Street North	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
BOARD OF HEALTH Three Years	Vote for ONE
Meegan Moire Lancaster 13 Boylston Drive	Candidate for Re-Election
Joseph M. Alstat 103 West Tisbury Road	
	Write-in
FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE Three Years	Vote for TWO
Leslie Baynes 433 Edgartown Road	Candidate for Re-Election
Donna Lowell-Bettencourt 46 Mill Hill Road Extension	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
	Write-in
FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE One Year	Vote for TWO
Paul Pertile 49 Bold Meadow Road	
	Write-in
	Write-in
LIBRARY TRUSTEES Three Years	Vote for TWO
David A. Faber 11 North Bog Road	Candidate for Re-Election
Denise Searle 3 North Bog Road	
	Write-in
	Write-in
PARK COMMISSIONER Three Years	Vote for ONE
Jane Varkonda 21 Meetinghouse Hill	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in

PLANNING BOARD Five Years	Vote for ONE
Fred Daniel Mascolo 32 Chase Road	Candidate for Re-Election
Robert Strayton 307 Chappaquiddick Road	
	Write-in
SCHOOL COMMITTEE Three Years	Vote for ONE
Kimberly Kirk 72 Anthiers Way	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMISSIONER Three Years	Vote for ONE
Scott Ellis 26 Hye Road	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
WATER COMMISSIONER Three Years	Vote for ONE
David Burke 17 Mill Hill Road	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
BALLOT QUESTION #1	
Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$650,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a parcel of land containing approximately 4.67 acres, which is a portion of the land shown on Assessor's Map 20C, Lot 134.1, on the terms and conditions set out in a Memorandum of Understanding with the Martha's Vineyard Boys & Girls Club, dated February 14, 2020, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty?	
YES NO	
BALLOT QUESTION #2	
Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$400,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for rebuilding and resurfacing of certain Town streets for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty?	
YES NO	
BALLOT QUESTION #3	
Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$350,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for building and repairing of various Town sidewalks, bike paths, parking lots, and storm water drainage systems, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty?	
YES NO	
BALLOT QUESTION #4	
Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$177,046.50 in real estate and personal property taxes to supplement 26.51% of the Vineyard Transit Authority's Budget, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and twenty?	
YES NO	



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