



# TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

FOR 2018

With

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

And

RECOMMENDATIONS

**Date of Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting:**

**Time**

**Place**

April 10, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Old Whaling Church  
(Methodist Church)

**Date of Annual Election:**

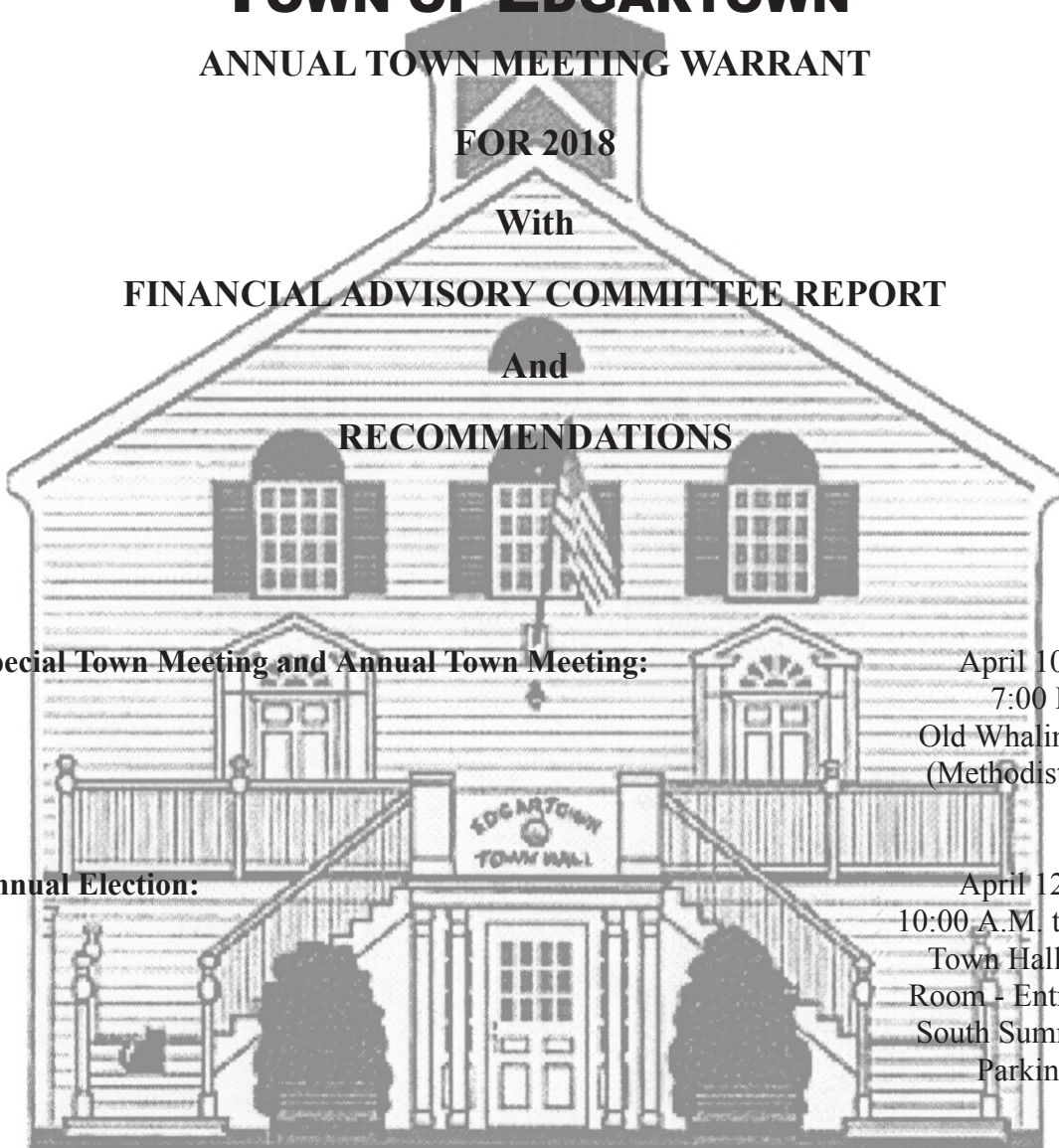
**Time**

**Place**

April 12, 2018

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*

## PROPOSITION 2 1/2 AND BALLOT QUESTIONS

Since Proposition 2 1/2 went into effect in 1981, a levy limit for each community is annually calculated by the Department of Revenue. A community's levy limit is the maximum amount in real and personal property taxes it can levy.

Edgartown's tax levy in Fiscal Year 2018 is \$31,936,228.50. Edgartown's tax levy in Fiscal Year 2017 was \$27,706,749.38, this is an increase of approximately 15%. The large increase is due partly to the 1.5 million dollar purchase of the Yellow House, which was paid for with no borrowing. The tax rate for FY2018 is \$3.87 per \$1,000.00 of property value, last year's rate was \$3.55.

### What is an Override?

For towns needing to increase taxes more than the automatic annual 2.5% and new construction increases, there is the override process. In order for an override to pass, all three of the following must occur:

A majority vote of the town's Selectmen is required to allow the item to be placed on the ballot. Override questions must be presented in dollar terms and must specify the purpose of the override.

The appropriation must be approved at Town Meeting. If the article is funded by debt, the usual 2/3 vote is necessary.

A majority of the ballot vote of approval at Town election.

### Types of Overrides

#### 1. General Overrides

The override is generally used to finance Town services. Once passed, the levy limit is calculated by adding the amount of the override to the previous year's levy limit. The override therefore results in a " increase in the levy limit.

#### 2. Debt Exclusion and Capital Outlay Exclusion

The Town can access taxes in excess of its levy limit for the payment of certain capital projects and for the payment of specified debt service costs. An exclusion for the purpose of raising funds for debt service costs is referred to as a DEBT EXCLUSION and an exclusion for the purpose of raising funds for capital project cost is referred to as a CAPITAL OUTLAY EXPENDITURE EXCLUSION.

The additional amount for the payment of debt service is added to the levy limit for the life of the debt only. The additional amount for the payment of the capital project cost is added to the levy limit only for the year in which the project is being undertaken. Unlike operation overrides, exclusions do not become part of the base upon which the levy limit is calculated for future years. It represents a temporary increase in the levy limit.

## FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

As the Financial Advisory Committee, our main responsibility is to facilitate effective decision making at Town Meetings by advising and providing recommendations on budget, articles, and other areas of finance. The recommendations reflect countless hours of proposal and budget analysis, information gathering, dialogue, debate, feedback, and collaboration with town boards, committees and other regional agencies.

In December we met with the Capital Programs Committee to review the 5-year plan for expense requests in excess of \$100,000. This budget season there was much dialogue regarding the construction of a new hangar at the Katama Airport and also the major work and upgrades at the Wastewater Facility. It was recommended that all Wastewater projects be consolidated, inevitably saving the town a considerable amount in administrative/bidding costs. Starting in January the committee met with most departments and committees and to go over their proposed budgets and articles.

Our tax base continues to remain strong, and our revenues have been steady and taxes paid. Our credit rating remains high at Aa2. There will be several override questions this year. The overall operating budget represents an increase of 7% over last year. Cost of living adjustment has been proposed for 2% this year, in line with other

communities in our area. The Town went through a complete salary review last year. Those new salaries were adopted at a Special Town Meeting in November. There had not been a comprehensive review in approximately ten years. This has added significantly to the operating budget for Fiscal Year 2019.

The Town's stabilization fund is healthy at \$2,621,741.40. We continue to appropriate monies to fund Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). This year we are appropriating \$150,000.00 to be used for these unfunded liabilities.

Our committee would like to thank Thomas Durawa for his years of service to the Committee and Gail Avakian for her work as the FinCom Assistant. We would also like to welcome Juliet Mulinare as the new FinCom Assistant.

Respectfully submitted,

PAULO DEOLIVEIRA, Chairman  
THOMAS DURAWA, Co-chairman  
LESLIE BAYNES  
ROBERT COAD  
MORTON FEAREY, JR.  
STEVEN JORDAN  
DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT  
JAMES CARTER

## 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 \$2,277,345.00 effective for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2018. There was a Special Town Meeting held on November 14, 2017. There will be a Special Town Meeting just prior to the Annual Town Meeting on April 10, 2018. The requests from Free Cash for both Special Town Meetings total \$556,551.26. The requests on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for April 10, 2018 from Free Cash will total \$1,339,897.41. We are taking an additional \$200,000.00 from Free Cash to reduce the tax rate. That will leave us with a balance of \$180,896.33 in our Free Cash for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2018. Our Stabilization Fund

Balance is \$2,621,741.40.

This year we are appropriating \$150,000.00 to be invested in the Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust Fund for Other Post Retirement Benefits. Edgartown's investments through January 1, 2018 are \$2,078,424.07.

State revenues for Fiscal Year 2018 were \$2,175,707.00, an increase of \$9,957.00. State Charges for Fiscal Year 2018 were \$1,642,278.00, which represented an increase of \$119,723.00.

PAMELA M. DOLBY  
Town Administrator

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

	FY2018	FY2019 ESTIMATES	PROPERTY VALUE & TAX BILL
ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR TAX LEVY AND RATE			
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	\$8,252,255,423		\$500,000
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$31,936,228.50		\$750,000
TAX RATE	\$3.87		\$1,000,000
NOTE TAX RATE INCREASE PER \$100,000.00 OF TAX LEVY	=	\$0.01210	\$2,902.50
		( 1.2 cents )	\$3,870.00

**IMPACT OF SPECIFIC PROPOSED APPROPRIATIONS ON INDIVIDUAL TAX BILLS**

	PROPOSED APPROPRIATION	\$ ON TAX RATE	TAX IMPACT PER ARTICLE
Rebuilding & Resurfacing Town Streets	Override \$ 400,000	\$0.04800	\$24.00
Building & Repairing Sidewalks, Bike Paths, Storm Drains	Override \$ 350,000	\$0.04200	\$21.00
New Street Sweeper	Override \$ 225,000	\$0.02700	\$13.50
Reconstruction of Hangar at Katama Airfield	Borrowing 1st Yr Estimated \$ 1,200,000	\$0.00000	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 975,000</b>	<b>\$0.11800</b>	<b>\$58.50</b>
			<b>\$87.75</b>
			<b>\$117.00</b>

town value and the net total tax levy remain the same as in FY2018

Amount that would be added to bill amounts above.

**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR THE  
2018 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING  
JULY 1, 2018 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2019**

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2018	Appropriations Requested FY 2019	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>				
<b>MODERATOR</b>				
1.	300.00	300.00	300.00	
<b>SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b>				
2.	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	
3.	254,245.73	229,436.54	233,890.14	85,490.14
4.	7,115.00	7,115.00	7,115.00	
<b>FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMM.</b>				
5.	5,663.84	4,851.00	4,946.68	4,946.68
6.	4,867.73	4,867.00	4,867.00	
7.	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	
<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S DEPT.</b>				
8.	147,649.48	152,652.94	155,528.54	155,528.54
9.	13,955.00	14,205.00	14,205.00	
<b>PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT</b>				
10.		31,886.40	32,520.80	32,520.80
11.		2,000.00	2,000.00	
<b>ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT</b>				
12.	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	
13.	199,429.41	202,496.48	206,464.08	206,464.08
14.	29,885.00	28,790.00	28,790.00	
<b>TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT</b>				
15.	133,025.38	141,578.92	144,340.12	144,340.12
16.	25,075.00	25,075.00	25,075.00	
<b>TOWN COLLECTOR'S DEPT.</b>				
17.	73,729.09	76,124.75	76,124.75	
18.	103,261.87	107,576.18	109,705.58	109,705.58
19.	12,220.00	12,220.00	12,220.00	
<b>PERSONNEL BOARD</b>				
20.	73,774.72	79,268.80	80,849.60	80,849.60
21.	7,250.00	9,700.00	9,700.00	

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2018	Appropriations Requested FY 2019	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<b>TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT</b>				
22.	Salaries (2FT)	146,173.76	149,001.26	149,001.26
23.	Expense	3,320.00	3,320.00	
<b>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION</b>				
24.	Salaries (3 PT)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
25.	Expense	7,127.00	7,127.00	
<b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>				
26.	Salaries (2 FT)	127,658.28	130,112.68	130,112.68
27.	Expense	37,000.00	37,000.00	
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>				
28.	Salaries (1 FT, 1 PT)	78,713.86	80,268.66	80,268.66
29.	Expense	7,950.00	7,950.00	
<b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b>				
30.	Salary (1 PT)	25,818.47	26,317.67	26,317.67
31.	Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	
<b>TOWN HALL AND VISITOR'S CENTER MAINTENANCE</b>				
32.	Salary (1 S)	8,260.60	8,260.60	8,260.60
33.	Town Hall and Visitor's Center Maintenance	143,200.00	143,200.00	
<b>COMPUTER SYSTEM MANAGER</b>				
34.	Computer System Administrator (1 FT)	105,719.33	107,799.33	107,799.33
35.	Computer System Expense	105,618.00	105,618.00	
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>				
36.	Salaries (5FT 1PT)	321,560.79	327,969.27	327,969.27
37.	Expense	40,640.00	40,640.00	
<b>HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMIS.</b>				
38.	Salaries (1 PT)	38,263.68	39,024.96	39,024.96
39.	Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	
<b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>				
40.	Expense	80,000.00	80,000.00	
<b>BY-WAYS COMMITTEE</b>				
41.	Expense	1,100.00	1,100.00	
42.	LEGAL EXPENSE	157,500.00	157,500.00	
43.	Tax Title/Foreclosure	10,000.00	10,000.00	
<b>Total for General Government</b>		<b>2,644,567.78</b>	<b>2,679,651.72</b>	<b>1,698,599.97</b>

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2018	Appropriations Requested FY 2019	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<b><u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</u></b>				
<b><u>POLICE DEPARTMENT</u></b>				
44.	2,956,972.92	3,044,430.55	3,101,032.90	264,063.99
45.	310,602.00	318,262.00	318,262.00	
<b><u>FIRE DEPARTMENT</u></b>				
46.	345,732.00	372,106.00	375,847.00	37,817.00
47.	210,500.00	221,082.50	221,082.50	
<b><u>FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE</u></b>				
48.	635,929.51	645,463.04	653,762.24	563,762.24
49.	92,113.00	93,885.83	93,885.83	
<b><u>BUILDING INSPECTOR'S DEPT.</u></b>				
50.	155,815.54	166,160.94	169,410.94	169,410.94
51.	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	
<b><u>INSPECTORS (GAS, PLUMBING, WIRE &amp; FIRE)</u></b>				
52.	140,000.00	140,000.00	140,000.00	
53.	950.00	950.00	950.00	
<b><u>CIVIL DEFENSE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</u></b>				
54.	500.00	500.00	500.00	
55.	7,563.00	7,563.00	7,563.00	
<b><u>ANIMAL CONTROL DEPT.</u></b>				
56.	97,521.66	102,409.18	103,781.98	103,781.98
57.	8,100.00	8,100.00	8,100.00	
<b><u>FORESTRY DEPARTMENT</u></b>				
58.	23,000.00	33,800.00	33,800.00	
59.	4,100.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
60.	20,500.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	
61.	8,000.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	
<b><u>SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT</u></b>				
62.	275,024.05	286,700.42	292,162.50	292,162.50
63.	27,100.00	25,700.00	25,700.00	
	<b>5,328,023.68</b>	<b>5,507,613.46</b>	<b>5,586,340.89</b>	<b>1,430,998.65</b>
<b>Total for Protection of Persons and Property</b>				
<b><u>HARBORMASTER</u></b>				
<b><u>HARBORMASTER'S DEPT.</u></b>				
64.	341,177.15	366,552.10	371,856.10	371,856.10
65.	105,850.00	126,450.00	126,450.00	
66.	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	
	<b>449,127.15</b>	<b>495,102.10</b>	<b>500,406.10</b>	<b>371,856.10</b>
<b>Total for Harbormaster Department</b>				

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<b><u>DREDGE</u></b>				
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67.	124,847.40	129,602.40	129,984.60	19,632.60
68.	136,000.00	136,000.00	136,000.00	
	<b>260,847.40</b>	<b>265,602.40</b>	<b>265,984.60</b>	<b>19,632.60</b>
<b>Total for Dredge</b>				
<b><u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u></b>				
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69.	706,233.17	772,072.74	784,531.94	784,531.94
70.	20,500.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	
71.	58,200.00	61,100.00	61,100.00	
72.	212,550.00	235,300.00	235,300.00	
	<b>997,483.17</b>	<b>1,087,472.74</b>	<b>1,099,931.94</b>	<b>784,531.94</b>
<b>Total for Highway Department</b>				
<b><u>HEALTH AND SANITATION</u></b>				
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<b>TRANSFER STATION &amp; SITE MAINTENANCE</b>				
73.	510,371.35	532,533.37	532,533.37	
<b>WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT</b>				
74.	581,288.83	626,340.55	632,417.75	632,417.75
75.	483,658.60	495,749.75	495,749.75	
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>				
76.	164,701.23	179,027.57	182,494.41	182,494.41
77.	120,909.51	122,957.79	122,957.79	
	<b>1,860,929.52</b>	<b>1,956,609.03</b>	<b>1,966,153.07</b>	<b>814,912.16</b>
<b>Total for Health and Sanitation</b>				
<b><u>VETERAN'S SERVICES</u></b>				
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78.	30,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	
	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	<b>30,000.00</b>	
<b>Total for Veteran's Services</b>				
<b><u>EDUCATION</u></b>				
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79.	5,713,644.78	5,951,875.33	5,951,875.33	
80.	844,153.00	868,297.00	868,297.00	
81.	1,352,665.60	1,405,706.48	1,405,706.48	
<b>M.V.R.H.S. DISTRICT</b>				
82.	4,354,588.83	4,838,117.34	4,838,117.34	
	<b>12,265,052.21</b>	<b>13,063,996.15</b>	<b>13,063,996.15</b>	
<b>Total for Education</b>				



	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2018	Appropriations Requested FY 2019	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<b><u>LIBRARY</u></b>				
<b>EDG. PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPT.</b>				
83.	536,666.97	564,814.44	573,073.76	573,073.76
84.	325,972.00	341,692.83	341,692.83	
	<b>862,638.97</b>	<b>906,507.27</b>	<b>914,766.59</b>	<b>573,073.76</b>
<b><u>PARK AND BEACHES</u></b>				
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85.	312,522.34	366,352.68	366,987.08	366,987.08
86.	60,000.00	63,500.00	63,500.00	
	<b>372,522.34</b>	<b>429,852.68</b>	<b>430,487.08</b>	<b>366,987.08</b>
<b><u>KATAMA AIRPORT</u></b>				
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87.		40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00
88.		74,900.00	74,900.00	
	<b>0.00</b>	<b>114,900.00</b>	<b>114,900.00</b>	<b>40,000.00</b>
<b><u>CEMETERY</u></b>				
<b>CEMETERY DEPARTMENT</b>				
89.	32,113.00	32,994.40	33,454.60	33,454.60
90.	1,825.00	4,925.00	4,925.00	
	<b>33,938.00</b>	<b>37,919.40</b>	<b>38,379.60</b>	<b>33,454.60</b>
<b><u>UNCLASSIFIED</u></b>				
91.		400,000.00	400,000.00	
92.	375,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
93.	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00	
94.	9,000.00	9,000.00	9,000.00	
95.	15,250.00	17,000.00	17,000.00	
96.	2,750.00	2,750.00	2,750.00	
97.	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	
98.	63,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	
99.	34,542.50	34,542.50	34,542.50	
100.	401,336.00	411,278.00	411,278.00	
101.	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	

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102.	Dukes County Regional Housing	94,985.00	94,985.00	
103.	Beautification Committee	25,000.00	25,000.00	
	<b>D.C. RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>			
104.	Pension Fund	1,477,977.44	1,477,977.44	
105.	Other Post Employment Benefits	250,000.00	150,000.00	
	<b>GROUP INSURANCE</b>			
106.	Health - Town Share	3,419,117.18	3,735,860.00	
107.	Medicare - Town Share	200,000.00	225,000.00	
108.	Life Ins. - Town Share	2,000.00	2,500.00	
	<b>Total for Unclassified</b>	<b>6,297,296.12</b>	<b>6,677,892.94</b>	<b>6,677,892.94</b>
<b>INTEREST AND DEBT</b>				
<b>PRINCIPAL</b>				
109.	GOB 2008	88,000.00	88,000.00	
110.	GOB 2010	100,000.00	100,000.00	
111.	MPL 2010 Series B	27,000.00	27,000.00	
112.	Wastewater 2011	11,411.00	11,411.00	
113.	MPL 2015 Series A	506,900.00	506,700.00	
114.	MPL 2015 Series B	600,000.00	595,000.00	
115.	MPL 2016	250,000.00	245,000.00	
116.	M.V. Senior Center Building (County)	49,312.00	49,312.00	
<b>INTEREST</b>				
117.	GOB 2008	18,680.50	15,424.50	
118.	GOB 2010	15,125.00	12,375.00	
119.	MLP 2010 Series B	5,265.00	4,455.00	
120.	Wastewater 2011	12,237.35	11,866.50	
121.	MPL 2015 Series A	119,915.00	94,570.00	
122.	MPL 2015 Series B	125,225.00	95,350.00	
123.	MPL 2016	99,325.00	94,325.00	
124.	M.V. Senior Center Building (County)	12,081.44	10,602.08	
125.	Interest Temporary Loans	15,000.00	10,000.00	
	<b>Totals for Interest and Debt</b>	<b>2,055,477.29</b>	<b>1,971,391.08</b>	<b>1,971,391.08</b>
	<b>Sub-totals</b>	<b>33,328,756.77</b>	<b>35,189,427.03</b>	<b>6,134,046.86</b>

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2018	Appropriations Requested FY 2019	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<b><u>WATER DEPARTMENT (FUND 024)</u></b>				
126. Salaries (8 FT)	526,334.70	563,346.81	573,892.41	573,892.41
127. Expense	590,153.00	604,050.00	604,050.00	
128. Principal	254,617.12	267,281.94	267,281.94	
129. Interest	220,696.03	209,284.48	209,284.48	
<b>Total for Water Department</b>	<b>1,591,800.85</b>	<b>1,643,963.23</b>	<b>1,654,508.83</b>	<b>573,892.41</b>
<b>Total Appropriations and Transfers for FY 2018</b>	<b>34,920,557.62</b>			
<b>Total Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2019</b>		<b>36,833,390.26</b>		
<b>Total Appropriations Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee</b>			<b>36,994,790.59</b>	
<b>Total Appropriations Recommended by the Personnel Board</b>				<b>6,707,939.27</b>

**WARRANT FOR  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 10, 2018**

County of Dukes County, ss:

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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 in the Old Whaling Church (Methodist Church) on Main Street in said Edgartown on Tuesday, the tenth day of April, Two Thousand Eighteen at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the Articles in this Warrant:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment by the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District of a Stabilization Fund to be known as the "MVRHS Capital Stabilization Fund" to provide a fund for expenditures for capital improvements within the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District and for such other lawful purposes as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, c.71, §16G½ as it may be amended from time to time, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the School Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,500.00 to provide video and audio communication with remote locking/unlocking capability to the school's front entrance doors. This will provide increased security to the school during school hours.

Submitted by the School Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$35,000.00 to construct sound-proofing around the new air conditioning unit behind the Town Hall.

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 \$17,881.00 for workers compensation insurance 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 \$30,000.00 to be placed in the Legal Account.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to add the following to the Seasonal Wage Scale:

Grade 9 \$35.00 \$36.46 \$37.98 \$39.57 \$41.23 \$42.96

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law section 26.0, Seasonal Wage as follows:

Add the position of Airfield Manager/Katama Airport to Grade 9

Add the position of Airfield Assistant/Katama Airport to Grade 8

Submitted by the Personnel Board

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$8,000.00 to cover the Airfield Manager and Airfield Assistant for the period beginning May 1, 2018-June 30, 2018.

Submitted by the Personnel Board

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$4,000.00 to purchase office equipment and supplies for the Katama Airfield Manager's office at Katama Airfield.

Submitted by the Katama Airfield Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000.00 to purchase a fire proof cabinet for the Personnel Board office.

Submitted by the Personnel Board

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$76,000.00 to repair the elevator at the Edgartown Police Station.

Submitted by the Acting Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$12,000.00 to replace the fire alarm panel at the Edgartown Police Station.

Submitted by the Acting Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$12,000.00 to cover an unforeseen increase in the accident insurance policy.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$80,000.00 to cover salary expenses from an on the job injury and personnel changes.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,405.00 to replace the heater

in the Animal Control office located on the Highway Department property.

Submitted by the Animal Control Officer

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from water surplus the sum of \$18,796.24 to reimburse the account created to meet recommendations made by the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center For Public Management in the Compensation and Classification Study, to cover the Water Department increases.

Submitted by the Town Accountant

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will appropriate from the sale of cemetery lots fund ( # 104000-3001), for the expenditure on Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$80,000.00 to be used to continue the expansion of the New Westside Cemetery.

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 20th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman  
Michael J. Donaroma  
Margaret E. Serpa  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
Town of Edgartown

## **WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING APRIL 10, 2018**

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 in the Old Whaling Church (Methodist Church) on Main Street in said Edgartown on Tuesday, the tenth day of April, Two Thousand eighteen at seven o'clock in the evening, 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 twelfth day of April, Two Thousand eighteen 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 1.** 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 eighteen?

**Question 2.** 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 and storm water drainage systems, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

**Question 3.** Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$225,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a new street sweeper, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

**Question 4.** Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$1,200,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the reconstruction of the hanger

at the Katama Airport, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

**Question 5.** Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$3,726,500.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to perform various wastewater projects, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

**Question 6.** Shall the public water supply for domestic use in the Town of Edgartown be fluoridated?

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

1. One Moderator for Three Years
2. One Selectmen for Three Years
3. One Assessor Three Years
4. One Board of Health member for Three Years
5. One Constable for Three Years
6. Three Financial Advisory Committee members for Three Years
7. One Financial Advisory Committee Member for One year
8. Two Library Trustees for Three Years
9. One Park Commissioner for Three Years
10. One Planning Board Member for Five Years
11. One School Committee Member for Three Years
12. One Town Collector for Three Years
13. One Wastewater Treatment Commissioners for Three Years
14. 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 amend the annual salary scales of the Classification Plan of the Personnel By-law, so that they reflect a 2% increase, which is a cost of living adjustment becoming effective July 1, 2018.

Submitted by the Personnel Board

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to close the following amount from completed articles:

Article 42 – ATM 2007 - \$47,125.00 to General Fund and \$17,875.00 to Receipts Reserve Waterways

Article 8 - STM December 2008 - \$1,835.17 to Community Preservation Historic Reserve and \$1,501.50 to General Fund

Article 50 – ATM 2009 - \$9,828.56 to General Fund

Article 49 – ATM 2010 - \$41,936.72 to General Fund

Article 38 – ATM 2011 - \$28,293.11 to General Fund

Article 60 – ATM 2011 - \$18,265.83 to General Fund

Article 40 – ATM 2012 - \$6,677.00 to General Fund

Submitted by the Town Accountant

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to rescind unused borrowing authorizations previously voted by the Town, or to take any other action related thereto.

**AUTHORIZED AMOUNT TO BE**

DATE	ARTICLE	PURPOSE	AMOUNT	RESCINDED
10/8/87	5 &			
4/9/85	32	Dredge Sengekontaktet	\$ 30,000	\$30,000
8/25/93	6	Purchase Public Ferry	350,000	350,000
4/14/98	30	Land Acquisition	1,725,000	78,067
4/13/04	83	Water	1,500,000	74,999.61
4/11/06	55	Well Pump Station	1,500,000	152,000
10/27/09	13	Sewer	806,100	361,100
			\$1,046,166.61	

Submitted by the Town Accountant

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000.00 to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2019.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 8.** 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 2019 and to make appropriations therefore.

**ARTICLE 9.** 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 2019 revenues in the following amounts to the following reserves:

\$120,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;

\$120,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;

\$120,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund;

\$500,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve;

\$20,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Administrative Expenses Account.

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 Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$96,000.00 to be paid to The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown Families for Fiscal Year 2019.

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 Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$24,000.00 and from the Fiscal Year 2018 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$99,900.00 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 structural home repairs to ensure safe and sanitary housing conditions.

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 Fiscal Year 2018 Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$250,000.00 to support ongoing development and additional site work on the Meshacket Affordable Housing Project.

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 Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$55,421.00 for the restoration and preservation of the Church Street side of the Whaling Church.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 14.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$11,873.00 to redesign and replace the outside handicap ramp at the Dukes County Courthouse to make the courthouse more ADA compliant.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$52,706.00 and from the Community Preservation FY18 Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$47,294.00, for a total sum of \$100,000.00, for potential additional costs related to the acquisition of the historic Yellow House. If the funds are not needed, they will be returned to their respective CPC accounts.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund the sum of \$11,194.00, from the Community Preservation FY18 Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$77,806.00, and from the Community Preservation Unreserve the sum of \$251,000.00, for the total sum of \$340,000.00, to be used to rehabilitate and to make capital improvements to the tennis court area at the Robinson Road Recreational Area by rebuilding the base and laying

four (4) new tennis courts, two (2) new pickle ball courts and one (1) new shuffle board court.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund the sum of \$35,000.00 for The Edgartown Conservation Commission to facilitate the one time removal of invasive plant species from the Lighthouse beach and park area.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund the sum of \$200,000.00 to go toward the restoration of the bulkhead at North Wharf as guided by the engineering study conducted with CPC funds voted at Annual Town Meeting in April 2017.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**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 2019, the sum of \$30,000.00 to be used for valuation updates of real and personal property, revaluations, and Department of Revenue recertification.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors

**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 2019, the sum of \$40,000.00 to pay the cost of the Fourth of July Fireworks.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**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 2019, the sum of \$25,000.00 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 22.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on the terms and conditions as they deem in the best interest of the Town, to grant an access easement over a Town-owned parcel of land identified on Assessors Map 11A, as Parcel 403, to benefit the owners of a parcel of land identified on Assessors Map 11A, as Parcel 402, which has a physical address of 135 The Boulevard. The Town acquired Parcel 403 by a 1939 Collector's Deed. The parcel contains approximately 750 square feet, and a driveway crossing it to service Parcel 402 has been in existence for over forty years.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**2/3 VOTE REQUIRED**

**NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2019, the sum of \$25,568.00 to support the CORE program, a collaborative program of the four Martha's Vineyard Councils on Aging, to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older. The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.

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 2019, the sum of \$22,726.76 to support the Healthy Aging Task Force of Martha's Vineyard. The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.

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 2019, the sum of \$15,181.00, to support the First Stop Information and Referral Service as recommended by the Healthy Aging Task Force. The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.

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 2019, the sum of \$189,948.00, to support the Martha's Vineyard Senior Services (Center for Living Programs).

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 2019, the sum of \$119,042.00 to support the Vineyard Health Care Access Program for Fiscal Year 2019.

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 2019, the sum of \$17,440.00, to support the Dukes County Social Services. The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.

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 2019, the sum of \$15,980.00, to support the Substance Use Disorder prevention programs on Martha's Vineyard. The funds will not be available if all six towns do not vote in the affirmative.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

**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 2019, 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. The funds will not be available if all six Towns do not vote in the affirmative.

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

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Edgartown Board of Health to accept any gifts or grants of money from various sources on behalf of the Martha's Vineyard Tick Borne Illness Reduction Initiative to fund activity related to tick education and tick borne illness reduction during Fiscal Year 2019.

Submitted by the Board of Health

**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 2019, the sum of \$57,472.20 to purchase and equip one four wheel drive police vehicle

Submitted by the Acting Police Chief

**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 2019, the sum of \$95,000.00 to install underground water storage tanks at various locations on Chappaquiddick. This includes on site wells, plumbing and bringing power to each location.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 34.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$8,000.00 to purchase an all terrain medical rescue trailer. This trailer will be utilized in joint operations with the Edgartown Park Department's ATV for beach emergencies and other logistically challenging areas.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 35.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$40,000.00 to train six firefighters to the Firefighter I/Firefighter II level. These individuals will become certified and will be able to train other members of the Department.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

**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 2019, the sum of \$50,000.00 to upgrade antiquated scene lighting on



the 1994 E-one Ladder Truck. The proposed upgrade is part of our plan to extend the useful life of this apparatus.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

**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 2019, the sum of \$50,000.00, to conduct the feasibility study for a public safety campus. This study is to determine the best course of action regarding the need for additional secure storage, proper utilities, dormitories, and supportive infrastructure for Fire, EMS, Police, and Emergency Management.

Submitted by Police and Fire Departments

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 38.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, 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 39.** 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 2019 membership fee in the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 40.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2019, the sum of \$11,500.00 to purchase a new outboard motor for the Shellfish Department patrol boat and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 2010 120 HP E-TECH Evinrude in the best interests of the town.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 41.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Edgartown Shellfish Committee to accept any gifts or grants of money from various sources, to fund participation in various Shellfish Committee propagation programs during for Fiscal Year 2019.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

**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 2019, the sum of \$60,000.00 and from Receipts Reserved for Waterways the sum of \$10,000.00 for a total of \$70,000.00 to be used for the maintenance and replacement of moorings, buoys, docks, 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 43.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal year 2019, the

sum of \$11,114.45 to purchase and rig a replacement outboard motor for the harbor pump out vessel and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing motor in the best interest(s) of the town. The engine was last replaced in 2012.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

**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 2019, the sum of \$6,500.00 to purchase and install two vanities and flooring for the restrooms, including the hallway, at North Wharf. The existing vanities and floor are over twenty years old.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400,000.00 for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #1) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 12, 2018, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2019 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000.00 for the building and repairing of various Town sidewalks, bike paths, and storm water drainage systems, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #2) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 12, 2018, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2019 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$20,000.00 to clean the catch basins.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 48.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$60,000.00 to purchase and equip, with a snow plow, a 2-3 yard dump truck, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 2003 Ford F-450 in the best interest(s) of the Town.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 49.** 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 \$236,529.00).

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to install a street light on pole #9280/24 at the intersection of Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road and Third Street North.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$225,000.00 to purchase a new street sweeper, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 1999 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper, with 8,700 hours, in the best interests of the Town, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #3) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 12, 2018 vote in the affirmative to allow the town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2019 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 52.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following updated Cemetery Rules and Regulations:

**PURCHASE OF BURIAL PLOTS**

1. Only Edgartown residents and or taxpayers may purchase a lot. At the time of lot purchase, the residents name must appear on the town's registered voters or taxpayers list. One lot may be purchased per family.
2. Private sales of cemetery lots are prohibited. Lot owners must sell the lot back to the Town of Edgartown for the original purchase price. The Town of Edgartown will resell the lot at the prevailing price.
3. A lot purchaser acquires only the right to burial and is subject to the regulations of the cemetery. The purchaser does not retain the title to the land.
4. A full grave lot consists of four grave plots.  
A full lot (10' x 20') has four burial plots. The cost of a full lot is \$2800.00  
A half lot (10' x 10') has two burial plots. The cost of a half lot is \$1400.00
5. Each burial plot may contain one casket or six cremation urns. Caskets are not double stacked.
6. A cremation lot (4' x 4') may accommodate two urns. The cost of a cremation lot is \$250.00

**BURIALS**

7. All cemetery lots must be paid for at the time of purchase. No interment or inurnments will be made until the lot is paid in full.

8. All interments or inurnments and removals are made subject to orders and laws of properly constituted authorities of Town, County and State.
9. Cemetery officials shall be notified prior to interments or inurnments. Cemetery officials must have one week's notice prior to interments, inurnments or removals.
10. Once a casket or urn is interred within the cemetery no one shall be permitted to exhume it without a court order.
11. No interment or inurnment shall be made in any lot other than the family of the lot owner unless written permission is furnished by the surviving heirs.
12. All interments shall be in a permanent container such as cement or bronze vaults or in a concrete sectional vault. All inurnments shall be in a permanent container.

**MONUMENTS, PLANTINGS**

13. It is the duty of the lot owners to notify cemetery officials of any change of address.
14. Under current cemetery regulations, a full lot can contain up to 24 burials (4 caskets or 24 urns). It is therefore recommended that the original owners appoint a designated signer among their heirs who will be in charge of who can be buried in the lot. When appropriate that person can appoint one or more person in the third generation to take over as designated signer. This process can be repeated as necessary through subsequent generations.

In the absence of a designated signer, two members of the senior generation must sign an interment order for anyone to be interred in the lot (Spouses and members of subsequent generations are not authorized to sign an interment order.)

If the original owners do not appoint a designated signer, the current senior generation may select a designated signer. To do so, every member of their generation must notify the Cemetery Office in writing that they accept the person selected as the designated signer.

15. No granite or concrete curbing or mounding of individual lots shall be permitted in any town cemetery.
16. Flat gravestones and corner bounds shall be level with the present grade in all town cemeteries.
17. All monuments shall be set on four foot deep concrete foundations in all cemeteries, and all markers at a minimum of two feet deep foundations.

18. No work or plantings shall be done in the town cemeteries without the permission of the Commissioners. Certain plantings are not permitted. Please see Administrative Assistant for details.
19. The Edgartown Cemetery Department has authority to remove from lots all articles and plantings placed which do not conform to the standards maintained.
20. Permanent irrigation systems are not permitted in Town cemeteries.
21. The Cemetery Commissioners are empowered to enforce all regulations. They shall have supervision and control of all persons in the Town of Edgartown Cemeteries, including the conduct of funerals and traffic.
22. The Town of Edgartown disclaims responsibility for any damage or injury to any monument or markers in any of the town cemeteries.

Submitted by the Cemetery Commissioners

**NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 53.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$45,000.00 to be used for the rental and maintenance of the portable toilets at South Beach, Robinson Road Recreation Area, and Edgartown Park and Ride and further to authorize the Park Commissioners to accept and expend any and all funds that may be received for said purposes.

Submitted by the Park Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 54.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Edgartown Park Commissioners to accept any gifts or grants of money from various sources on behalf of the of the Town of Edgartown for use in the Edgartown Park Department for Fiscal Year 2019.

Submitted by the Edgartown Park Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 55.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$30,000.00 to purchase two ATV's (all terrain vehicles) for use on South Beach.

Submitted by the Edgartown Park Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 56.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$12,000.00 to provide town water to the guard shack at South Beach for the purpose of rinsing the ATV's (all terrain vehicles).

Submitted by the Edgartown Park Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 57.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Historic District Commission bylaw by **removing** Item A-2 from Section 8 – Exclusions: Terraces, walks, driveways and sidewalks, provided that any structure is substantially at grade and by adding Terraces, walks, driveways and sidewalks, to Section 4- Standards of Review, and to renumber Section 8 to account for the removal of subsection A-2.

Submitted by Historic District Commission **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 58.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Historic District Commission bylaw by removing the words lighting fixtures Item A-3 from Section 8 – Exclusions.

Submitted by Historic District Commission **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 59.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Edgartown, Article II "Definitions", by adding the following definitions:

**"Bedroom":** Attached room, reasonably capable of providing privacy, light, and ventilation which is intended, arranged, or designed to be occupied by one or more persons. A bedroom shall have an area of not less than 70 square feet or be less than 7 feet in any dimension.

**"Boundary Fence":** Any fence that is, or is intended to be installed on or within five (5) feet of a real property boundary line as determined by the Board of Fence Viewers of the Town of Edgartown."

**"Curb Cuts":** The providing of vehicular ingress and/or egress from a private property and an accepted way.

**"De Minimis":** minor works which may have little to no material effect on a given structure or development, and therefore would not require a special permit, but does require an application for an exemption. Such determination would not apply to application or permitting requirements established by other entities, such as the Conservation Commission, Historic District Commission, the Town of Edgartown Building Department, or the MV Commission.

**"Demolition":** The removal or dismantling of existing construction, in whole or in part, with or without the intent to replace the construction so affected."

**"Fence":** A non-living structure or partition, designed to: establish a boundary; enclose or separate an area of land, a landscape feature, or an object located on land; prevent intrusions from without or straying from within; provide security or protection; shield from within or without against noise or view; or, other similar purpose. A fence may be, but is not limited to, structures or partitions made of wood, stone, metal or other materials.

**“Gross Floor Area”:** The sum of the horizontal areas of all stories of a building, or several buildings, as measured from the exterior face of exterior walls, or from the center line of a party wall separating two buildings on the same lot. Gross Floor Area for a single lot shall include garages, sheds, gazebos, enclosed porches, screen porches, enclosed decks, guest buildings, and other accessory buildings; Gross Floor Area shall not include basements, crawl spaces, attics, open porches, or open decks.

**“Livable Floor Space”:** Any square footage that is (a) served by permanently installed heating or air-conditioning systems, (b) that is directly accessible from other occupiable areas through an interior door or hallway, (c) finished with walls, floors and ceilings of materials generally accepted for interior construction, and (d) excluding any area with a ceiling height of less than five feet.

**“Lot line”:** A line of record bounding a lot that divides one lot from another lot or from a public or private right of way.

**“Marina”:** A facility which provides dockage or berthing for more than five (5) vessels and may also provide the services of a Vessel Service Facility.

**“Mean Natural Grade”:** The natural grade, relative to a given structure. The mean natural grade shall be calculated by measuring the natural elevation at the four (4) most remote corners of a structure to the height of the highest point of the structure, and dividing the aggregate number of these heights by four (4).

**“Renovation”:** The alteration or removal of any part of an existing structure for the purpose of maintenance or improvement without change to the existing footprint or height of the structure.

**“Vessel Service Facility”:** A commercial facility providing one or more of the following: vessel construction, repair or servicing; vessel storage, hauling and launching; the sale of vessels; the sale of supplies and services for vessels and their equipment and accessories; berthing or dockage facilities for not more than five (5) vessels not being serviced or repaired.

Submitted by the Planning Board **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED  
NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY  
THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 60.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Edgartown, Article IX “B-I Business District”, Section 9.6, “Business Moratorium”, by striking the section entirely.

~~Business Moratorium (B-I)~~

~~In order to provide an orderly period for the Town to develop and submit to Town Meeting a program for protecting the public health, safety, and welfare in the face of rapid development, the following use limitations, with respect to the issuance of Building Permits, shall be~~

~~observed. These limitations shall apply until August 30, 1986 or until superseded by a subsequent Town Meeting vote, whichever period is shorter, and shall apply in addition to limitations otherwise in effect. During this period, Building Permits or Certificates of Use and Occupancy for business uses shall be issued only for the following:~~

- ~~a. Addition to an existing building not to exceed one hundred and fifty square feet.~~
- ~~b. Change of use from one business to another.~~
- ~~e. Construction which is necessary to protect public health and safety.~~
- ~~d. Certificates of Use and Occupancy where a Building Permit was issued prior to this Moratorium.~~

Submitted by the Edgartown Planning Board **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED  
NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY  
THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 61.** To amend the Zoning Bylaw of the Town of Edgartown, Article X “B-II Upper Main Street”, Section 10.5.a.3, as follows:

In order to reflect traditional setbacks along Upper Main Street, to create an architectural edge to the B-II District, and to screen (to the extent feasible) parking and access ways from public view, structures shall be set back not more than forty (40) feet, nor less than twenty (20) feet from the ~~street pavement line~~ **front lot line**, except that a structure need not be set back no further than any structure existing on the premises on April 11, 1989, if less, ~~and no or~~ further than the average of the setbacks on adjacent lots, if less. No structure shall be located within ten (10) feet of the side or rear property lines. Where an applicant demonstrates that greater front setbacks, or lesser side or rear setbacks, is necessary for the reasonable development of the parcel, the Planning Board may modify such requirements provided that access is assured for fire and other such emergencies.

Submitted by the Edgartown Planning Board **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED  
NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY  
THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 62.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw of Edgartown, Article X-A, “BIII Business District” by amending the title of the Article as follows:

**ARTICLE X-A. B-III BUSINESS LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND SERVICE DISTRICT**

Further, to amend the Zoning Bylaw of Edgartown, Article X-A, “BIII Business District”, “Area” as follows:

Area: The B-III **Light Industrial And Service** District (“**The B-III District**”) is located on the Martha's Vineyard Airport property and includes all of that property within Edgartown except for the area defined in the Zoning Bylaw as the B-IV District.

Submitted by Edgartown Planning Board **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED  
NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY  
THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 63.** To amend the Zoning Bylaw of Edgartown, Article XX "Surface Water District", by striking section 20.5 entirely.

**20.5. Definitions**

~~For the purposes of this By-law, the following definitions shall apply:~~

~~**VESSEL SERVICE FACILITY:** A shorefront commercial facility providing one or more of the following: vessel construction, repair or servicing; vessel storage, hauling and launching; the sale of vessels; the sale of supplies and services for vessels and their equipment and accessories; berthing or dockage facilities for not more than five (5) vessels not being serviced or repaired.~~

~~**MARINA:** A facility which provides dockage or berthing for more than five (5) vessels and may also provide the services of a vessel service area (see definition above).~~

Submitted by Edgartown Planning Board      **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED**  
**NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 64.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaws, Section 6.4, Section 9.4.b.2, Section 10.5.b.8 and Section 11.24, so as to clarify language related to curb cuts:

Amend Section 6.4, "Bulk, Area and Parking Requirements", "Minimum Requirements", as follows:

There shall be a maximum of one ~~16' wide~~ curb cut per lot on a public street, **in accordance with Section 11.24 of this bylaw.** ~~All new curb cuts, or modifications after January 7, 2014 shall require a site plan review from the Planning Board.~~

Further amend Section 9.4.b.2, as follows:

There shall be a maximum of one ~~16' wide~~ curb cut per lot on a public street, **in accordance with Section 11.24 of this bylaw.** ~~All new curb cuts, or modifications after January 7, 2014 shall require a site plan review from the Planning Board.~~

Further amend Article 10.5.b.8, as follows:

There shall be a maximum of one ~~16' wide~~ curb cut per lot on a public street, **in accordance with Section 11.24 of this bylaw.** ~~All new curb cuts, or modifications after January 7, 2014 shall require a site plan review from the Planning Board.~~

Further amend Section 11.24 – "Curb Cuts and Driveways" as follows:

In the R-5, B-I and B-II districts, there shall be a maximum of one 16' wide curb cut per lot on a public street. **A curb cut shall not exceed 16' in width.** All new curb cuts, or modifications **to existing curb cuts** after January 7, 2014 shall require ~~a site plan review from~~ **approval by** the Planning Board. **The curb cut design, or its regular use, shall not impair access along the public street or sidewalk.**

Submitted by Edgartown Planning Board      **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED**  
**NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 65.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaws codification, arrangement, sequence, references, and captions as set forth in the document on file in the office of the Town Clerk titled "Town of Edgartown Zoning Bylaw Proposed Organization," dated January 31, 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Edgartown Planning Board      **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED**  
**NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 66.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$20,000.00 for Conservation Commission's property maintenance.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 67.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2019, the sum of \$20,000.00 for Conservation Land Acquisition.

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 68.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,200,000.00 for the construction of a new hanger located at the Katama Airport, and further that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum, under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that a majority of the voters casting a ballot (Question #4) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 12, 2018, vote in the affirmative to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½ so-called, the amounts required to pay for the principal and interest on bonds or notes issued for the construction or take any other action relative thereto. *(In April of 2008 the Town appropriated \$250,000.00 towards this project. The Katama Trust has donated \$73,301.78 towards the project, bringing the project cost to approximately \$1,523,301.78.)*

Submitted by the Airport Commissioners      **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED**  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 69.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$80,000.00 to repair the decks, rails, and ramps on the restaurant, known as the Right Fork Diner, located at the Katama Airport.

Submitted by the Airport Commissioners  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 70.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$65,000.00 for the Wastewater Department's Equipment and Collection System Maintenance account.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 71.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,726,500.00 for various wastewater projects including but not limited to a septage storage facility, scum pump replacement, dewatered sludge pump, replace air dryer, new generator switches, run float upgrade, upgrade belt filter press, SCADA system, and Dunham Road pump station and any other costs incidental and related thereto, and further, that to raise this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum, under and pursuant to Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that a majority of the voters casting a ballot (Question #5) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 12, 2018, vote in the affirmative to exempt from the provision of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the principal and interest on bonds or notes issued for the projects or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Wastewater Commissioners      **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED**  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 72.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus for the implementation and training for the Munis municipal programming and for costs incidental and related thereto. This proposal will convert the Water Department computer programs to the same system commonly used throughout the other municipal offices in the Town of Edgartown. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 73.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water Department to transfer the sum of \$60,000.00 from 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 2019. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or tax rate.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 74.** To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to expend from Water Department's Surplus, the sum of \$20,000.00 to cover the cost of inspecting and cleaning a municipal well, and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 75.** To see if the Town of Edgartown will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$92,952.77, or fifty percent of the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2019 cost of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communications Center, based on the volume of dispatches, tied to call origin, for all of the Town's agencies.

Submitted by Petition (Dukes County Sheriff)  
**NOT 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, 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 20th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eighteen.

Arthur Smadbeck  
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 12, 20178**

- 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.**

<b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Arthur Smadbeck 50 Bold Meadow Road	Candidate for Re-Election
Gail Gardner 5 Acorn Circle	
	Write-in
<b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
	Write-in
<b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
E. Garrett Orazem 4 Oak Dale Drive	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
<b>CONSTABLE</b>	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Scott Ellis 26 Hye Road	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
<b>FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	
Three Years	Vote for THREE
Paolo DeOliveira 27 Mill Street	Candidate for Re-Election
Robert E. Coad 15 Mullen Way	Candidate for Re-Election
Morton Fearey, Jr. 71 Planting Field Way	Candidate for Re-Election
Jane R. Chittick 113 Upper Main Street	
	Write-in
	Write-in
	Write-in
<b>FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	
One Year Term	Vote for ONE
James K. Carter 407 Katama Road	
	Write-in
<b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>	
Three Years	Vote for TWO
Herbert L. Foster 15 Edgewood Drive	Candidate for Re-Election
Julie L. Lively 4 Briarwood Road	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
	Write-in
<b>MODERATOR</b>	
One Year Term	Vote for ONE
Sean E. Murphy 5 Mockingbird Drive	
	Write-in

<b>PARK COMMISSIONER</b>	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Kevin L. Searle 19 The Boulevard	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>	
Five Years	Vote for ONE
Scott William Morgan 43 North Road	
Robert H. Strayton 307 Chappaquiddick Road	
	Write-in
<b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Megan E. Anderson 202 Katama Road	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
<b>TOWN COLLECTOR</b>	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Melissa A. Kuehue 5 Seventeenth Street N	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
<b>WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMISSIONER</b>	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Sean E. Murphy 5 Mockingbird Drive	Candidate for Re-Election
	Write-in
<b>WATER COMMISSIONER</b>	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
James E. Kelleher 691 Edgartown Road	Candidate for Re-Election
Fred R. Domont 77 The Boulevard	
	Write-in
<b>BALLOT QUESTION #1</b>	
Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$400,00.00 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 eighteen?	
YES	
NO	
<b>BALLOT QUESTION #2</b>	
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, and storm water drainage systems, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?	
YES	
NO	

**BALLOT QUESTION #3**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$225,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a new street sweeper, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

**YES**  
**NO**

**BALLOT QUESTION #4**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$1,200,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the reconstruction of the hanger at the Katama Airport, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and eighteen?

**YES**  
**NO**

**BALLOT QUESTION #5**

Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$3,726,500.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to perform various wastewater projects for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand eighteen?

**YES**  
**NO**

**BALLOT QUESTION #6**

Shall the public water supply for domestic use in the Town of Edgartown be fluoridated?

**YES**  
**NO**



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