



# TOWN OF EDGARTOWN

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

FOR 2017

With

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

And

RECOMMENDATIONS

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

**Time**

**Place**

April 11, 2017

7:00 P.M.

Old Whaling Church  
(Methodist Church)

**Date of Annual Election:**

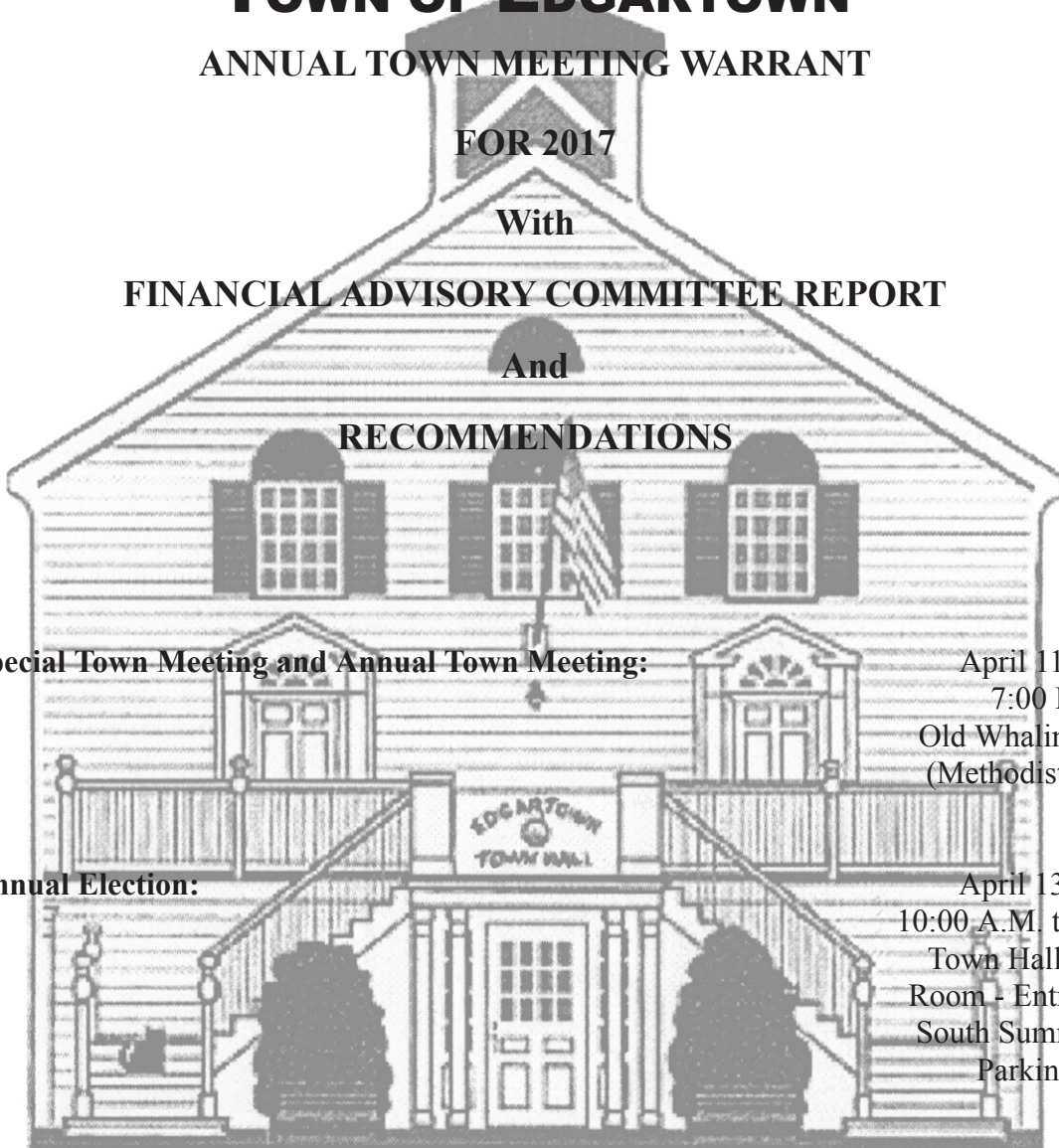
**Time**

**Place**

April 13, 2017

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 2017 is \$27,706,749.38. Edgartown's tax levy for Fiscal Year 2016 was \$26,341,657.91, this is an increase of approximately 5%. The tax rate for FY2016 is \$3.55 per \$1,000.00 of property value, last year's rate was \$3.62.

### 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 permanent 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. These recommendations are made with care based on extensive analysis, dialogue, and collaboration with town boards and committees.

Over the summer and into the fall there was a renewed effort to collaborate as an All-Island Finance Committee. Several meetings were held, open to all members of the various island Finance Committees. With representation from most island towns, that group heard presentations from and met with a variety of organizations that serve the entire island including: The Martha's Vineyard Center for Living, MV Community Services, Martha's Vineyard Public Schools, Island Housing Trust, The Martha's Vineyard Conservation Commission and others.

In November we met with the Capital Programs Committee to review the 5 year plan for expense requests in excess of \$100,000.00. This budget season there was much dialogue with the Wastewater Department, with a focus on the major work and upgrades that are necessary to comply with permits required to operate the facility. This year is phase one of a proposed seven year plan. Starting in January the committee met with a number of Departments to discuss their budget requests.

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 Town boards worked diligently to keep costs down. The overall operating budget represents an increase of 3% over last year. The Personal Board has proposed a 1.5% cost of living adjustment, replacing the NE Urban Index with the Boston/Brockton Index, which is a better indicator for inflation in this area.

The Town's stabilization fund is healthy at \$2,602,885.77. We continue to appropriate monies to fund Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB). This year we are appropriating \$250,000.00 to be used for these unfunded liabilities.

Our committee would like to thank our assistant, Gail Avakian for her aid and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

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

## 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 \$1,683,969.00 effective for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2017. There will be a Special Town Meeting just prior to the Annual Town Meeting on April 11, 2017. The requests from Free Cash will total \$184,865.60. The requests on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for April 11, 2017 from Free Cash will total \$1,207,454.00. That will leave us with a balance of \$291,649.40 in our Free Cash for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017. Our Stabilization Fund Balance is \$2,602,885.77.

This year we are appropriating \$250,000.00 to be invested in the Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust Fund for Other Post Retirement Benefits. Edgartown's investments through January 31, 2017 are \$1,672,682.59.

State revenues for Fiscal Year 2017 were \$2,165,759.00, an increase of \$74,681.00. State Charges for Fiscal Year 2016 were \$1,522,555.00, which represented an increase of \$193,450.00.

PAMELA M. DOLBY  
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 | FY2017          | PROPERTY<br>VALUE & TAX BILL |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE                 | \$7,804,718,137 | \$500,000                    |
| TOTAL TAX LEVY                      | \$27,706,749.38 | \$750,000                    |
| TAX RATE                            | \$3.55          | \$1,000,000                  |
| NOTE TAX RATE INCREASE PER          | \$100,000.00    | \$2,662.50                   |
| OF TAX LEVY =                       | \$0.01280       | \$3,550.00                   |
|                                     | ( 1.3 cents )   |                              |

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

**TAX IMPACT PER ARTICLE**

The tax impact assumes that the town value and the net total tax levy remain the same as in FY2017

Amount that would be added to bill amounts above.

|                    | PROPOSED APPROPRIATION | \$ ON TAX RATE   | TAX IMPACT PER ARTICLE |
|--------------------|------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Dredge             | \$ 600,000             | \$0.07700        | \$38.50                |
| Fire Department    | \$ 750,000             | \$0.09600        | \$48.00                |
| Harbormaster       | \$ 160,000             | \$0.02100        | \$10.50                |
| Highway (Petition) | \$ 255,000             | \$0.03300        | \$16.00                |
| Selectmen          | \$ 1,500,000           | \$0.19200        | \$96.00                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>       | <b>\$ 3,265,000</b>    | <b>\$0.41800</b> | <b>\$209.59</b>        |
|                    |                        |                  | <b>\$314.25</b>        |
|                    |                        |                  | <b>\$419.00</b>        |

**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS  
FOR THE  
2018 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING  
JULY 1, 2017 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2018**

|  | Appropriations/<br>Transfers FY 2017 | Appropriations<br>Requested<br>FY 2018 | Appropriations<br>Recommended by<br>Financial Advisory<br>Committee | Appropriations<br>Recommended by<br>Personnel Board |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b><u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u></b>                   |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b>MODERATOR</b>                                   |                                      |  |   |   |
| 1. Salary - Elected                                | 300.00                               | 300.00                                 | 300.00  |   |
| <b>SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</b> |                                      |  |   |   |
| 2. Selectman's Salaries (3) - Elected              | 13,500.00                            | 13,500.00                              | 13,500.00   |   |
| 3. Other Salaries (2 FT, 2 PT)                     | 224,832.42                           | 225,486.22                             | 228,774.08  | 103,224.60  |
| 4. Expense   | 7,115.00                             | 7,115.00                               | 7,115.00  |   |
| <b>FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMM.</b>                    |                                      |  |   |   |
| 5. Salary (1 PT)                                   | 5,602.10                             | 5,580.64                               | 5,663.84  | 5,663.84  |
| 6. Expense   | 4,867.73                             | 4,867.73                               | 4,867.73  |   |
| 7. Reserve Fund                                    | 40,000.00                            | 40,000.00                              | 40,000.00   |   |
| <b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S DEPT.</b>                     |                                      |  |   |   |
| 8. Salaries (2 FT)                                 | 138,963.57                           | 138,446.54                             | 140,375.74  | 140,375.74  |
| 9. Expense   | 13,955.00                            | 13,955.00                              | 13,955.00   |   |
| <b>ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT</b>                       |                                      |  |   |   |
| 10. Assessors' Salaries(3)-Elected                 | 3,300.00                             | 3,300.00                               | 3,300.00  |   |
| 11. Other Salaries (3 FT)                          | 190,744.11                           | 190,839.70                             | 193,624.30  | 193,624.30  |
| 12. Expense  | 29,885.00                            | 28,645.00                              | 28,645.00   |   |
| <b>TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT</b>                      |                                      |  |   |   |
| 13. Salaries (2FT)                                 | 119,002.20                           | 125,076.10                             | 125,900.14  | 125,900.14  |
| 14. Expense  | 25,075.00                            | 25,075.00                              | 25,075.00   |   |
| <b>TOWN COLLECTOR'S DEPT.</b>                      |                                      |  |   |   |
| 15. Collector's Salary - Elected                   | 69,917.61                            | 69,653.89                              | 70,643.94   |   |
| 16. Salaries (2 FT)                                | 99,842.74                            | 99,460.22                              | 100,934.42  | 100,934.42  |
| 17. Expense  | 12,220.00                            | 12,220.00                              | 12,220.00   |   |
| <b>PERSONNEL BOARD</b>                             |                                      |  |   |   |
| 18. Salary (1 FT)                                  | 44,765.40                            | 54,104.68                              | 54,917.10   | 54,917.10   |
| 19. Expense  | 2,250.00                             | 7,250.00                               | 7,250.00  |   |
| <b>TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT</b>                     |                                      |  |   |   |
| 20. Salaries (2FT)                                 | 135,548.72                           | 134,519.93                             | 136,419.23  | 136,419.23  |
| 21. Expense  | 3,260.00                             | 3,260.00                               | 3,260.00  |   |

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| <b>ELECTION &amp; REGISTRATION</b>                |  |  |   |   |
| 22.   | Salaries (3 PT)                            | 10,000.00                              | 10,000.00   | 10,000.00   |
| 23.   | Expense                                    | 7,127.00                               | 7,127.00  |   |
| <b>CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>                    |  |  |   |   |
| 24.   | Salaries (2 FT)                            | 116,516.37                             | 118,190.77  | 118,190.77  |
| 25.   | Expense                                    | 26,700.00                              | 36,700.00   |   |
| <b>PLANNING BOARD</b>                             |  |  |   |   |
| 26.   | Salaries (1 FT, 1 PT)                      | 71,209.78                              | 72,388.03   | 72,388.03   |
| 27.   | Expense                                    | 10,150.00                              | 7,950.00  |   |
| <b>ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS</b>                    |  |  |   |   |
| 28.   | Salary (1 PT)                              | 23,382.57                              | 23,628.40   | 23,628.40   |
| 29.   | Expense                                    | 1,000.00                               | 1,000.00  |   |
| <b>TOWN HALL AND VISITOR'S CENTER MAINTENANCE</b> |  |  |   |   |
| 30.   | Salary (1 S)                               | 8,260.60                               | 8,260.60  | 8,260.60  |
| 31.   | Town Hall and Visitor's Center Maintenance | 133,000.00                             | 133,000.00  |   |
| <b>COMPUTER SYSTEM MANAGER</b>                    |  |  |   |   |
| 32.   | Computer System Administrator (1 FT)       | 102,115.84                             | 104,254.02  | 104,254.02  |
| 33.   | Computer System Expense                    | 103,365.00                             | 102,745.22  |   |
| <b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>                           |  |  |   |   |
| 34.   | Salaries (5FT 1PT)                         | 278,914.66                             | 295,036.59  | 295,036.59  |
| 35.   | Expense                                    | 38,240.00                              | 38,240.00   |   |
| <b>HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMIS.</b>                  |  |  |   |   |
| 36.   | Salaries (1 PT)                            | 30,524.83                              | 32,081.18   | 32,081.18   |
| 37.   | Expense                                    | 1,000.00                               | 1,000.00  |   |
| <b>EMPLOYEE BENEFITS</b>                          |  |  |   |   |
| 38.   | Expense                                    | 25,000.00                              | 50,000.00   |   |
| <b>BY-WAYS COMMITTEE</b>                          |  |  |   |   |
| 39.   | Expense                                    | 1,100.00                               | 1,100.00  |   |
| 40.   | <b>LEGAL EXPENSE</b>                       | 147,500.00                             | 147,500.00  |   |
| 41.   | Tax Title/Foreclosure                      | 10,000.00                              | 10,000.00   |   |
|   | <b>Total for General Government</b>        | <b>2,330,501.32</b>                    | <b>2,393,480.96</b>   | <b>1,524,898.96</b>                                 |
| <b>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</b>         |  |  |   |   |
| <b>POLICE DEPARTMENT</b>                          |  |  |   |   |
| 42.   | Salaries (21 FT 2 PT 5 S)                  | 2,805,590.04                           | 2,952,406.42  | 226,246.37  |
| 43.   | Expense                                    | 309,222.00                             | 310,602.00  |   |

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| <b>FIRE DEPARTMENT</b>                              |                                      |  |   |   |
| 44. Salaries (1 FT, 3 Chiefs & 46 Firefighters)     | 336,100.35                           | 340,190.00                             | 342,807.00  | 32,721.00   |
| 45. Expense   | 205,400.00                           | 210,500.00                             | 210,500.00  |   |
| <b>FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE</b>                    |                                      |  |   |   |
| 46. Salaries (5 FT, 26 EMTs)                        | 632,815.28                           | 638,893.69                             | 646,640.89  | 556,640.89  |
| 47. Expense   | 91,450.00                            | 92,113.00                              | 92,113.00   |   |
| <b>BUILDING INSPECTOR'S DEPT.</b>                   |                                      |  |   |   |
| 48. Salaries (2 FT, 1 PT)                           | 136,134.94                           | 150,714.16                             | 152,915.96  | 152,915.96  |
| 49. Expense   | 8,000.00                             | 8,000.00                               | 8,000.00  |   |
| <b>INSPECTORS (GAS, PLUMBING, WIRE &amp; FIRE)</b>  |                                      |  |   |   |
| 50. Salaries (5 PT)                                 | 115,000.00                           | 140,000.00                             | 140,000.00  |   |
| 51. Expense   | 1,000.00                             | 950.00                                 | 950.00  |   |
| <b>CIVIL DEFENSE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT</b>           |                                      |  |   |   |
| 52. Salaries  | 500.00                               | 500.00                                 | 500.00  |   |
| 53. Expense   | 7,563.00                             | 7,563.00                               | 7,563.00  |   |
| <b>ANIMAL CONTROL DEPT.</b>                         |                                      |  |   |   |
| 54. Salaries (1 FT, 2 PT)                           | 94,636.46                            | 94,922.57                              | 95,858.57   | 95,858.57   |
| 55. Expense   | 8,100.00                             | 8,100.00                               | 8,100.00  |   |
| <b>FORESTRY DEPARTMENT</b>                          |                                      |  |   |   |
| 56. Forest Fire Control/Emergency Service           | 23,000.00                            | 23,000.00                              | 23,000.00   |   |
| 57. Control Dutch Elm Disease                       | 4,100.00                             | 4,100.00                               | 4,100.00  |   |
| 58. Care of Shade Trees                             | 20,500.00                            | 20,500.00                              | 20,500.00   |   |
| 59. Planting Shade Trees                            | 8,000.00                             | 8,000.00                               | 8,000.00  |   |
| <b>SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT</b>                         |                                      |  |   |   |
| 60. Salaries (3 FT & 2 S)                           | 251,821.55                           | 254,770.90                             | 258,385.62  | 258,385.62  |
| 61. Expense   | 27,100.00                            | 27,100.00                              | 27,100.00   |   |
|   | <b>5,086,033.62</b>                  | <b>5,252,559.62</b>                    | <b>5,310,042.46</b>   | <b>1,322,768.41</b>                                 |
| <b>Total for Protection of Persons and Property</b> |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b>HARBORMASTER</b>                                 |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b>HARBORMASTER'S DEPT.</b>                         |                                      |  |   |   |
| 62. Salaries (4 FT, 6 - 8 S)                        | 332,026.90                           | 331,080.56                             | 334,632.16  | 334,632.16  |
| 63. Expense   | 105,850.00                           | 105,850.00                             | 105,850.00  |   |
| 64. Marine Adv. Comm. Expense                       | 2,100.00                             | 2,100.00                               | 2,100.00  |   |
|   | <b>439,976.90</b>                    | <b>439,030.56</b>                      | <b>442,582.16</b>   | <b>334,632.16</b>                                   |
| <b>Total for Harbormaster Department</b>            |                                      |  |   | <b>334,632.16</b>                                   |

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| <b><u>DREDGE</u></b>                                  |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b><u>DREDGE</u></b>                                  |                                      |  |   |   |
| 65.   | 124,161.00                           | 123,766.20                             | 123,766.20  | 17,414.40   |
| 66.   | 136,000.00                           | 136,000.00                             | 136,000.00  |   |
|   | <b>260,161.00</b>                    | <b>259,766.20</b>                      | <b>259,766.20</b>   | <b>17,414.40</b>                                    |
| <b>Total for Dredge</b>                               |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b><u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u></b>                      |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b><u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u></b>                      |                                      |  |   |   |
| 67.   | 538,930.88                           | 675,845.64                             | 685,877.87  | 685,877.87  |
| 68.   | 20,500.00                            | 20,500.00                              | 20,500.00   |   |
| 69.   | 58,200.00                            | 58,200.00                              | 58,200.00   |   |
| 70.   | 212,550.00                           | 212,550.00                             | 212,550.00  |   |
|   | <b>830,180.88</b>                    | <b>967,095.64</b>                      | <b>977,127.87</b>   | <b>685,877.87</b>                                   |
| <b>Total for Highway Department</b>                   |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b><u>HEALTH AND SANITATION</u></b>                   |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b><u>TRANSFER STATION &amp; SITE MAINTENANCE</u></b> |                                      |  |   |   |
| 71.   | 516,901.00                           | 510,371.35                             | 510,371.35  |   |
| <b><u>WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT</u></b>              |                                      |  |   |   |
| 72.   | 532,425.31                           | 552,730.27                             | 560,249.31  | 560,249.31  |
| 73.   | 479,295.60                           | 483,658.60                             | 483,658.60  |   |
| <b><u>BOARD OF HEALTH</u></b>                         |                                      |  |   |   |
| 74.   | 140,347.02                           | 147,146.02                             | 149,265.47  | 149,265.47  |
| 75.   | 125,606.00                           | 120,909.51                             | 120,909.51  |   |
|   | <b>1,794,574.93</b>                  | <b>1,814,815.75</b>                    | <b>1,824,454.24</b>   | <b>709,514.78</b>                                   |
| <b>Total for Health and Sanitation</b>                |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b><u>VETERAN'S SERVICES</u></b>                      |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b><u>VETERAN'S SERVICES</u></b>                      |                                      |  |   |   |
| 76.   | 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>                               |                                      |  |   |   |
| 77.   | 5,601,050.76                         | 5,713,644.78                           | 5,713,644.78  |   |
| 78.   | 801,053.00                           | 844,153.00                             | 844,153.00  |   |
| 79.   | 1,303,805.93                         | 1,352,665.60                           | 1,352,665.60  |   |
|   |                                      |  |   |   |



|                                  | Appropriations/<br>Transfers FY 2017                     | Appropriations<br>Requested<br>FY 2018 | Appropriations<br>Recommended by<br>Financial Advisory<br>Committee | Appropriations<br>Recommended by<br>Personnel Board |
|----------------------------------|--|--|---|---|
| <b>M.V.R.H.S. DISTRICT</b>       |  |  |   |   |
| 80.                              | Assessment<br>4,410,858.27                               | 4,354,588.83                           | 4,354,588.83  |   |
|                                  | <b>Total for Education</b><br>12,116,767.96              | <b>12,265,052.21</b>                   | <b>12,265,052.21</b>  |   |
| <b><u>LIBRARY</u></b>            |  |  |   |   |
| <b>EDG. PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPT.</b> |  |  |   |   |
| 81.                              | Salaries (6 FT, 4 PT)<br>490,710.76                      | 487,359.92                             | 494,229.44  | 494,229.44  |
| 82.                              | Expense<br>281,940.44                                    | 325,972.00                             | 325,972.00  |   |
|                                  | <b>Total for Library</b><br>772,651.20                   | <b>813,331.92</b>                      | <b>820,201.44</b>   | <b>494,229.44</b>                                   |
| <b><u>PARK AND BEACHES</u></b>   |  |  |   |   |
| <b>PARK AND BEACHES</b>          |  |  |   |   |
| 83.                              | Salaries (1 PT, 25 - 30 S)<br>323,360.64                 | 311,057.08                             | 311,372.26  | 311,372.26  |
| 84.                              | Expense<br>60,000.00                                     | 60,000.00                              | 60,000.00   |   |
|                                  | <b>Total for Parks and Beaches</b><br>383,360.64         | <b>371,057.08</b>                      | <b>371,372.26</b>   | <b>311,372.26</b>                                   |
| <b><u>CEMETERY</u></b>           |  |  |   |   |
| <b>CEMETERY DEPARTMENT</b>       |  |  |   |   |
| 85.                              | Salaries (1 FT, 2 S)<br>81,685.84                        | 28,595.20                              | 28,876.00   | 28,876.00   |
| 86.                              | Expense<br>16,939.00                                     | 1,825.00                               | 1,825.00  |   |
|                                  | <b>Total for Cemetery</b><br>98,624.84                   | <b>30,420.20</b>                       | <b>30,701.00</b>  | <b>28,876.00</b>                                    |
| <b><u>UNCLASSIFIED</u></b>       |  |  |   |   |
| 87.                              | Insurance-Fire, Liability, Workers' Comp<br>325,000.00   | 375,000.00                             | 375,000.00  |   |
| 88.                              | Unemployment Comp. Ins.<br>10,000.00                     | 15,000.00                              | 15,000.00   |   |
| 89.                              | Care of Town Clock<br>6,000.00                           | 6,000.00                               | 6,000.00  |   |
| 90.                              | Annual Town Reports<br>9,000.00                          | 9,000.00                               | 9,000.00  |   |
| 91.                              | Holidays Expense<br>15,250.00                            | 15,250.00                              | 15,250.00   |   |
| 92.                              | Ponds Area Advisory Committee Expense<br>2,750.00        | 2,750.00                               | 2,750.00  |   |
| 93.                              | Care of Town Flags<br>3,000.00                           | 3,000.00                               | 3,000.00  |   |
| 94.                              | Internal & External Audits of Town Accounts<br>61,000.00 | 63,000.00                              | 63,000.00   |   |
| 95.                              | Airfield Commission Expense<br>20,400.00                 | 20,400.00                              | 20,400.00   |   |
| 96.                              | Christmas Decorations Expense<br>34,542.50               | 34,542.50                              | 34,542.50   |   |
| 97.                              | M.V. Comm. Assessment<br>373,250.00                      | 401,336.00                             | 401,336.00  |   |
| 98.                              | MV Cultural Council<br>2,500.00                          | 2,500.00                               | 2,500.00  |   |
| 99.                              | Dukes County Regional Housing<br>93,298.00               | 95,823.00                              | 95,823.00   |   |
| 100.                             | Beautification Committee<br>25,000.00                    | 25,000.00                              | 25,000.00   |   |

|                                 | Appropriations/<br>Transfers FY 2017 | Appropriations<br>Requested<br>FY 2018 | Appropriations<br>Recommended by<br>Financial Advisory<br>Committee | Appropriations<br>Recommended by<br>Personnel Board |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b>D.C. RETIREMENT SYSTEM</b>   |                                      |  |   |   |
| 101.                            | 1,317,022.18                         | 1,377,977.44                           | 1,377,977.44  |   |
| 102.                            | 250,000.00                           | 250,000.00                             | 250,000.00  |   |
| <b>GROUP INSURANCE</b>          |                                      |  |   |   |
| 103.                            | 2,950,000.00                         | 3,419,117.18                           | 3,419,117.18  |   |
| 104.                            | 170,000.00                           | 200,000.00                             | 200,000.00  |   |
| 105.                            | 2,000.00                             | 2,500.00                               | 2,500.00  |   |
|                                 | <b>5,670,012.68</b>                  | <b>6,318,196.12</b>                    | <b>6,318,196.12</b>   |   |
|                                 | <b>Total for Unclassified</b>        |  |   |   |
| <b><u>INTEREST AND DEBT</u></b> |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b>PRINCIPAL</b>                |                                      |  |   |   |
| 106.                            | 88,000.00                            | 88,000.00                              | 88,000.00   |   |
| 107.                            | 100,000.00                           | 100,000.00                             | 100,000.00  |   |
| 108.                            | 28,000.00                            | 27,000.00                              | 27,000.00   |   |
| 109.                            | 11,411.00                            | 11,411.00                              | 11,411.00   |   |
| 110.                            | 506,900.00                           | 506,900.00                             | 506,900.00  |   |
| 111.                            | 600,000.00                           | 600,000.00                             | 600,000.00  |   |
| 112.                            | 250,000.00                           | 250,000.00                             | 250,000.00  |   |
| 113.                            |                                      | 49,312.00                              | 49,312.00   |   |
|                                 |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b>INTEREST</b>                 |                                      |  |   |   |
| 114.                            | 21,760.50                            | 18,680.50                              | 18,680.50   |   |
| 115.                            | 17,625.00                            | 15,125.00                              | 15,125.00   |   |
| 116.                            | 6,105.00                             | 5,265.00                               | 5,265.00  |   |
| 117.                            | 12,608.21                            | 12,237.35                              | 12,237.35   |   |
| 118.                            | 145,260.00                           | 119,915.00                             | 119,915.00  |   |
| 119.                            | 155,225.00                           | 125,225.00                             | 125,225.00  |   |
| 120.                            | 102,586.25                           | 99,325.00                              | 99,325.00   |   |
| 121.                            |                                      | 12,081.44                              | 12,081.44   |   |
| 122.                            | 15,000.00                            | 10,000.00                              | 10,000.00   |   |
|                                 | <b>2,060,480.96</b>                  | <b>2,050,477.29</b>                    | <b>2,050,477.29</b>   |   |
|                                 | <b>31,873,326.93</b>                 | <b>32,985,471.55</b>                   | <b>33,097,103.58</b>  | <b>5,429,584.28</b>                                 |
|                                 | <b>Totals for Interest and Debt</b>  |  |   |   |
|                                 | <b>Sub-totals</b>                    |  |   |   |

|   | Appropriations/<br>Transfers FY 2017 | Appropriations<br>Requested<br>FY 2018 | Appropriations<br>Recommended by<br>Financial Advisory<br>Committee | Appropriations<br>Recommended by<br>Personnel Board |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|---|---|
| <b><u>WATER DEPARTMENT (FUND 024)</u></b>                                   |                                      |  |   |   |
| 123. Salaries (8 FT)  | 525,738.03                           | 511,755.31                             | 519,033.87  | 519,033.87  |
| 124. Expense  | 590,153.00                           | 590,153.00                             | 590,153.00  |   |
| 125. Principal  | 255,525.08                           | 254,617.12                             | 254,617.12  |   |
| 126. Interest   | 235,992.05                           | 220,696.03                             | 220,696.03  |   |
|   | <b>1,607,408.16</b>                  | <b>1,577,221.46</b>                    | <b>1,584,500.02</b>   | <b>519,033.87</b>                                   |
| <b>Total for Water Department</b>   |                                      |  |   |   |
| <b>Total Appropriations and Transfers for FY 2017</b>                       |                                      | <b>33,480,735.09</b>                   |   |   |
| <b>Total Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2018</b>                            |                                      | <b>34,582,505.01</b>                   |   |   |
| <b>Total Appropriations Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee</b> |                                      |  | <b>34,701,415.60</b>  |   |
| <b>Appropriations Recommended by the Personnel Board</b>                    |                                      |  |   | <b>5,948,618.15</b>                                 |

**WARRANT FOR  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2017**

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 eleventh day of April, Two Thousand Seventeen 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 appropriate from "Sale of Lots" the sum of \$30,000.00 to pay the cost of utilities to the so-called 6th Street Lots.

Submitted by 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 \$65,000.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2017, share of the health insurance budget line.

Submitted by 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 \$59,082.00, to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2017 Fire, Liability, and Worker's Compensation insurance budget line.

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 \$10,000.00 to be added to the Medicare line for Fiscal Year 2017.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law, Section 25.0 Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan as follows, effective immediately:

Change Deputy Building Inspector

to Local Building Inspector

Add the position of Food Inspector to Grade 6

Submitted by the Personnel Board

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to be added to the Salaries & Wages – Vacation (Employee Benefits Buyback) Account to cover the cost of employees buying back unused vacation time.

Submitted by the Personnel Board

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,181.60 to fund the position of Local Building Inspector for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017.

Submitted by the Building/Zoning Inspector

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 to be added to the Inspectors Salaries & Wages Account to cover the remainder of Fiscal Year 2017. This money comes back to the Town through the inspector's fees.

Submitted by the Building/Zoning Inspector

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$12,056.00 as matching funds of an awarded federal grant to replace expired bullet proof vests.

Submitted by the Police Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$7,826.00 for the development of a comprehensive emergency safety and security plan for the Edgartown School.

Submitted by the School Committee, Police Chief, Fire Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$34,421.84 from Library –Salaries/Custodian to Library-Expenses/Custodial Services Contract to cover payment of custodial services invoices and contract through June 30, 2017.

Submitted by the Library Trustees

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 12.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$3,720.00 to pay the following Fiscal Year 2015 unpaid bill:

Seimens Company           \$3,720.00 Highway Department

**9/10 VOTE REQUIRED**

**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 13th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen.

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

**WARRANT FOR  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2017**

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 eleventh day of April, Two Thousand seventeen 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 thirteenth day of April, Two Thousand seventeen 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 \$1,500,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing or taking by eminent domain the so-called "yellow house", the underlying approximately .26 acres of land, and the accessory building- located at 66 Main Street, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?

**Question 2.** Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$750,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase and equip a Class "A" pumper for the Fire Department, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?

**Question 3.** Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$160,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a Patrol/Collection vessel with trailer for the Harbormaster, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?

**Question 4.** Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$600,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a new dredge, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?

**Question 5.** Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$255,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to construct bike lanes on Meshacket Road,

between the West Tisbury Road and Marsh Hawk Circle, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?

Submitted by Petition

**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 Member of the Board of Health for Three Years
4. One Member of the Planning Board for Five Years
5. One Member of the Planning Board for Two Years (filling unexpired term)
6. One Member of the School Committee for Three Years
7. Two Trustees of the Edgartown Free Public Library for Three Years
8. One Park Commissioner for Three Years
9. One Wastewater Treatment Commissioner for Three Years
10. One Water Commissioner for Three Years
11. Two Financial Advisory Committee Members 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 1.5% increase, which is a cost of living adjustment becoming effective July 1, 2017.

Submitted by the Personnel Board

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 5.** 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 2018 and to make appropriations therefore.

**ARTICLE 6.** 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 2018 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 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$90,000.00 to be paid to The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown families for Fiscal Year 2018.

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 Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$75,490.00 and from the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$7,110.00 for a total of \$82,600.00 to fund the Preserving Affordability through Loan Support (PALS) program through The Resource, Inc.(TRI). The PALS program will provide interest-free loans to Edgartown families earning less than 100% of county 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 9.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund 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 10.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$39,250.00 for the conservation and restoration of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century Undertaker's Wagon owned by the Martha's Vineyard Museum. The wagon has been determined historically significant to Edgartown by the Historic District Commission.

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 sum of \$25,000.00 for the restoration and protective display of fire fighting artifacts at the Edgartown Fire Museum. The artifacts have been determined historically significant to Edgartown by the Historic District Commission.

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 sum of \$5,750.00 and from the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$4,250.00 for a total of \$10,000.00 to restore and preserve

the permanent collection at the Old Sculpin Gallery. The collection has been determined historically significant to Edgartown by the Historic District 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 Open Space & Recreation Fund the sum of \$20,000.00 for capital improvements to the main building at the Robinson Road Recreation Area.

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 Open Space & Recreation Fund the sum of \$125,000.00 to pay for 50% of extreme repairs and capital improvements to the bulkhead at the finger piers.

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 Open Space & Recreation Fund the sum of \$30,000.00 for a comprehensive engineering study of the bulkhead at North Wharf.

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 & Recreation Fund the sum of \$50,000.00 for the engineering portion of restoration and capital improvements to the Katama Boat Ramp.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate no more than the sum of Three Million Dollars (\$3,000,000.00) to purchase or take by Eminent Domain, and other related expenses, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 79, and any other enabling authority, including M.G.L. c. 44B, § 5(e), a parcel of land, and all improvements thereon, located at 66 Main Street, consisting of approximately 0.26 acres, and identified on Edgartown Assessor's Map 20D as Lot 125, for open space, for recreational use, for the acquisition and rehabilitation of historical resources, and for other municipal purposes (the "Property"); and, further, that to meet this appropriation, the sum of \$1,000,000.00 is to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Fund; the sum of \$488,640.00 is to be appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2017 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve ; and the sum of \$11,360.00 is to be appropriated from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance to pay for those portions of the Property exclusively devoted to community preservation purposes; and, further, to raise and appropriate \$1,500,000.00 by taxation provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #1) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 13, 2017 vote in the affirmative to allow the

town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2018 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap by such amount, or take any other action thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED**  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen (the “Board”) to lease a portion of the parcel of land, located at 66 Main Street, and identified on Edgartown Assessor’s Map 20D as Lot 125, and the historic structure commonly known as the “Yellow House” located thereon, to an entity, selected by the Board, based on criteria developed by the Board in conjunction with the Community Preservation Committee and Historic District Committee, for the purpose of rehabilitating and restoring the Yellow House and managing its operation as a mixed use commercial property and/or office space. Both the lease and the management of the restored Yellow House will be on such terms and conditions as the Board, with the input from the Community Preservation Committee, determines are in the best interest of the Town and consistent with all governing law.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED**  
**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 2018, the sum of \$6,500.00 for the rental and maintenance of portable toilets at the Upper Main Street Park & Ride, off the Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Road.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen  
**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 2018, 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 2018, 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 appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2018, the sum of \$16,197.00 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 and accept the 50/50 formula.

Submitted by the Council on Aging  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 23.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$26,584.00, as the Town’s proportionate share (30.56%), of the Fiscal Year 2018

adjusted cost of \$86,990.00 to fund 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 24.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$141,948.00, as the Town’s proportionate share (30.56%) of the Fiscal year 2018 adjusted cost of \$464,491.00 to fund the Martha’s Vineyard Senior Services (provided through a contract with M.V. Center for Living).

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,811.00 as the Town’s proportionate share (30.56%) of the net cost of the Vineyard Health Care Access Program for Fiscal Year 2018 (\$316,789.00), based on a formula agreed to by the Advisory Board on County Expenditures.

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 2018, 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 27.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$91,125.00 to fund the lightning protection for the Edgartown School. This protection would cover the exterior of the school building as well as interior communications and electrical circuitry and related components.

Submitted by the School Committee  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$60,000.00 to be added to the sum of \$100,000.00 raised in Article 33 of the Annual Town Meeting held on April 14, 2015, for the purchase of a generator.

Submitted by the School Committee  
**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 29.** 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 2018.

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

**ARTICLE 30.** To see if the Town will approve up to \$2,500,000.00 borrowing authorized by vote of the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District for the purpose of financing the cost of capital improvements toward the restructuring of traffic flow and residential Drop-Off at the Edgartown Transfer Station, or to take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
(ONE MEMBER VOTING NO)

**ARTICLE 31.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$84,000.00 to purchase and equip two new police cruisers and further, to authorize the Chief of Police and Board of Selectmen to dispose of two cruisers in the best interest(s) of the Town.

Submitted by the Police Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 32.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 to shingle and make repairs to the exterior of the Police Station.

Submitted by the Police Chief

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$750,000.00 to purchase and equip a Class "A" Pumper, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #2) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 13, 2017 vote in the affirmative to allow the town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2018 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap and further, to authorize the Fire Chief and Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing pumper in the best interest(s) of the Town.

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 2018, the sum of \$21,000.00 to purchase a skid mounted tank, pump and reel assembly to be installed in the back of a pickup truck and used for remote fire locations.

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 the sum of \$5,000.00, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, to purchase two intravenous pumps for the ambulances. These pumps are newly required equipment and need to be in service by 2018.

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 2018, the sum of \$5,000.00 to purchase personal protective equipment to allow emergency medical technicians to provide specialized care in hazardous conditions.

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 2018, the sum of \$28,000.00 to purchase a medical oxygen generator and tank fill station. In addition to reducing risk of injury to ambulance staff by not having to lift and transport oxygen tanks, it will also allow the production of our own oxygen and no longer have to purchase it from a vendor.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

**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 2018, 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 \$43,200.00 to fund the Town's Fiscal Year 2018 membership fee in the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group.

Submitted by 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 2018, the sum of \$23,000.00 to be used for maintenance of the Mattakesett Herring Creek.

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 2018.

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 2018, 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 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 2018, the sum of \$11,100.00 to purchase and rig a replacement outboard motor for the harbor work vessel "Pointer" and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing motor in the best interest(s) of the town.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 44.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$160,000.00 to purchase a new Patrol/Collection vessel with trailer, provided that a



majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #3) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 13, 2017 vote in the affirmative to allow the town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2018 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 45.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600,000.00 to purchase a new dredge, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #4) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 13, 2017 vote in the affirmative to allow the town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2018 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap and further, to authorize the Dredge Committee and the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the old dredge in the best interest(s) of the Town.

Submitted by the Dredge Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 46.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Overlay Surplus, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$400,000.00 for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 47.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250,000.00 for the building and repairing of various Town sidewalks, bike paths, and storm water drainage systems.

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 2018, the sum of \$20,000.00 to clean the catch basins.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 49.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$22,000.00 to purchase a brine production system to use for snow and ice removal.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 50.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000.00 to purchase and equip, with a snow plow, a 2-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 51.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$55,000.00 to purchase and equip, with a snow plow, a 2-yard dump truck and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of a 2001 Chevrolet pick-up truck with a dump body in the best interest(s) of the Town.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 52.** 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 53.** To see if the Town will vote to install street lights on pole #210/ 7 at the intersection of 18th Street South and Arbutus Park and further to install street lights on pole #9285/31 and 186/1 at the intersection of Barnes Road and West Tisbury Road.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent and Police Department

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 54.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$255,000.00 to pay the costs of constructing bike lanes on Meshacket Road, between the West Tisbury Road and Marsh Hawk Circle, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #5) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 13, 2017, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2018 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

Submitted by Petition

**NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT 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 2018, the sum of \$35,000.00 to be used for the rental and maintenance of the portable toilets at South Beach 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 Department

**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 2018, the sum of \$20,000.00 for Conservation Commission's property maintenance.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 57.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$20,000.00 for Conservation Land Acquisition.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 58.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000.00 for the Wastewater Department's Equipment and Collection System Maintenance.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commission

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 59.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$105,000.00 to be used for an inflow and infil-

tration study of the Town's wastewater collection system. This is a requirement of Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 60.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$6,500.00 for audit expenses associated with the Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 61.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of \$221,000.00 to purchase and install a new ultraviolet disinfection treatment system at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 62.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$103,000.00 to replace the fire alarm system components at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 63.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal year 2018, the sum of \$42,000.00 to replace the roofing on the treatment facility lab building.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 64.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$24,000.00 to replace the aerator motors on the treatment facilities process aeration.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 65.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of \$49,000.00 to replace the existing wastewater pumping station alarms with a uniform integrated notification system.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

**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 2018, the sum of \$165,000.00 to replace outdated influent, effluent, process flow, dewatering and septage receiving flow monitoring and recording devices at the treatment facility.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 67.** 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 2018. 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 68.** To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to expend from Water Department's Surplus, the sum of \$15,000.00 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 Water Commissioners

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**ARTICLE 69.** To see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen to authorize law enforcement and all Town officials to refrain from using Town funds and/or resources to enforce federal immigration laws, in keeping with current practice, unless presented with a criminal warrant or other evidence of probable cause, as required by the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

Submitted by Petition

**NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR 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 13<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen.

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman  
Arthur Smadbeck  
Michael J. Donaroma  
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 13, 2017**

- 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.**

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|---|---------------------------|
| <b>BOARD OF SELECTMEN</b>                         |                           |
| Three Years                                       | Vote for ONE              |
| Margaret E. Serpa<br>54 Norton Orchard Road       | Candidate for Re-Election |
| Write-in  |                           |
| <b>BOARD OF ASSESSORS</b>                         |                           |
| Three Years                                       | Vote for ONE              |
| Alan C. Gowell<br>52 Third Street                 | Candidate for Re-Election |
| Write-in  |                           |
| <b>BOARD OF HEALTH</b>                            |                           |
| Three Years                                       | Vote for ONE              |
| Kathleen M Case<br>51 Robinson Road               |                           |
| Write-in  |                           |
| <b>FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>               |                           |
| Three Years                                       | Vote for TWO              |
| Leslie Baynes<br>433 Edgartown Road               | Candidate for Re-Election |
| Donna Lowell-Bettencourt<br>46 Mill Hill Road Ext | Candidate for Re-Election |
| Write-in  |                           |
| Write-in  |                           |
| <b>LIBRARY TRUSTEES</b>                           |                           |
| Three Years                                       | Vote for TWO              |
| David Allen Faber<br>11 North Bog Road            |                           |
| S. Christopher Scott<br>352 Bold Meadow Road      |                           |
| Write-in  |                           |
| Write-in  |                           |
| <b>PARK COMMISSIONER</b>                          |                           |
| Three Years                                       | Vote for ONE              |
| Jane M. Varkonda<br>21 Meetinghouse Hill          | Candidate for Re-Election |
| Write-in  |                           |
| <b>PLANNING BOARD</b>                             |                           |
| Five Years  | Vote for ONE              |
| Alan O. Wilson<br>16 Green Pastures Road          | Candidate for Re-Election |
| Lucy Chedzoy Morrison<br>9 Meshacket Wood Road    |                           |
| Write-in  |                           |
| <b>SCHOOL COMMITTEE</b>                           |                           |
| Three Years                                       | Vote for ONE              |
| Kimberly S Kirk<br>72 Anthiers Way                |                           |
| Write-in  |                           |
| <b>WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMISSIONER</b>          |                           |
| Three Years                                       | Vote for ONE              |
| Scott Ellis<br>26 Hye Road                        | Candidate for Re-Election |
| Write-in  |                           |

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| <b>WATER COMMISSIONER</b>  |                           |
| Three Years  | Vote for ONE              |
| David M Burke<br>17 Mill Hill Road   | Candidate for Re-Election |
| Write-in   |                           |
| <b>BALLOT QUESTION #1</b>  |                           |
| Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$1,500,00.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of purchasing or taking by eminent domain the so-called "yellow house", the underlying approximately .26 acres of land, and the accessory building-located at 66 Main Street, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen? |                           |
| YES  |                           |
| NO   |                           |
| <b>BALLOT QUESTION #2</b>  |                           |
| Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$750,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase and equip a Class "A" pumper for the Fire Department, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?  |                           |
| YES  |                           |
| NO   |                           |
| <b>BALLOT QUESTION #3</b>  |                           |
| Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$160,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a Patrol/Collection vessel with trailer for the Harbormaster, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?  |                           |
| YES  |                           |
| NO   |                           |
| <b>BALLOT QUESTION #4</b>  |                           |
| Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$600,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a new dredge, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?  |                           |
| YES  |                           |
| NO   |                           |
| <b>BALLOT QUESTION #5</b>  |                           |
| Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$255,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to construct a bike lane on Meshacket Road, between the West Tisbury Road and March Hawk Circle, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, for the Fiscal Year beginning July first, two thousand and seventeen?   |                           |
| Submitted by Petition  |                           |
| YES  |                           |
| NO   |                           |
| <b>BALLOT QUESTION #6</b>  |                           |
| <b>THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING</b>  |                           |
| Are you in favor of eliminating rental mopeds from Martha's Vineyard?  |                           |
| YES  |                           |
| NO   |                           |





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