



TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
FOR 2016

With
FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT
And
RECOMMENDATIONS

Date of Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting:
Time
Place

April 12, 2016
7:00 P.M.
Old Whaling Church
(Methodist Church)

Date of Annual Election:
Time
Place

April 14, 2016
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 2016 is \$26,341,657.91. Edgartown's tax levy for Fiscal Year 2015 was \$24,387,828.42, this is an increase of approximately 8%. The tax rate for FY2016 is \$3.62 per \$1,000.00 of property value, last year's rate was \$3.47.

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:

The Financial Advisory Committee recognizes its essential role of facilitating effective decision-making at Town Meetings by providing recommendations on proposals and budget analysis, information gathering, dialogue, debate, feedback and collaboration with town boards and committees. This year we continued to meet prior to the budget process with the larger departments to allow for thoroughness in the analysis and process of their departments.

Our tax base continues to remain strong and our revenues have been steady and taxes paid. Our credit rating remains high at Aa2. The overall budget represents an increase of five percent (5%) over last year. Contributing to this increase will be the library budget, up twenty-five percent (25%) along with their debt payment increase of \$400,000.00. The education budgets reflect an increase of three (3%). We are pleased to note that the town boards work diligently to keep costs down.

The Town's stabilization fund is healthy at \$2,493,739.83. We continue to set aside monies to fund pensions. This year we are setting aside \$ 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,

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

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

\$1,845,830.00 effective for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2016. There will be a Special Town Meeting just prior to the Annual Town Meeting on April 12, 2016. The requests from Free Cash will total \$213,539.92. The requests on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for April 12, 2016 from Free Cash will total \$1,266,672.73. That will leave us with a balance of \$365,617.35 in our Free Cash for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2016. Our Stabilization Fund Balance is \$2,543,810.63.

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, 2016 are \$1,316,145.60.

State revenues for Fiscal Year 2016 were \$2,091,078.00, an increase of \$59,562.00. State Charges for Fiscal Year 2016 were \$1,329,105.00, which represented an increase of \$14,297.00.

PAMELA M. DOLBY
Town Administrator

**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE
2017 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2016 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2017**

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2016	Appropriations Requested FY 2017	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
MODERATOR				
1.	300.00	300.00	300.00	
	Salary - Elected			
SELECTMEN'S DEPARTMENT - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR				
2.	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	
	Selectman's Salaries (3) - Elected			
3.	222,916.81	224,832.42	224,832.42	101,068.00
	Other Salaries (2 FT, 2 PT)			
4.	7,115.00	7,115.00	7,115.00	
	Expense			
FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMM.				
5.	5,405.58	5,602.10	5,602.10	5,602.10
	Salary (1 PT)			
6.	4,749.00	4,867.73	4,867.73	
	Expense			
7.	40,000.00	40,000.00	40,000.00	
	Reserve Fund			
TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S DEPT.				
8.	138,847.22	138,963.57	138,963.57	138,963.57
	Salaries (2 FT)			
9.	13,655.00	13,955.00	13,955.00	
	Expense			
ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT				
10.	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	
	Assessors' Salaries(3)-Elected			
11.	190,901.54	190,744.11	190,744.11	190,744.11
	Other Salaries (3 FT)			
12.	29,605.00	29,885.00	29,885.00	
	Expense			
TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT				
13.	117,986.93	119,002.20	119,002.20	119,002.20
	Salaries (2FT)			
14.	25,075.00	25,075.00	25,075.00	
	Expense			
TOWN COLLECTOR'S DEPT.				
15.	70,114.73	69,917.61	69,917.61	
	Collector's Salary - Elected			
16.	100,191.60	99,842.74	99,842.74	99,842.74
	Salaries (2 FT)			
17.	12,220.00	12,220.00	12,220.00	
	Expense			
PERSONNEL BOARD				
18.	32,516.61	44,765.40	44,765.40	44,765.40
	Salary (1 FT)			
19.	2,250.00	2,250.00	2,250.00	
	Expense			
TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT				
20.	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Town Clerk is now on line 21			
21.	133,678.09	135,548.72	135,548.72	135,548.72
	Salaries (2FT)			
22.	3,260.00	3,260.00	3,260.00	
	Expense			

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ELECTION & REGISTRATION				
23.	Salaries (3 PT)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00
24.	Expense	7,127.00	7,127.00	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
25.	Salaries (2 FT)	117,312.07	116,964.44	116,964.44
26.	Expense	26,700.00	26,700.00	
PLANNING BOARD				
27.	Salaries (1 FT, 1 PT)	70,478.82	71,209.78	71,209.78
28.	Expense	10,150.00	10,150.00	
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS				
29.	Salary (1 PT)	23,452.10	23,382.57	23,382.57
30.	Expense	1,000.00	1,000.00	
TOWN HALL AND VISITOR'S CENTER MAINTENANCE				
31.	Salary (1 S)	8,260.60	8,260.60	8,260.60
32.	Town Hall and Visitor's Center Maintenance	131,000.00	133,000.00	
COMPUTER SYSTEM MANAGER				
33.	Computer System Administrator (1 FT)	102,484.30	102,115.84	102,115.84
34.	Computer System Expense	103,365.00	103,365.00	
COUNCIL ON AGING				
35.	Salaries (5FT 1PT)	272,059.15	278,914.66	278,914.66
36.	Expense	36,640.00	38,240.00	
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMIS.				
37.	Salaries (1 PT)	17,197.63	30,524.83	30,524.83
38.	Expense	500.00	1,000.00	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
39.	Expense	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
BY-WAYS COMMITTEE				
40.	Expense	1,100.00	1,100.00	
41.	LEGAL EXPENSE	147,500.00	147,500.00	
42.	Tax Title/Foreclosure	10,000.00	10,000.00	
	Total for General Government	2,288,914.78	2,330,501.32	1,501,909.56
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY				
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
43.	Salaries (21 FT 2 PT 5 S)	2,652,184.12	2,805,590.04	212,990.80
44.	Expense	287,672.00	309,222.00	

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FIRE DEPARTMENT				
45.	295,027.60	336,100.35	336,100.35	31,150.35
46.	183,400.00	205,400.00	205,400.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE				
47.	651,709.85	632,815.28	632,815.28	542,815.28
48.	78,050.00	91,450.00	91,450.00	
BUILDING INSPECTOR'S DEPT.				
49.	134,749.20	136,134.94	136,134.94	136,134.94
50.	8,300.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	
INSPECTORS (GAS, PLUMBING, WIRE & FIRE)				
51.	110,000.00	115,000.00	115,000.00	
52.	700.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
CIVIL DEFENSE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
53.	2,000.00	500.00	500.00	
54.	6,063.00	7,563.00	7,563.00	
ANIMAL CONTROL DEPT.				
55.	94,395.79	94,636.46	94,636.46	94,636.46
56.	8,000.00	8,100.00	8,100.00	
FORESTRY DEPARTMENT				
57.	23,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00	
58.	4,000.00	4,100.00	4,100.00	
59.	20,000.00	20,500.00	20,500.00	
60.	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00	
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT				
61.	213,392.26	251,821.55	251,821.55	251,821.55
62.	26,550.00	27,100.00	27,100.00	
Total for Protection of Persons and Property				1,269,549.38
				5,086,033.62
HARBORMASTER				
HARBORMASTER'S DEPT.				
63.	327,774.50	332,026.90	332,026.90	332,026.90
64.	105,850.00	105,850.00	105,850.00	
65.	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	
Total for Harbormaster Department				332,026.90
				439,976.90
				5,086,033.62
				4,807,193.82
				435,724.50
				439,976.90
				439,976.90

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<u>DREDGE</u>				
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66.	Salaries (4 - 6 S)	112,000.00	124,161.00	9,763.20
67.	Expense	132,000.00	136,000.00	
	Total for Dredge	244,000.00	260,161.00	9,763.20
<u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u>				
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68.	Salaries (7 FT)	540,690.28	538,930.88	538,930.88
69.	Street Lights	20,500.00	20,500.00	
70.	Snow & Ice	57,039.91	58,200.00	
71.	Expense	207,400.00	212,550.00	
	Total for Highway Department	825,630.19	830,180.88	538,930.88
<u>HEALTH AND SANITATION</u>				
TRANSFER STATION & SITE MAINTENANCE				
72.	MV Refuse Dist Assess	500,092.13	516,901.00	
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT				
73.	Salaries (7 FT)	514,217.87	532,425.31	532,425.31
74.	Expense	456,334.96	479,295.60	
BOARD OF HEALTH				
75.	Salaries (2 FT)	139,951.52	140,347.02	140,347.02
76.	Expense	122,206.76	125,606.00	
	Total for Health and Sanitation	1,732,803.24	1,794,574.93	672,772.33
<u>VETERAN'S SERVICES</u>				
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77.	Expense	30,000.00	30,000.00	
	Total for Veteran's Services	30,000.00	30,000.00	
<u>EDUCATION</u>				
78.	Salaries	5,476,607.13	5,601,050.76	5,601,050.76
79.	Expense	792,059.00	801,053.00	801,053.00
80.	Superintendent's Office	1,354,679.69	1,303,805.93	1,303,805.93

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M.V.R.H.S. DISTRICT				
81.	Assessment	4,410,858.27	4,410,858.27	
	Total for Education	11,763,131.74	12,116,767.96	
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
EDG. PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPT.				
82.	Salaries (6 FT, 4 PT)	394,738.14	490,710.76	490,710.76
83.	Expense	225,440.00	281,940.44	
	Total for Library	620,178.14	772,651.20	490,710.76
<u>PARK AND BEACHES</u>				
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84.	Salaries (1 PT, 25 - 30 S)	302,401.91	323,360.64	323,360.64
85.	Expense	60,000.00	60,000.00	
	Total for Parks and Beaches	362,401.91	383,360.64	323,360.64
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT				
86.	Salaries (1 FT, 2 S)	80,076.62	81,685.84	81,685.84
87.	Expense	14,575.00	16,939.00	
	Total for Cemetery	94,651.62	98,624.84	81,685.84
<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>				
88.	Insurance-Fire, Liability, Workers' Comp	325,000.00	325,000.00	
89.	Unemployment Comp. Ins.	10,000.00	10,000.00	
90.	Care of Town Clock	6,000.00	6,000.00	
91.	Annual Town Reports	8,900.00	9,000.00	
92.	Holidays Expense	15,250.00	15,250.00	
93.	Ponds Area Advisory Committee Expense	2,750.00	2,750.00	
94.	Care of Town Flags	3,000.00	3,000.00	
95.	Internal & External Audits of Town Accounts	56,000.00	61,000.00	
96.	Airfield Commission Expense	20,400.00	20,400.00	
97.	Christmas Decorations Expense	33,700.00	34,542.50	
98.	M.V. Comm. Assessment	373,250.00	373,250.00	
99.	MV Cultural Council	1,500.00	2,500.00	

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2016	Appropriations Requested FY 2017	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
100.	Dukes County Regional Housing	80,996.00	93,298.00	93,298.00
101.	Beautification Committee	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
	D.C. RETIREMENT SYSTEM			
102.	Pension Fund	1,317,022.18	1,317,022.18	1,317,022.18
103.	Other Post Employment Benefits	250,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
	GROUP INSURANCE			
104.	Health - Town Share	2,750,000.00	2,950,000.00	2,950,000.00
105.	Medicare - Town Share	165,000.00	170,000.00	170,000.00
106.	Life Ins. - Town Share	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Total for Unclassified	5,345,768.18	5,670,012.68	5,670,012.68
	<u>INTEREST AND DEBT</u>			
	PRINCIPAL			
107.	Wastewater UBS 2004	495,000.00		
108.	Municipal Purpose 2005	560,000.00		
109.	Municipal Purpose 2006	145,000.00		
110.	GOB 2008	88,000.00	88,000.00	88,000.00
111.	GOB 2010	105,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00
112.	MPL 2010 Series B	29,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00
113.	MPL 2010 Series A	95,000.00		
114.	Wastewater 2011	11,411.00	11,411.00	11,411.00
115.	MPL 2015 Series A		506,900.00	506,900.00
116.	MPL 2015 Series B		600,000.00	600,000.00
117.	MPL 2016		250,000.00	250,000.00
	INTEREST			
118.	Wastewater UBS 2004	133,668.12		
119.	Municipal Purpose 2005	152,920.00		
120.	Municipal Purpose 2006	57,537.50		
121.	GOB 2008	24,840.50	21,760.50	21,760.50
122.	GOB 2010	19,987.50	17,625.00	17,625.00
123.	MLP 2010 Series B	6,685.00	6,105.00	6,105.00
124.	MLP 2010 Series A	950.00		
125.	Wastewater 2011	12,979.07	12,608.21	12,608.21
126.	MPL 2015 Series A		145,260.00	145,260.00
127.	MPL 2015 Series B		155,225.00	155,225.00
128.	MPL 2016		158,697.71	158,697.71

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2016	Appropriations Requested FY 2017	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
129. Interest Temporary Loans	35,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
Totals for Interest and Debt	1,972,978.69	2,116,592.42	2,116,592.42	
Sub-totals	30,523,376.81	31,929,438.39	31,929,438.39	5,220,709.49
<u>WATER DEPARTMENT (FUND 024)</u>				
130. Salaries (8 FT)	535,900.63	525,738.03	525,738.03	525,738.03
131. Expense	575,753.82	590,153.00	590,153.00	
132. Principal	222,290.29	255,525.08	255,525.08	
133. Interest	217,587.07	235,992.05	235,992.05	
Total for Water Department	1,551,531.81	1,607,408.16	1,607,408.16	525,738.03
Total Appropriations and Transfers for FY 2016	32,074,908.62			
Total Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2017		33,536,846.55		
Total Appropriations Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee			33,536,846.55	
Total Appropriations Recommended by the Personnel Board				5,746,447.52

**WARRANT FOR
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 12, 2016**

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 twelfth day of April, Two Thousand Sixteen 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 disclaim and to release any and all interest it may have acquired in Lot 6 shown on Assessors Map 40 based on an instrument of taking dated December 31, 1998, and recorded in the Dukes County Registry of Deeds in Book 752, Page 308 on January 4, 1999. The instrument of taking pertained to Assessors Map 40, Lot 3 but contained a legal description which also covered the land shown on Assessors Map 40, Lot 6. All taxes on Assessors Map 40, Lot 6 have been paid and are current.

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

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$50,000.00 and from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund balance the sum of \$40,000.00 for a total of \$90,000.00 for unforeseen costs associated with the preservation and restoration of the Clock Tower on the Whaling Church.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000.00 to be placed in the Legal Expense Account.

Submitted by the Selectmen
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$20,000.00 to reimburse the reserve fund for funds used to assist the Wastewater Department with an emergency repair in the downtown area.

Submitted by the Financial Advisory Committee
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$9,672.88 to be placed in the Personnel Department's Salary Account to cover an increase in hours for the Human Resources Coordinator.

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 \$20,000.00 to be added to the

Salaries & Wages-Vacation (Employee Benefits Buyback) Account to cover increased costs due to several employees retiring/resigning.

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 \$20,000.00 to upgrade the radio communications for the Police and Fire Departments.

Submitted by the Police Chief and Fire Chief
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$28,411.04 to be placed in the Fire Department Expense Account to cover unforeseen repairs to the fire station and fire apparatus.

Submitted by Fire Chief
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Library Expense Account to cover an increase in operating expenses anticipated in the new Library during the remainder of Fiscal Year 2016.

Submitted by the Library Trustees
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Library Salary Account to fund additional staff coverage in the new Library for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2016.

Submitted by the Library Trustees
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$67,000.00 from the sale of cemetery lots receipts reserve fund, for the expansion and landscaping project in the New Westside Cemetery.

Submitted by the Cemetery Commissioners
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Highway Department Expense Account to replace the loader bucket on the Highway Department's 1985 loader

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,000.00 to be placed in the Tree Warden's Public Shade Tree Maintenance Account to continue stump grinding and tree removal from the gall wasp infestation.

Submitted by the Tree Warden
RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$35,456.00 to be placed in the Wastewater Department Expense Account, to reimburse

the account for funds used to repair the electric supply cables at the Dock Street Pump Station and to cover additional sludge cake disposal due to high septage receiving volume and a rise in disposal costs for Fiscal Year 2016.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000.00 from the Water Department's Surplus to the Water Departments Fiscal Year 2016 Expense Account to cover the cost of emergency repairs and a new pump for the Lily Pond 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 16. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$133,800.00 from the Water Department's Surplus Account to be added to \$900,000.00 appropriated in Article 50 of the Annual Town Meeting held April 9, 2013 to paint the standpipe as all bids came in too high. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

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 29th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.

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

**WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 12, 2016**

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 twelfth day of April, Two Thousand Sixteen 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 fourteenth day of April, Two Thousand Sixteen 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 \$260,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a new ambulance?

Question 2. Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$350,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to rebuild and resurface town streets?

Question 3. Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$210,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to construct a bike path on Meetinghouse Way?

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 School Committee for Three Years
6. Two Trustees of the Edgartown Free Public Library for Three Years
7. One Park Commissioner for Three Years
8. One Wastewater Treatment Commissioner for Three Years
9. One Water Commissioner for Three Years
10. Two Financial Advisory Committee Members for Three Years
11. Town Constable for Three Years

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

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

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise the necessary sums of money to defray the general expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2017 and to make appropriations therefore.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from the Community Preservation Fund pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, Fiscal Year 2017 revenues in the following amounts to the following reserves:

\$110,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;

\$110,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;

\$110,000.00 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 Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the sum of \$90,000.00 to be paid to Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown families during Fiscal Year 2017.

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 \$20,000.00 and from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of \$80,000.00 for a total of \$100,000.00 to go toward the purchase of land for the Island Housing Trust's "Kuehne's Way Project" in Vineyard Haven in exchange for preference in one unit for a family either employed in or currently living in Edgartown.

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 Historic Preservation Fund the sum of \$40,000.00 for restoration of the benches and chairs at the Martha's Vineyard Camp Meeting Association Tabernacle located in Oak Bluffs which is on the National Register of Historic Places. The Historic District Commission has deemed the Tabernacle historically important to Edgartown.

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 Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$100,000.00 to relocate the electrical box in front of the Edgartown Carnegie Library as a part of the historical restoration project on North Water Street.

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 Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$110,000.00 and from the Community Preservation Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of \$390,000.00, a total of \$500,000.00, for historic preservation and capital improvements to Edgartown Memorial Wharf.

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 \$20,000.00 to further implement recommendations made in a 2014 study prepared for the Edgartown Cemetery Commissioners regarding restoration of historic gravestones in Edgartown.

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 Fiscal Year 2016 Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$350,000.00 for capital improvements and restoration to the interior of the Edgartown Town Hall.

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 Unreserved fund the sum of \$17,800.00 for new fencing around the tennis courts 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 and Recreation Fund the sum of \$125,000.00 to be used by the Dredge Committee for beach nourishment at Fuller Street Beach.

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 and Recreation Fund the sum of \$50,000.00 to create a Sensory and Literary Garden at the new Edgartown Library.

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 \$100,000.00 as the Town of Edgartown's share for the construction of restrooms at the

“Vineyard Baseball Park” located at the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School in Oak Bluffs.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to close out the following amounts to the specified Community Preservation accounts from the specified Community Preservation project accounts:

Article 12 – Annual Town Meeting 2014 - \$14,655.00 from the Dukes County Regional Housing Rental Assistance Account to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Account.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 22F, allowing Boards and Commissions to set reasonable fees. If the Board or Commission is appointed by the Board of Selectmen, the Selectmen would review the proposed fees. All fee increases would require a Public Hearing.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from overlay surplus the sum of \$45,000.00 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 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2017, the sum of \$15,200.00 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 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 the MV Superintendent's Office and Adult & Community Education of M.V.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,245.00 to renovate seven two story bay units at the Edgartown School. These bay units are exhibiting wood rot in several places and must be renovated to prevent further damage and additional costly repair.

Submitted by the School Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$22,850.63, as the Town's proportionate share (29.68%), of the Fiscal Year 2017 adjusted cost of \$91,553.40 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 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from overlay surplus the sum of \$144,135.64, as the Town's proportionate share (29.68%) of the Fiscal year 2017 adjusted cost of \$485,632.21 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 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$91,297.44 as the Town's proportionate share (29.68%) of the net cost of the Vineyard Health Care Access Program for Fiscal Year 2017 (\$307,605.92), 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 29. To see if the Town will re-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

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$2,000.00 for Sick/Injured Animal Emergency care.

Submitted by the Animal Control Officer

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 \$85,000.00 to fund a new roof and exterior repairs to the Edgartown Police Station.

Submitted by the 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 2017, the sum of \$55,000.00 to purchase and equip a 2016 or current year Sports Utility Vehicle to replace the 2006 Sports Utility Vehicle and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 2006 Sports Utility Vehicle 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 2017, the sum of \$16,000.00 to replace 8 sets of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). PPE has a maximum lifespan of 10 years and is no longer compliant with NFPA standards.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$260,000.00, to purchase and equip a new ambulance, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #1) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 14, 2016, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2017 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the 2005 Ford ambulance in the best interest(s) of the Town.

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 2017, the sum of \$44,000.00 to fund various Shellfish Committee programs to be administered by the Shellfish Department.

Submitted by Shellfish Committee.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$37,000.00 to fund the Town's Fiscal Year 2017 membership fee in the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2017, the sum of \$7,850.00 to purchase a new outboard to replace the 2002 20 HP Yamaha outboard and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing engine in the best interest(s) of the Town.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in 2017, the sum of \$32,000.00 to purchase a new pickup truck for use of the Shellfish Department.

Submitted by Shellfish Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 40. 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 2017.

Submitted by Shellfish Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$50,000.00 and from Receipts Reserved for Waterways the sum of \$10,000.00 for a total of \$60,000.00 for the maintenance and replacement of moorings, buoys, 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 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal year 2017, the sum of \$25,000.00 to purchase and rig a new outboard engine for the patrol vessel and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of the existing engine in the best interest(s) of the town.

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 2017, the sum of \$425,000.00 for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,000.00, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #2) thereon at

the Annual Town Election to be held on April 14, 2016, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal year 2017 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap, for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$200,000.00, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 46. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from overlay surplus, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$20,000.00 to clean the catch basins.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from overlay surplus, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$15,000.00 to replace all roof fasteners for the steel sheathing on the Highway Department's main building.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 48. 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 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$210,000.00 to pay the costs of constructing a bike path along Meetinghouse Way, provided that a majority of voters casting a ballot (Question #3) thereon at the Annual Town Election to be held on April 14, 2016, vote in the affirmative to allow the Town to exceed its Fiscal Year 2017 Proposition 2 ½ spending cap.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the

sum of \$4,000.00 to tear down and replace concrete steps and a porch, that do not meet code, at the Katama Airport.

Submitted by the Airport Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$2,000.00 to replace the doors to the restaurant at Katama Airport as they do not comply with the ADA code.

Submitted by the Airport Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town of Edgartown will vote to amend Edgartown Zoning Bylaw Article XIX. FLOOD PLAIN ZONE as follows:

To replace the panel number suffixes from H to J; add panel "#25007CO138J" and replace the "effective date" from "July 6, 2010" to "July 20, 2016" as follows:

19.1 Purpose

The map panels of the Dukes County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Edgartown are panel numbers:

- 25007C0111J, 25007C0112J, 25007C0113J,
 - 25007C0114J, 25007C0116J, 25007C0117J,
 - 25007C0118J, 25007C0119J, 25007C0136J,
 - 25007C0137J, 25007C0138J, 25007C0139J,
 - 25007C0201J, 25007C0202J, 25007C0206J,
 - 25007C0207J, 25007C0226J, and 25007C0227J,
- dated July 20, 2016.

To add the following paragraph and e) and f) as follows:

19.4 Requirements

The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and non-structural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit must be in compliance with Chapter 131, Section 40 of the M.G.L. and with the following: Sections of the Massachusetts State Building Code (780 CMR) which address flood plain and coastal high hazard areas; Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00); Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00); Coastal Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 12.00); Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5). *All Flood Plain Permits granted under Section 19.3 shall be subject to the following provisions: [sentence remains the same] a) – d) [remains the same]*

e) In a riverine situation, the Conservation Commission shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

Adjacent Communities; Bordering States

(optional); NFIP State Coordinator, Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation, 251 Causeway Street – Suite 600-700, Boston, MA 02114-2104; and NFIP Program Specialist, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Regional 1, 99 High Street – 6th Floor, Boston, MA 02110.

f) Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

To add b. & c. to Article 19.5 as follows:

19.5 Additional Requirements in V (Velocity) Zones – VE

b. Man-made alteration of sand dunes within Zones V1-30, VE, and V which would increase potential flood damage are prohibited.

c. All subdivision proposals must be designed to assure that:

- 1) such proposals minimize flood damage;**
- 2) all public utilities and facilities are located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage; and**
- 3) adequate drainage is provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards.**

To replace the "effective date" from "July 6, 2010" to "July 20, 2016" in article 19.9 Definitions.

Submitted by the Planning Board

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 54. To see if the town will vote to expand the Edgartown Historic District as proposed and reflected on the map dated September 1, 2015 and filed with the Town Clerk entitled, "Historic District-Adopted September 1, 2015."

Submitted by the Historic District Committee

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

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 2017, the sum of \$4,995.00 for three signs, required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to post as you are entering the Historic District.

Submitted by the Historic District Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following plastic bag bylaw:

1. Findings and Purpose

1.1 Single-use plastic bags are an environmental nuisance; adversely affect public health; are a detriment to tourism; and impair the overall quality of life of the Town's residents and visitors.

- Because plastic bags are lightweight, they easily become airborne even when properly disposed of, littering beaches, roadsides and sidewalks. They clog storm drainage systems, contribute to marine and terrestrial pollution, and detract from the natural beauty of the Town for visitors and residents alike.
- Plastic bags photo-degrade, disintegrating into minute particles which absorb toxins and pose a threat to riparian and marine environments, contaminating the food chain, water and soil. They are also a menace to marine life, killing birds, marine mammals, sea turtles and fish each year through ingestion and entanglement.
- The vast majority of plastic bags are not recycled, and recycling of plastic bags is not available on Martha's Vineyard. Their disposal adds to the Town's waste management expense, both through the cost of transporting waste to off-island landfills and due to their contamination of the single-stream recycling system.

- 1.2 Single-use plastic bag ordinances have proven to be effective in reducing plastic bag consumption and litter and are part of a growing global movement towards sustainability.
- 1.3 The Town is committed to protecting the environment and the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens. The goal of this bylaw is to reduce the common use of plastic checkout bags and to encourage the use of reusable bags by consumers, thereby reducing local land and marine pollution, advancing solid waste reduction, protecting the Town's unique natural beauty and irreplaceable natural resources, and improving the quality of life for the citizens of the Town.

2. Definitions

“Checkout Bag” means a bag with or without handles provided by a Store to a customer at the point of sale that is intended for the purpose of transporting food or merchandise out of the Store.

“Plastic Checkout Bag” means a plastic Checkout Bag that is less than 4 mils thick (and, for the avoidance of doubt, includes such plastic bags that are marketed as ‘biodegradable’ or ‘compostable’).

“Recyclable Paper Bag” means a paper bag with or without handles that is 100 percent recyclable and contains at least 40% post-consumer recycled content (except that an eight pound or smaller paper bag shall contain a minimum of 20% post-consumer recycled content) and visibly displays both the word "recyclable" and the percentage of post-consumer recycled content.

“Reusable Bag” means a bag with handles that is specifically designed and manufactured for multiple

reuse and is made of polyester, polypropylene, washable fabric, or other durable material and, in the case of plastic bags, is at least 4.0 mils in thickness.

“Store” means any commercial enterprise selling goods, food or services directly to the public, whether for or not for profit, including, but not limited to, convenience and grocery stores, markets, restaurants, pharmacies, liquor stores, take-out food purveyors, and merchandise retailers.

3. Use Regulations

- 3.1 No Store in the Town shall provide to any customer a Plastic Checkout Bag.
- 3.2 If a Store provides Checkout Bags, they may only provide Recyclable Paper Bags or Reusable Bags.
- 3.3 This bylaw does not apply to the clear or opaque plastic bags without handles provided to a customer:
 - a. to transport loose produce, prepared food, bulk food, or small unpackaged products (e.g. beads and nails or other small hardware items) to the point of sale; or
 - b. to contain or wrap foods to retain moisture or to segregate foods (like meat or ice cream) or other items to prevent contamination or damage when the items are placed together in a Recyclable Paper Bag or Reusable Bag.
- 3.4 Stores may charge and retain a fee for any Recyclable Paper Bag or Reusable Bag that they provide. The fee could be used to recover the costs of the bag and/or as an incentive to customers to bring their own Reusable Bags. Customers are encouraged to bring their own Reusable Bags when they shop, and Stores may offer a credit to customers who bring their own bags.

4. Administration and Enforcement

- 4.1 This bylaw may be enforced by any Town Police Officer or agent of the Board of Health.
- 4.2 A person, individually or by his servant or agent, who violates any provision of this bylaw may be penalized by a non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. Chapter 40, Section 21D and the Town's non-criminal disposition bylaw. The following penalties apply:
 - first violation: a written warning.
 - second violation: \$50 fine.
 - third and subsequent violations: \$100 fine.
 Each day the violation continues constitutes a separate violation.

5. Effective Date

- 5.1 This bylaw takes effect on January 1, 2017.

Submitted by the Vineyard Conservation Society, Board of Selectmen, Conservation Commission and Board of Health

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT 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 2017, the sum of \$20,000.00 for Conservation Commission's property maintenance.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$20,000.00 for Conservation Land Acquisition.

Submitted by the Conservation 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 2017, the sum of \$50,000.00 for the Wastewater Department's Equipment and Collection System Maintenance.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$88,383.20 to be added to \$131,000.00 appropriated in Article 60 of the 2014 Annual Town Meeting to fund Edgartown's portion of a Hazard Mitigation Grant to upgrade and protect the Dock Street sewer pump station against flood related damage.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, 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 62. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$17,000.00 to replace a failed 18 inch effluent bed valve and several process valves on the verge of failure.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 63. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from overlay surplus, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2017, the sum of \$72,000.00 to rebuild and replace worn out parts of the mechanical bar screen at the Wastewater Facility.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 64. 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 2017. 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 65. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to expend from Water Department's Surplus, the sum of \$40,000.00 to purchase a new pickup truck to replace the 2008 pickup truck and further to authorize the Water Commissioners to dispose of the 2008 pickup truck in the best interests of the Town. This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

Submitted by the Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 66. To see if the Town will authorize the Water Commissioners to expend from Water Department's Surplus, the sum of \$3,000.00 to purchase a mower to maintain the grounds and facilities and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on the tax rate.

Submitted by the Water Commissioners

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 29th day of February in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Sixteen.

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman
Margaret E. Serpa
Arthur Smadbeck
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 14, 2016**

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

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Michael J. Donaroma 46 Braley's Way	Candidate for Re-Election
Write-in	
BOARD OF ASSESSORS	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Donna L. Goodale 14 Knoll Drive	Candidate for Re-Election
Write-in	
BOARD OF HEALTH	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Harold T. Zadeh 20 Jason Drive	
Write-in	
CONSTABLE	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
William C. Bishop IV 5 Wood Duck Circle	
Write-in	
FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE	
Three Years	Vote for TWO
Thomas A. Durawa 28 Dunham Road	Candidate for Re-Election
Steve C. Jordan 25 Edgewood Drive	Candidate for Re-Election
Write-in	
Write-in	
LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
Three Years	Vote for TWO
Olga M. Church 85 Fifth Street N	
Stephen W. Miller 37 Dark Woods Road	
Justine Shemeth DeOliveira 27 Mill Road	
Write-in	
Write-in	
PARK COMMISSIONER	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Glen Searle 51 Chase Road	Candidate for Re-Election
Write-in	

PLANNING BOARD	
Five Years	Vote for ONE
Michael Jon Mc Court 21 North Water Street	Candidate for Re-Election
Write-in	
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Kelly M. McCracken 99 Pocha Road	
Write-in	
WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMISSIONER	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Write-in	
WATER COMMISSIONER	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Scott Ellis 26 Hye Road	
Write-in	
Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Representative	
Three Years	Vote for ONE
Edward W. Vincent, Jr. 70 West Tisbury Road	Candidate for Re-Election
Write-in	
BALLOT QUESTION #1	
Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$260,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to purchase a new ambulance?	
YES	
NO	
BALLOT QUESTION #2	
Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$350,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to rebuild and resurface town streets?	
YES	
NO	
BALLOT QUESTION #3	
Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$210,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes to construct a bike path on Meetinghouse Way?	
YES	
NO	



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