



TOWN OF EDGARTOWN
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

FOR 2023

With

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

And

RECOMMENDATIONS

Date of Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting:

Time

Place

April 11, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Old Whaling Church

Date of Annual Election:

Time

Place

April 13, 2023

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

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

PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO THE MEETING

If you require special assistance or have any accessibility requests in regard to attending or participating in Edgartown's Annual Town Meeting on Tuesday April 11, 2023, please contact the Edgartown Select Board's Office either via email, selectboard@edgartown-ma.us or by phone, 508-627-6180. We will make every effort to accommodate requests if at all possible

AAA

S&P Global Ratings

October 25, 2022

The Town of Edgartown was assigned a 'AAA' with a "Stable" Outlook Bond Rating by Standard & Poor's (S&P) on October 20, 2022, following a rating review call with S&P analysts and members of the Town's Financial Management Team. The Town was previously assigned 'Aa2' by Moody's Investors Services in 2016.

S&P's independent and objective decision to upgrade our bond rating on the heels of two very tumultuous economic years is a confirmation of our proactive fiscal management policies, and is a testament to the disciplined budgetary practices of our Finance Advisory Committee and Select Board.

Several deliberate decisions contributed to the highest municipal rating possible including:

- Sustainable operating budget growth in both salary and expense.

- Aggressive planning and execution of climate resiliency projects to minimize infrastructure risk.
- Conservative appropriation of new revenue sources into reserve funds for future fiscal flexibility.
- Strict adherence to our codified fiscal planning and operating policies.

The 'AAA' rating will ultimately save the taxpayers tremendously in the form of more favorable borrowing terms and lower interest rates on the Town's future capital projects.

Ultimately, it could not have been accomplished without the hard work of the Town's Financial Management Team and support of the voters at Town Meeting.

Respectfully,

JAMES M. HAGERTY
Town Administrator

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 \$12,129,506.00 effective for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2023. There will be a Special Town Meeting just prior to the Annual Town Meeting on April 11, 2023. The requests from Free Cash will total \$365,580.29. The requests on the Annual Town Meeting warrant for April 11, 2023 from Free Cash will total \$6,915,596.40, including \$1,450,000.00 towards various stabilizations funds. That will leave us with a balance of \$4,848,329.31 in our Free Cash for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2023. Our Stabilization Fund Balance is \$3,861,342.43

This year we are appropriating \$360,000.00 to be invested in the Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust Fund for Other Post Retirement Benefits. Edgartown's investments through June 30, 2022 are \$3,565,381.60

State revenues for Fiscal Year 2023 were \$3,567,833 and State Charges for Fiscal Year 2023 were \$1,368,268.00 which represented a net gain of \$2,199,565.00.

JAMES M. HAGERTY
Town Administrator

FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Select Board and
the Citizens of Edgartown:

In collaboration with the Select Board, the Financial Advisory Committee (FAC) conducted three weeks of hearings and deliberated on over 500 lines of budget submissions and an additional \$34M in capital requests. After reviewing more than 50 individual departments as well as multiple regional bodies, an operating budget representing a 5.42% increase was unanimously recommended.

The major driver to the Fiscal Year 2024 operating budget was the high inflationary cost affecting not only the Town, but also the Northeast region as a whole. The Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) was significantly discussed with the Personnel Board, and the FAC ultimately recommended a 5.00% COLA consistent with commensurate communities across the Island. The rising costs of goods had a similar effect on expense lines as departments saw significant increases in the cost of services contracts, as well as the responses to publicly bid items and projects.

Additionally, external assessments such as the Martha's Vineyard Commission, Dukes County Regional Housing Authority, Dukes County Retirement, and Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) saw considerable to modest increases based on the Town's allotted liabilities. The FAC and Select Board both positively endorsed the first steps towards an updated MVRHS campus with the recommendation of funding a building feasibility study and updates to the Regional School Agreement, Article #47 and #48, respectively.

The FAC would like to thank the Capital Programs Committee for their thoughtful and meticulous approach in the ranking of all submitted capital requests. Each request was assessed on its own merit and categorized according to a scored matrix, taking into consideration nine separate percentage weighted categories. The score range was between a maximum of 10 and a minimum of 0, with the Dredge Comprehensive Permitting request receiving the highest overall score of 8.66. The majority of lower score items did not receive an endorsement to be placed on the warrant. The year one property tax impacts of the two largest recommended capital requests (Fire Station and N. Wharf) can be found on page 29 and 30 of this booklet.

The transition of Norton Point Beach to the Town of Edgartown also added several articles that relate to operating expenses and municipal financial regulations. Article #10 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant establishes a revolving fund that will enable the proceeds of beach sticker sales to go into an account to spend on the management of the Town's beaches. The fund will not become available unless it is supported by the voters and then approved by the MA Attorney General's office. Approval by the Commonwealth traditionally takes 90 days from Town Meeting vote, in turn pushing the accessibility of these funds well into the summer.

Consequently, Article #11 of the Special Town Meeting Warrant funds the management of Norton Point Beach for 4th quarter, Fiscal Year 2023 (12 April to 30 June 2023), and Article #61 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant funds management for Fiscal Year 2024 (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024). Lastly, Article #62 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant enables the proceeds of the revolving fund to be spent once the fund has been fully authorized. In other words, there have been contingencies put in place in the event the approval of the revolving fund is delayed and/or the Norton Point operation is not able to pay for itself within the first year due to delayed sticker revenue. The FAC felt it was paramount not to hinge the success of Norton Point on a municipal finance accounting exercise.

As assumed, the Fiscal Year 2024 was both detailed and interesting as it relates to complicated budgets and noteworthy projects. Ultimately, I could not conclude this report without acknowledging the cooperation and attendance of all the Finance Advisory Committee members, as well as the many department heads involved in the budget and article review process.

Respectfully submitted,

DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT, Chairman
LESLIE BAYNES, Assistant Chairman
ROBERT COAD
NEDINE CUNNINGHAM
KELLY MCCRACKEN
PAUL PERTILE
JULIA TARKA
SCOTT MORGAN, Alternate

Edgartown Financial Advisory Committee

**SCHEDULE OF APPROPRIATIONS
FOR THE
2024 FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING
JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024**

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2023	Appropriations Requested FY 2024	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>				
MODERATOR				
1. Salary - Elected	300.00	300.00	300.00	
SELECT BOARD'S DEPARTMENT - TOWN ADMINISTRATOR				
2. Selectman's Salaries (3) - Elected	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00	
3. Other Salaries (2 FT, 1 PT)	251,541.01	256,629.39	269,317.91	92,330.71
4. Expense	13,350.00	13,350.00	13,350.00	
FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMM.				
5. Salary (1 PT)	5,379.21	0.00	0.00	
6. Expense	8,034.00	14,034.00	14,034.00	
7. Reserve Fund	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	
TOWN ACCOUNTANT'S DEPT.				
8. Salaries (2 FT)	186,751.16	190,551.00	199,609.40	199,609.40
9. Expense	18,855.00	18,855.00	18,855.00	
PROCUREMENT DEPARTMENT				
10. Salaries (2FT)	27,107.46	46,813.00	49,153.00	49,153.00
11. Expense	4,500.00	4,500.00	4,500.00	
ASSESSOR'S DEPARTMENT				
12. Assessors' Salaries(3)-Elected	3,300.00	3,300.00	3,300.00	
13. Other Salaries (3 FT)	208,748.17	218,370.40	229,248.80	229,248.80
14. Expense	49,230.00	48,833.00	48,833.00	
TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT				
15. Salaries (2FT)	166,143.89	172,191.08	180,542.28	180,542.28
16. Expense	24,125.00	24,125.00	24,125.00	
TOWN COLLECTOR'S DEPT.				
17. Salaries (2 FT)	204,517.99	144,374.40	151,545.20	151,545.20
18. Expense	12,220.00	13,584.00	13,584.00	
PERSONNEL BOARD				
19. Salary (1 FT, 1PT)	149,970.60	158,586.51	166,443.71	166,443.71
20. Expense	10,350.00	10,350.00	10,350.00	
TOWN CLERK'S DEPARTMENT				
21. Salaries (2FT)	156,387.33	162,281.28	170,187.88	170,187.88
22. Expense	3,320.00	3,520.00	3,520.00	

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2023	Appropriations Requested FY 2024	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
ELECTION & REGISTRATION				
23. Salaries (3 PT)	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
24. Expense	7,127.00	7,127.00	7,127.00	
CONSERVATION COMMISSION				
25. Salaries (1 FT, 1 PT)	142,466.33	147,697.57	154,883.97	154,883.97
26. Expense	44,485.00	44,786.00	44,786.00	
PLANNING BOARD				
27. Salaries (1 FT)	66,816.00	69,222.40	72,675.20	72,675.20
28. Expense	8,100.00	8,100.00	8,100.00	
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS				
29. Salary (1 PT)	54,068.76	52,676.00	55,315.00	55,315.00
30. Expense	1,000.00	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	8,260.60
32. Town Hall and Visitor's Center Maintenance	145,700.00	155,580.00	155,580.00	
COMPUTER SYSTEM MANAGER				
33. Computer System Administrator (1 FT)	120,046.22	124,454.20	130,507.00	130,507.00
34. Computer System Expense	127,718.00	164,830.00	164,830.00	
TOWN BUILDING UTILITIES				
36. Library Utilities	28,000.00	30,000.00	30,000.00	
COUNCIL ON AGING				
37. Salaries (5FT 1PT)	352,275.09	358,763.82	376,488.02	376,488.02
38. Expense	61,197.00	62,594.00	62,594.00	
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMIS.				
39. Salaries (1 PT)	52,862.94	46,806.24	49,145.20	49,145.20
40. Expense	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS				
41. Expense	100,000.00	100,000.00	100,000.00	
BY-WAYS COMMITTEE				
42. Expense	1,100.00	1,100.00	1,100.00	
43. LEGAL EXPENSE	187,500.00	202,500.00	202,500.00	
44. Tax Title/Foreclosure	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
Total for General Government	3,148,853.76	3,226,045.89	3,331,691.17	2,086,335.97

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2023	Appropriations Requested FY 2024	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<u>PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY</u>				
POLICE DEPARTMENT				
45.	3,329,079.06	3,329,938.04	3,474,221.38	279,732.80
46.	374,945.00	405,201.00	405,201.00	
FIRE DEPARTMENT				
47.	469,382.46	577,823.50	589,161.58	270,259.35
48.	266,955.60	273,628.60	273,628.60	
FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE				
49.	799,668.16	899,243.10	943,785.71	943,785.71
50.	103,635.70	106,225.70	106,225.70	
BUILDING INSPECTOR'S DEPT.				
51.	226,799.45	230,685.00	242,205.60	242,205.60
52.	14,545.00	17,670.00	17,670.00	
INSPECTORS (GAS, PLUMBING, WIRE & FIRE)				
53.	175,000.00	175,000.00	175,000.00	
54.	950.00	1,550.00	1,550.00	
CIVIL DEFENSE/EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
55.	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
56.	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00	
ANIMAL CONTROL DEPT.				
57.	106,681.14	125,844.28	131,338.60	131,338.60
58.	8,200.00	17,900.00	17,900.00	
FORESTRY DEPARTMENT				
59.	34,645.00	34,645.00	34,645.00	
60.	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	
61.	21,000.00	21,000.00	21,000.00	
62.	7,500.00	7,500.00	7,500.00	
SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT				
63.	346,590.39	329,317.97	345,121.81	345,121.81
64.	28,000.00	28,000.00	28,000.00	
	6,333,576.96	6,601,172.19	6,834,154.98	2,213,443.87
<u>HARBORMASTER</u>				
HARBORMASTER'S DEPT.				
65.	421,311.46	433,204.34	449,196.94	449,196.94

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66. Expense	127,800.00	128,995.00	128,995.00	
67. Marine Adv. Comm. Expense	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	
Total for Harbormaster Department	551,211.46	564,299.34	580,291.94	449,196.94
<u>DREDGE</u>				
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68. Salaries (4 - 6 S)	186,528.02	197,371.43	198,897.11	198,897.11
69. Expense	159,000.00	163,700.00	163,700.00	
Total for Dredge	345,528.02	361,071.43	362,597.11	198,897.11
<u>HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT</u>				
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70. Salaries (9 FT, 2 PT)	929,614.33	936,811.36	972,860.36	972,860.36
71. Street Lights	19,000.00	19,000.00	19,000.00	
73. Snow & Ice	61,100.00	61,100.00	61,100.00	
74. Expense	241,182.50	246,713.00	246,713.00	
Total for Highway Department	1,250,896.83	1,263,624.36	1,299,673.36	972,860.36
<u>HEALTH AND SANITATION</u>				
TRANSFER STATION & SITE MAINTENANCE				
74. MV Refuse Dist Assess	557,156.82	562,779.60	562,779.60	
WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT				
75. Salaries (8 FT)	644,302.80	656,586.83	687,246.03	687,246.03
76. Expense	572,159.00	656,997.00	656,997.00	
BOARD OF HEALTH				
77. Salaries (2 FT, 1 PT)	212,089.44	212,284.60	222,689.28	222,689.28
78. Expense	138,138.83	147,760.84	147,760.84	
Total for Health and Sanitation	2,123,846.89	2,236,408.87	2,277,472.75	909,935.31
<u>VETERAN'S SERVICES</u>				
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79. Expense	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	
Total for Veteran's Services	35,000.00	35,000.00	35,000.00	

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2023	Appropriations Requested FY 2024	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<u>EDUCATION</u>				
80.	6,912,896.42	7,336,792.86	7,336,792.86	
81.	1,104,125.79	1,200,125.55	1,200,125.55	
82.	1,901,139.95	2,045,615.46	2,045,615.46	
M.V.R.H.S. DISTRICT				
83.	5,133,670.96	5,297,696.56	5,297,696.56	
	15,051,833.12	15,880,230.43	15,880,230.43	
	Total for Education			
<u>LIBRARY</u>				
EDG. PUBLIC LIBRARY DEPT.				
84.	707,699.43	712,964.52	747,163.10	747,163.10
85.	344,378.00	362,859.22	362,859.22	
	1,052,077.43	1,075,823.74	1,110,022.32	747,163.10
	Total for Library			
<u>PARK AND BEACHES</u>				
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86.	382,102.09	382,757.80	383,813.40	383,813.40
87.	80,000.00	107,000.00	107,000.00	
	462,102.09	489,757.80	490,813.40	383,813.40
	Total for Parks and Beaches			
<u>KATAMA AIRPORT</u>				
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88.	44,296.00	44,296.00	44,296.00	44,296.00
89.	78,900.00	78,900.00	78,900.00	
	123,196.00	123,196.00	123,196.00	44,296.00
	Total for Katama Airport			44,296.00
<u>CEMETERY</u>				
CEMETERY DEPARTMENT				
90.	40,497.85	41,605.60	43,189.00	43,189.00
91.	5,168.00	5,296.00	5,296.00	
	45,665.85	46,901.60	48,485.00	43,189.00
	Total for Cemetery			43,189.00

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2023	Appropriations Requested FY 2024	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
<u>UNCLASSIFIED</u>				
92.	Insurance-Fire, Liability, Workers' Comp	500,000.00	550,000.00	550,000.00
93.	Unemployment Comp. Ins.	15,000.00	15,000.00	15,000.00
94.	Care of Town Clock	4,000.00	4,000.00	4,000.00
95.	Annual Town Reports	13,500.00	13,500.00	13,500.00
96.	Holidays Expense	17,000.00	17,000.00	17,000.00
97.	Ponds Area Advisory Committee Expense	2,750.00	2,750.00	2,750.00
98.	Care of Town Flags	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
99.	Internal & External Audits of Town Accounts	63,500.00	63,500.00	63,500.00
100.	Christmas Decorations Expense	46,000.00	49,500.00	49,500.00
101.	M.V. Comm. Assessment	562,098.00	690,086.00	690,086.00
102.	MV Cultural Council	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
103.	Dukes County Regional Housing	133,558.00	142,710.00	142,710.00
104.	Beautification Committee	35,000.00	38,500.00	38,500.00
	D.C. RETIREMENT SYSTEM			
105.	Pension Fund	1,916,556.00	1,929,570.00	1,929,570.00
106.	Other Post Employment Benefits	350,000.00	360,000.00	360,000.00
	GROUP INSURANCE			
107.	Health - Town Share	3,847,935.00	3,982,612.70	3,982,612.70
108.	Medicare - Town Share	240,000.00	250,000.00	250,000.00
109.	Life Ins. - Town Share	2,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
	Total for Unclassified	7,755,897.00	8,118,228.70	8,118,228.70
<u>INTEREST AND DEBT</u>				
	PRINCIPAL			
110.	GOB 2008	54,000.00	0.00	0.00
111.	GOB 2010	0.00	0.00	0.00
112.	MPL 2010 Series B	25,000.00	0.00	0.00
113.	Wastewater 2011	11,411.00	11,411.00	11,411.00
114.	MPL 2015 Series A	0.00	0.00	0.00
115.	MPL 2015 Series B	135,000.00	130,000.00	130,000.00
116.	MPL 2016	245,000.00	245,000.00	245,000.00
117.	M.V. Senior Center Building (County)	49,312.00	49,312.00	49,312.00
118.	GOB 2022	193,057.00	200,000.00	200,000.00

	Appropriations/ Transfers FY 2023	Appropriations Requested FY 2024	Appropriations Recommended by Financial Advisory Committee	Appropriations Recommended by Personnel Board
INTEREST				
119. GOB 2008	2,092.50	0.00	0.00	
120. GOB 2010	875.00	0.00	0.00	
121. MLP 2010 Series B	0.00	0.00	0.00	
122. Wastewater 2011	10,383.07	10,012.21	10,012.21	
123. MPL 2015 Series A	0.00	0.00	0.00	
124. MPL 2015 Series B	8,575.00	5,925.00	5,925.00	
125. MPL 2016	74,725.00	69,825.00	69,825.00	
126. M.V. Senior Center Building (County)	4,931.20	3,698.40	3,698.40	
127. GOB 2022	38,750.00	94,250.00	94,250.00	
128. Interest Temporary Loans	10,000.00	10,000.00	10,000.00	
	863,111.77	829,433.61	829,433.61	
Totals for Interest and Debt	39,142,797.18	40,851,193.96	41,321,290.77	8,049,131.06
WATER DEPARTMENT (FUND 024)				
129. Salaries (8 FT)	706,561.71	722,473.35	756,668.55	756,668.55
130. Expense	699,350.00	711,232.00	711,232.00	711,232.00
131. Principal	261,830.05	251,340.68	251,340.68	
132. Interest	169,601.29	160,113.24	160,113.24	
	1,837,343.05	1,845,159.27	1,879,354.47	1,467,900.55
Total for Water Department				
Total Appropriations and Transfers for Fiscal Year 2023	40,980,140.23			
Total Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024		42,696,353.23		
Total Appropriations Recommended by the Financial Advisory Committee			43,200,645.24	
Total Appropriations Recommended by the Personnel Board				17,566,162.67

**WARRANT FOR
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 11, 2023**

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 Twenty Three 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 Free Cash, the sum of \$24,000.00 to purchase or lease two new copier machines for the first and second floor of the Town Hall, and further, to authorize the Information Technology Manager and Select Board to dispose of old copier machines in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$15,539.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2023 Insurance Account as a result of audited worker's compensation costs and carrier deductibles.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$67,107.00 to be added to the Sick and Vacation Buyback Account to cover benefits owed to several employees who have, or will retire or resign during the current Fiscal Year.

Submitted by the Select Board

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 be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2023 Legal Account.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000.00 to be added to the Town Hall Capital Maintenance and Repair Account.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$15,949.96 to offset deficits caused by expenditures deemed ineligible, in the fund established for Coronavirus relief reimbursements from state and federal agencies.

Submitted by the Town Accountant

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of Fund #8005, presently held for Low/Moderate Income Housing, in the amount of \$76,401.28 plus any accumulated interest, to the Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust Fund to be used for the purposes of Low and Moderate Income Housing, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Town Accountant

Submitted by the Affordable Housing Trust

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$8,760.00 to make repairs on the fire suppression system at the Police Department building.

Submitted by the Police Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$22,000.00, for the Fiscal Year 2023 maintenance and care of Cannonball Park and the Town Hall Park.

Submitted by the Parks Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Bylaw:

DEPARTMENTAL REVOLVING FUNDS

1. Purpose. This by-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by town, departments, boards, committees, agencies and officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½.

2. Expenditure Limitations.

A department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:

A. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.

B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.

C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Annual Town Meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the Select Board.

3. Interest. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the general fund.

4. Procedures and Reports. Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½ and this by-law, the laws, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of town monies and the expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law.

The Town Accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to the fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to each fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the Town Accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.

5. Authorized Revolving Funds:

FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS	USE OF FUNDS	FISCAL YEAR
Beach Management Fund	Norton Point Pass Fees	Parks Department	To pay for Salaries and Expenses of the Department related to the management of the Town's beaches	Fiscal Year 2024 and subsequent years

Submitted by the Parks Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2023, the sum of \$110,000.00 for the management and operation of Norton Point Beach in Edgartown.

Submitted by the Parks Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law Section 25.0 Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan as Follows effective April 11, 2023.

Add the position of Beach and Recreation Director Grade E

Submitted by the Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$40,000.00 to purchase and equip new Utility Terrain (UTV) and All Terrain (ATV) vehicles for the Town's managed beaches.

Submitted by the Parks Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will amend the Edgartown Zoning Bylaw, Article VII "Floodplain Zone", by striking the entire text of the Article, and replacing it with the following:

7.1 Purpose

The purpose for the Floodplain Overlay District is to:

- A. Ensure public safety through reducing the threats to life and personal injury
- B. Eliminate new hazards to emergency response officials
- C. Prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from water quality, contamination, and pollution due to flooding
- D. Avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding

- E. Eliminate costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions
- F. Reduce damage to public and private property resulting from flooding waters

7.2 Establishment of the District

The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within Edgartown designated as Zone A, AE, AH, AO, A99, V, or VE on the Town's Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program, dated July 20, 2016. These maps indicate the 1%-chance regulatory floodplain. The exact boundaries of the District shall be defined by the 1%-chance base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Dukes County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 20, 2016. The effective FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Inspections Office, and Conservation Commission.

7.3 Abrogation and greater restriction section

The floodplain management regulations found in this Floodplain Overlay District section shall take precedence over any less restrictive conflicting local laws, ordinances or codes.

7.4 Disclaimer of liability

The degree of flood protection required by this bylaw is considered reasonable but does not imply total flood protection.

7.5 Severability section

If any section, provision or portion of this bylaw is deemed to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court, the remainder of the ordinance shall be effective.

7.6 Designation of Community Floodplain Administrator

The Town of Edgartown hereby designates the position of Building Inspector / Commissioner to be the official floodplain administrator for the Town.

7.7 Requirement to submit new technical data

If the Town acquires data that changes the base flood elevation in the FEMA mapped Special Flood Hazard Areas, the Town will, within 6 months, notify FEMA of these changes by submitting the technical or scientific data that supports the change(s). Notification shall be submitted to:

FEMA Region I Risk Analysis Branch Chief
99 High St., 6th floor
Boston, MA 02110

And copy of notification to:

Massachusetts NFIP State Coordinator
MA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation
251 Causeway Street
Boston, MA 02114

7.8 Variances to building code floodplain standards

Variances to the flood-resistant standards as found in the MA State Building Code may only be issued by the MA State Building Code Appeals Board.

Upon learning that an applicant intends to file for a variance from the State Building Code Appeals Board, the Town shall also issue a letter to the property owner regarding potential impacts to the annual premiums for the flood insurance policy covering that property, in writing over the signature of a community official that (i) the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25.00 for \$100.00 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.

Such notification shall be maintained with the record of all variance actions for the referenced development in the floodplain overlay district.

The Town will request from the State Building Code Appeals Board a written and/or audible copy of the portion of the hearing related to the variance, and will maintain this record in the community's files.

7.9 Variances to local Zoning Bylaws related to community compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

A variance from these floodplain bylaws, when issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals, must meet the requirements set out by State law, and may only be granted if:

- A. good and sufficient cause and exceptional non-financial hardship exist; and
- B. the variance will not result in additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, or fraud or victimization of the public; and
- C. the variance is the minimum action necessary to afford relief.

7.10 Permits are required for all proposed development in the Floodplain Overlay District

The Town of Edgartown requires a Permit for all proposed construction or other development in the floodplain overlay district, including new construction or changes to existing buildings, placement of manufactured homes, placement of agricultural facilities, fences, sheds, storage facilities or drilling, mining, paving and any other development that might increase flooding or adversely impact flood risks to other properties.

All development, 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 Massachusetts General Laws and with the requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code pertaining to construction in floodplains. Additionally any required federal permits must be obtained prior to the issuance of a development permit in the Floodplain District as follows:

- A. Within Zones AH and AO on the FIRM, require adequate drainage paths around structures on slopes, to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.
- B. Prohibit man-made alteration of sand dunes and salt marshes within Zone VE which would increase potential flood damage.
- C. Provide that all new construction within Zone VE be located landward of the reach of mean high tide.
- D. Existing contour intervals of site and elevations of existing structures must be included on plan proposal.
- E. The Building Inspector shall deliver one copy of the development plan, in paper or electronic format, to the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Board of Health, Highway Department, Building Inspector, Board of Appeals and Fire Department for comments which will be considered prior to issuing any applicable permits.
- F. The Town's permit review process requires the applicant to obtain and submit documentation of all local, state and federal permits that will be necessary in order to carry out the proposed development in the floodplain overlay district.
- G. The Building Inspector shall review all proposed development within the flood district to assure that all necessary permits have been received from those governmental agencies from which approval is required by Federal or State law, including but not limited to Section 404 of the Federal Water Pollution and Control Act Amendments of 1972, U.S.C. 1334, and
- H. The most recent Elevation Certificate from the Federal Emergency Management Agency must be used to document elevations for all new construction and substantial improvements in the Special Flood Hazard Area.

I. In Zones A and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

In Zones A and AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated on the Town's FIRM encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

J. For new construction and substantial improvements in the AO Zones, all floodplain permits granted under this section shall require that residential structures shall have the lowest floor elevated above the crown of the nearest street to or above the depth number specified on Edgartown's Flood Insurance Rate Map.

K. All floodplain permits granted under this section shall be subject to the following provisions:

1. All new and replacement utility and water facilities shall be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage.
2. All new and replacement sanitary sewage systems shall be designed to minimize or eliminate infiltration of flood waters into the systems and discharges from the systems into flood waters. On-site waste disposal systems are to be located to avoid impairment to them or contamination from them during flooding.
3. Approval for any Alteration of a Land Form may be approved by the Building Commissioner with the consent of the Conservation Commission. No Alteration of a Land Form shall be permitted where there may be the liability of altering the drainage or run-off to the detriment of other landholders or the Town.

7.11 Permitted and Prohibited uses

A. ALLOWED USES. The following uses of low flood damage potential and causing no obstructions to flood flows are encouraged provided they are permitted in the underlying district and comply with other requirements:

1. Agricultural uses such as farming, grazing, truck farming, horticulture, etc. provided appurtenant structures meet requirements (a) in section 7.10 and (b) as laid out by the Federal Emergency Management Agency
2. Forestry and nursery uses.
3. Outdoor recreational uses, including fishing, boating, play areas, etc.
4. Conservation of water, plants, wildlife.

5. Wildlife management areas, foot, bicycle, and/or horse paths.
6. Temporary non-residential structures used in connection with fishing, growing, harvesting, storage, or sale of crops raised on the premises.
7. Buildings lawfully existing prior to the adoption of these provisions.

B. PROHIBITED USES. The installation of Underground Storage Systems for the storage of petroleum products (including but not limited to oil, gasoline, kerosene, and any hazardous materials) shall be prohibited in the Special Flood Hazard Area (Zones A, AE, AH, AO, and VE on the Flood Insurance Rate Maps prepared by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the Town of Edgartown).

"Storage system" shall mean storage tank and all supply lines between storage tank and burner.

"Underground" shall mean under the surface of the earth or under pavement, including cement floors of cellars or basements. Storage systems may be located in basements or cellars provided they are on or above the paved floor of the cellar or basement and the cellar or basement existed prior to July 2, 1980, when the Town of Edgartown adopted its first FIRM and floodplain regulations

7.12 Base flood elevation data for subdivision proposals

- A. When proposing subdivisions or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres (whichever is less), the proponent must provide technical data to determine base flood elevations for each developable parcel shown on the design plans.
- B. All subdivision proposals and development proposals in the floodplain overlay district shall be reviewed to assure that
 1. Such proposals minimize flood damage.
 2. Public utilities and facilities are located & constructed so as to minimize flood damage.
 3. Adequate drainage is provided.

7.13 Unnumbered A Zones

In A Zones, in the absence of FEMA BFE data and floodway data, the building department will obtain, review and reasonably utilize base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source as criteria for requiring new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A as the basis for elevating residential structures to or above base flood level, for floodproofing or elevating nonresidential structures to or above base flood level, and for prohibiting encroachments in floodways.

7.14 Watercourse alterations or relocations in riverine areas

In a riverine situation, the Building Inspector shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

- A. Adjacent Communities, especially upstream and downstream
- B. NFIP State Coordinator
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, 8th floor
Boston, MA 02114
- C. ANFIP Program Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I
99 High Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

7.15. Recreational vehicles

In A, AH, AO, AE Zones, VE, and V Zones, all recreational vehicles on a site must be fully licensed and highway ready at all times.

7.16 Local Enforcement

- A. Administrative Official. It shall be the duty of the Building Inspector or their designee to administer and enforce the provisions of this bylaw. If the Building Inspector receives in writing a request for enforcement and declines to act, or if a person alleges a violation in writing to that office who declines to act, the Building Inspector shall notify in writing the party requesting action of his refusal to act and the reasons therefor within 14 days of receipt of such request.
- B. Violations. The Building Inspector shall serve a notice of violation and order to any owner or person responsible for the erection, construction, reconstruction, conversion, alteration of a structure or change in use, increase in intensity, or extension or displacement of use of any structure or lot in violation of any approved plan, information or drawing pertinent thereto; or in violation of a permit or certificate issued under the provisions of this bylaw, and such order shall direct the immediate discontinuance of the unlawful action, use or condition and the abatement of the violation. Any owner who has been served with a notice and ceases any work or other activity shall not leave any structure or lot in such a condition as to be a hazard or menace to the public safety, health, morals or general welfare.
- C. Prosecution of violation. If the notice of violation and order is not complied with promptly, the Select Board shall authorize and/or institute the appropriate action or proceeding at law or in equity to prevent any unlawful action, use or condition and to restrain, correct, or abate such violation. Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this bylaw shall for each violation, upon conviction thereof, pay a fine of not more than \$500. Each day that a violation is permitted to exist after notice to remove the same shall constitute a separate offense.

7.21 Definitions

The following definitions shall apply to this section:

ALTERATION OF A LAND FORM means any man-made change in the existing character of the land including filling, grading, paving, dredging, mining, excavation, or drilling operation other than routine excavation, well-drilling, backfilling, grading and paving incidental to the construction of a residence or other structure for which a building permit has been issued.

DEVELOPMENT means any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.

FLOODWAY. The channel of the river, creek or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.

FUNCTIONALLY DEPENDENT USE means a use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

HIGHEST ADJACENT GRADE means the highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.

HISTORIC STRUCTURE means any structure that is:

- A. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
- B. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
- C. Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
- D. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
 - 1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or
 - 2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

NEW CONSTRUCTION. Structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the first floodplain management code, regulation,

ordinance, or standard adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, including any subsequent improvements to such structures. New construction includes work determined to be substantial improvement.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE means a vehicle which is:

- A. Built on a single chassis;
- B. 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
- C. Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
- D. Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

REGULATORY FLOODWAY - see FLOODWAY.

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA. The land area subject to flood hazards and shown on a Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard map as Zone A, AE, AO, AH, V, VO, or VE.

START OF CONSTRUCTION. The date of issuance for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement or other improvement is within 180 days after the date of issuance. The actual start of construction means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of a slab or footings, installation of pilings or construction of columns.

Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, excavation, grading or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main building. For a substantial improvement, the actual "start of construction" means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building.

STRUCTURE means, for floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building, including a gas or liquid storage tank, that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.

SUBSTANTIAL REPAIR OF A FOUNDATION. When work to repair or replace a foundation results in the repair or replacement of a portion of the foundation with a perimeter along the base of the foundation that equals or exceeds 50% of the perimeter of the base of the foundation measured in linear feet, or repair or replacement of 50% of the piles, columns or piers of a pile, column or pier supported foundation, the building official shall determine

it to be substantial repair of a foundation. Applications determined by the building official to constitute substantial repair of a foundation shall require all existing portions of the entire building or structure to meet the requirements of 780 CMR.

VARIANCE means a grant of relief by a community from the terms of a floodplain management regulation.

VIOLATION means the failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's floodplain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in §60.3(b)(5), (c)(4), (c)(10), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(4), or (e)(5) is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

...or take any other action relative thereto."

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Planning Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$2,384.29 to pay the following Fiscal Year 2022 unpaid bills:

R.M Packer Co Heating Fuel		
	\$1,634.01	Select Board
R.M Packer Co Heating Fuel		
	\$750.28	Shellfish 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 March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three.

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

SELECT BOARD
Town of Edgartown

**WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 11,2023**

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 Twenty Three 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 Twenty Three 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 exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new fire station, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

Question 2. Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to North Wharf, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?

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

1. One Select Board Member for Three Years
2. One Assessor for Three Years
3. One Board of Health Member for Three Years
4. Two Financial Advisory Committee Members for Three Years
5. One Financial Advisory Committee Members for Two Years
6. Two Library Trustees for Three Years
7. One Park Commissioner for Three Years
8. One Planning Board Member for Five Years

9. One Edgartown School Committee Member for Three Years
10. One Wastewater Treatment Commissioner for Three Years
11. One Water Commissioner for Three Years

ARTICLE 2. To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees, and to act thereon and to choose all other necessary Town Officers who are elected from the floor of the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 3. 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 5.0% increase, which is a cost of living adjustment becoming effective July 1, 2023.

Submitted by the Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law Section 25.0 Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan as Follows effective July 1, 2023:

Delete the position of Tax Collector Grade I

Add the position of Tax Collector Grade J

Add the position of Facilities Manager to Grade F

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 2024 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 2024 revenues in the following amounts to the following reserves.

\$140,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;

\$140,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;

\$140,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund;

\$700,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve;

\$30,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Administrative Expenses Account.

Submitted by Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to close the following CPC accounts and transfer the remaining funds into the referred accounts for future appropriation.

\$22,610.00 - ATM 4/19 A9 DCRH Rental Assist Org 34106011 to CP Affordable Housing Fund

\$20,725.00 - ATM 6/20 A6 DCRH Rental Assist Org 34106119 To CP Affordable Housing Fund

\$14,285.00 - ATM 5/21 A7 DCRH Rental Assist Org 34106129 to CP Affordable Housing Fund

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 \$118,000.00 to be paid to The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown Families for Fiscal Year 2024 .

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 Affordable Housing Fund the amount of \$42,000.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2023 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$161,000.00 for a total of \$203,000.00 to fund the PALS program through The Resource Inc. (TRI). The PALS program will provide interest-free loans to Edgartown families earning less than 100% median income to fund emergency needed structural home repairs to ensure safe and sanitary housing conditions.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2023 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$296,522.00 and from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the amount of \$160,000.00 for a total of \$456,522.00 to fund restoration to the Edgartown Lighthouse in cooperation with the MV Museum.

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 Fiscal Year 2023 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$89,300.00 to fund The Preservation Trust’s “Phase 2” of restoration to the Vincent House which will address “structural needs, replace failing roof, sidewalls and restore windows”.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2023 Budgeted Reserve for the historic restoration of the roof of the MV Camp Meeting Association Tabernacle in Oak Bluffs.

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 Unbudgeted Reserve the amount of \$500,000.00 to help fund the creation of the new Robinson Road Recreation Area based on the plan developed using CPC funding appropriated at Town Meeting in April of 2022.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,500.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2023 Budgeted Reserve for preservation and restoration work on the rescue boat “Half Moon” that belongs to the Town and resides in the Whale Tail Park under the control of the Conservation Commission.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$40,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2023 Budgeted Reserve for Phase 1 in a project by the Cemetery Department to preserve and restore the iron fencing in the Old West Side Cemetery.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the amount of \$75,000.00 from the Community Preservation Open Space Fund for restoration of the Town beaches by beach nourishment through the Conservation Commission.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$120,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2023 Budgeted Reserve to go toward the increased costs of the North Wharf restoration project.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$5,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2023 Budgeted Reserve and \$2,000.00 from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve for a sum of \$7,000.00 to go toward “Snow Fencing” to protect the dunes at South Beach.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$50,000.00 from the Fiscal Year 2023 Budgeted Reserve to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund for future needs.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

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 2024, the

sum of \$75,000.00 to pay the cost of the Fourth of July Fireworks.

Submitted by the Select Board

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 2024, the sum of \$20,000.00 to provide funds for an integrated pest management program as needed by various departments.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$350,000.00 to the Town's General Purpose Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2024 beginning on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$1,000,000.00 to the Town's Capital Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2024 beginning on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$720,000.00 to demolish the existing Animal Control Office and Kennel in order to construct a new facility that complies with Commonwealth of Massachusetts requirements.

Submitted by the Animal Control Officer

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000.00 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 26. To see if the Town will transfer \$74,000.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund 3001 to a continued appropriation for the expansion of the New Westside Cemetery.

Submitted by the Cemetery Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$50,000.00 to conduct an analysis of potential governance options for the future disposition of the Chappaquiddick Ferry in order to ensure the ferry service remains effective and efficient in its service of the community.

Submitted by the Chappaquiddick Ferry Steering Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$75,000.00 to fund a comprehensive review and update of the Town Zoning Bylaws to include identifying possible changes to assist in adaptation towards anticipated climate change.

Submitted by the Climate Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$35,000.00 for the annual rent and taxes for the property known as the "Hall Memorial Park" located at 50 Main Street.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$140,000.00 for the replacement of the roof on the Council on Aging building.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

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 2024, the sum of \$78,000.00 for permitting costs associated with increasing the number of dredging and/or disposal locations to the existing 10 year Comprehensive Permit.

Submitted by the Dredge Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$160,000.00 for two new skiffs and accompanying motors in order to facilitate dredging operations, and further, to authorize the Dredge Committee and Select Board to dispose of the old equipment in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Dredge Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$149,627.00 to support the Dukes County Health Care Access in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$15,347.00 to support the Dukes County Public Benefits Access in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$19,735.00 to support the Homelessness Prevention Programs on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in

accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024 the sum of \$191,288.00 to support the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Programs through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$33,707.00 to support the CORE program to provide coordinated counseling, outreach, and referral services to our residents who are 55 years and older through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$39,677.00 to support the planning, advocacy and education for Healthy Aging on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$16,098.00 to support the Substance Use Disorder Coalition in addressing needs related to substance use prevention, treatment, recovery support and harm reduction on Martha's Vineyard through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$17,229.00 as the apportioned share of the county budget supplemental income revenue. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2024 according to the current fixed cost formula.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$66,260.00 as the apportioned share of the

necessary improvements of the Dukes County Health Care Access building. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2024 according to the current fixed cost formula.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (UNANIMOUS)

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$56,177.00 to support the maintenance costs of the Martha's Vineyard Public Safety Communication System in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2024 according to the agreed upon dispatch and fixed cost formula.

Submitted by the Dukes County Sheriff

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$75,257.40 for the replacement of two cardiac monitors that are required equipment for Advanced Life Support. The current units are 9 years into their 8-10 year life cycle and because of supply chain issues are no longer supported by the manufacturer and must be replaced.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$100,000.00 to the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2024 beginning on July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will appropriate \$21,500,000.00 or any other amount, to pay costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new fire station, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise provided, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Question 1)

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$980,000.00 for the Phase One development and construction of the Edgartown's School Outdoor Learning Campus and Playground.

Submitted by the Edgartown School Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to approve the \$2,000,000.00 borrowing authorized by the Regional District School Committee of the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of a feasibility study relating to the possible replacement or reconstruction of the District High School, located at 100 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, in Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts, including all costs incidental and related thereto, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee, or to take any other action relative thereto. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Submitted by the Martha's Vineyard High School Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 48. To determine whether the Town will vote to accept and approve the amendment and restatement of the Regional Agreement for the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District which was initiated and approved by a vote of the School Committee for the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District on September 1, 2022, and which has been submitted as an amended and restated "Regional Agreement for Martha's Vineyard Regional School District" to the Town Clerks of each Member Town, consistent with Section XIII of the existing Regional Agreement, titled "REGIONAL AGREEMENT Martha's Vineyard Regional High School"; or take any action relative thereto.

The School Committee for the District has proposed an amendment and restatement of the District's Regional Agreement to supersede the original 1954 regional agreement and all other amendments to the original agreement and which will reflect and comply with changes in applicable law. This amendment and restatement of the Regional Agreement will take effect only if all six member towns accept and approve the amendment and restatement at their respective Town Meetings and only upon approval by the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A copy of the full text of the amendment and restatement of the Regional Agreement is available from the Town Clerk and also will be available at Town Meeting.

Submitted by the Martha's Vineyard High School Committee

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 2024, the sum of \$15,425.00 to fund the Town of Edgartown's share of the administrative expenses for the All Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education.

Submitted by the MV Superintendent's Office and MV Center for Education and Training (MVCET, formerly ACE MV)

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$78,000.00 for the maintenance and replacement of moorings, buoys, spiles, tie-off stakes, floats, walkways, and equipment necessary for marine operations on Town owned docks and property.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$4,500.00 to dispose of abandoned vessels and trailers stored by the Harbormaster at the Fisherman's Depot.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will appropriate \$2,600,000.00 or any other amount, to pay additional costs of reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to North Wharf, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, which amount shall be expended in addition to the \$900,000.00 previously appropriated for this purpose under Article 56 of the Warrant at the 2019 Annual Town Meeting; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise provided, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Question 2)

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Harbormaster

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$245,000.00 to purchase a 40,000lb GVW (Gross Vehicle Weight) dump truck, and further, to authorize the Highway Department Superintendent and Select Board to dispose of the surplus 1994 dump truck in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Highway Department

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$200,000.00 for the building and

repairing of various Town sidewalks, bike paths, parking lots, and storm water drainage systems.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000.00 to clean the catch basins.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

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 2024, the sum of \$8,000.00 to repaint the streetlight lanterns on Main Street.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board 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 Select Board to borrow in anticipation of the reimbursement of funds. (Chapter 303, Acts of 2008), in the amount of \$236,186.00

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will approve from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$40,000.00 to purchase and equip a heavy duty pick-up truck, and further, to authorize the Parks Commissioners, and Select Board to dispose of the old truck in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Park 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 2024, the sum of \$70,000.00 to be used for the rental and maintenance of the portable toilets at South Beach, Robinson Road Recreation Area, and Park and Ride.

Submitted by the Park Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$265,562.00 for the management and operation of Norton Point Beach in Edgartown.

Submitted by the Park Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 62. To see if the Town shall authorize a spending limit of \$500,000.00 to be expended from the Beach Management Revolving Fund for the Fiscal Year 2024 beginning on July 1, 2023 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Park 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 2024, the sum of \$168,269.00 to purchase and equip two new police cruisers, and an unmarked police cruiser, and further, to authorize the Chief of Police and Select Board to dispose of the cruisers in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Police Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, 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 65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$39,000.00 to fund the Town's Fiscal Year 2024 membership fee in the Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 66. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000.00 to clear and open the Mattakesett Herring Creek for Town pond health.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2024, the sum of \$70,000.00 for the Wastewater Department's Equipment and Collection System Maintenance account.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 68. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$216,000.00 to replace the influent and effluent samplers, influent stop plates, and D-box gates at the Wastewater Plant, as well as check and gate valves at the Chase Road and Dock Street pump stations.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 69. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of the \$1,165,000.00 to replace one of the sludge belt presses at the Wastewater Plant with a rotary screw press and to replace the sludge conditioning dry polymer system with a liquid polymer system.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 70. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$465,000.00 to replace the plant water effluent pump system with a new skid-mounted pump system.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 71. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Wastewater Commission to enter into a contract of up

to 20 years duration, commencing on July 1, 2023, with a qualified vendor for Wastewater Plant sludge disposal, subject to the Wastewater Commission's determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town and subject annually to Town Meeting approval for funding for these services, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 72. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2024 from the Water Department's surplus to cover initial permitting, water quality analysis, drilling, engineering and costs incidental and related thereto to finance the initial phases of the development of an additional water supply for the community. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 73. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus to cover the cost of inspecting, cleaning and repairs to 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. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 74. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus to fund the replacement of aged water meters so as to improve conservation efforts and water accountability; and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 75. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus for improvements necessary for the Town's water system in FY 2024 including the installation, replacement, cleaning and relining of water mains and appurtenances; installation and replacement of water service lines and water meters; construction equipment; vehicles; construction and restoration of pump stations, wells, water treatment and quality processes; construction and restoration of the office, standpipe and other structures, buildings, grounds and facilities and operations and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 76. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board, on the terms and conditions as they deem

in the best interest of the Town, to grant a utility easement within the layout of Chappaquiddick Road, a Town way, to benefit the owners of a parcel identified as Assessor Map 30, Parcel 5 which has a physical address of 36 Chappaquiddick Road, Edgartown.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Board of Health

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 77. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following ban on the sale of miniature single use containers for alcoholic beverages as a general by-law to note *"The sale of alcoholic beverages in containers less than or equal to 100 milliliters is prohibited within the Town of Edgartown" effective May 1, 2024* with language inserted in the Town By-laws as Part II, Chapter 66, Ban of Miniature Single Use Bottles ("NIP" bottles), or as any section that may be identified by any future reorganization of said document, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the SELECT Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 78. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement with the owner of the Kelley House to: (i) receive a perpetual easement to continue to cross a portion of the Kelley House property at 55 North Water Street, Tax Assessor Map 20D, Parcels 298.1 and 301 (the "Kelley House Property"), to access the Town's property used by the Council on Aging at 10 Daggett Street, Tax Assessor Map 20D, Parcel 298.2 (the "Council on Aging Property"); (2) to grant a perpetual easement to the Kelley House Property to continue to cross a portion of the Council on Aging Property to access a portion of the Kelley House Property; (3) to grant and receive temporary easements to allow the Council on Aging to continue to use eleven parking spaces located in part on the Kelley House Property, and to allow the Kelley House Property to continue to use seven of those parking spaces when the Council on Aging is not using them, all until the Town no longer owns the Council on Aging Property or the Council on Aging no longer operates there; and (4) to grant a temporary easement to the Kelley House Property to maintain and prune an existing hedge on the Council on Aging Property, and to change the hedge if it obtains prior permission from the Select Board, until the Town no longer owns the Council on Aging Property or the Council on Aging no longer operates there. The agreement will be on such terms as the Board determines are in the best interests of the Town and the Council on Aging and consistent with all governing laws.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by Select Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 79. OUTDOOR LIGHTING PURPOSE. In order to preserve and maintain the traditional character of Edgartown, including the unique quality of the nighttime sky, this bylaw is intended to:

- A. Reduce the problems created by improperly designed and installed outdoor lighting;
- B. Eliminate problems of glare and sky glow;
- C. Diminish light spillage from indoor sources;
- D. Minimize light trespass;
- E. Decrease light pollution;
- F. Promote energy conservation;
- G. Conserve our natural resources and protect flora and fauna;
- H. Prevent unreasonable interference with astronomical observation; and
- I. Create standards for outdoor lighting so that its use does not unreasonably interfere with the use and nighttime enjoyment of property within Edgartown.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING : DEFINITIONS

Unless the context clearly indicates otherwise, certain words and phrases used in this section shall mean the following:

“Lamp” means the component of an outdoor fixture that produces light.

“Up-light” means direct light emitted by an outdoor light fixture above horizontal plane through the fixture’s lowest emitting part.

“Shielded” when referring to an outdoor light fixture means that the fixture allows no up-light.

“Outdoor lighting” means the nighttime illumination of an outside area or object by any manmade device that produces light, including lights located indoors which are directed for outdoor illumination.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING: REGULATIONS

Scope: All outdoor lighting installed in Edgartown shall be in conformance with the requirements established by this bylaw

Outdoor lighting: In all zoning districts, any private outdoor lighting fixture, whether temporary or permanent, shall be so directed, placed and shielded so that the light shall not be offensive to other residents. All outdoor lighting must be shielded and pointed downward. All outdoor lighting shall be placed or mounted so that no lamp is higher than the eave line of the structure.

Multiple lamps on the fixtures are allowed; however, lights shall not be combined or grouped in such a way that circumvents the purpose and intent of this bylaw.

Electrical insect control devices (bug zappers) are prohibited

OUTDOOR LIGHTING: EXCEPTIONS

Public lighting, including lights used for temporary emergency lighting needed by the Police or Fire Departments or other emergency services shall be exempt from the requirements of this bylaw.

Vehicular and vessel lights may be allowed for temporary recreational events.

Alternative light fixtures may be allowed for temporary recreational events.

Holiday lights. Holiday lights may only be permitted to be illuminated during the traditional holiday periods.

Traditional and antique lights, or reproductions thereof, shall be allowed provided that they do not circumvent the spirit of this bylaw.

Temporary lighting shall be permitted for no longer than a six (6) day period in a calendar year.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING: ENFORCEMENT

The Edgartown Building Inspector is authorized to enforce the provisions of this Bylaw.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

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 13th day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Three.

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

SELECT BOARD
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.

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

ACTUAL PRIOR YEAR TAX LEVY AND RATE	FY2023
TOTAL TAXABLE VALUE	\$12,674,808,303
TOTAL TAX LEVY	\$31,940,517
TAX RATE	\$2.52

TAX RATE INCREASE PER \$1,000,000.00 OF TAX LEVY = \$0.08

BALLOT QUESTIONS FOR 2023 ANNUAL ELECTION

The following represents a summary of the Ballot Question and the tax rate impact for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 based on FY2023 assessments and projected expenditure.

QUESTION NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	COST	TYPE OF OVERRIDE	TAX RATE INCREASE PER APPROPRIATION	ARTICLE #
1	Fire Station (\$21.5M)	\$1,725,216 *	Debt Exclusion	\$0.14	45
2	North Wharf (\$2.6M)	\$337,198 **	Debt Exclusion	\$0.03	52

* First year P+I on 20 year debt @ 5% interest rate

** First year P+I on 15 year debt @ 5% interest rate

Article 45: Fire Station \$21,500,000			
Assessed Value	Current Estimated Tax Bill	Proposed Estimated Tax Bill	Year 1 Estimated Tax Bill Impact (20 year term)
\$500,000	\$1,260	\$1,330	\$70
\$600,000	\$1,512	\$1,596	\$84
\$700,000	\$1,764	\$1,862	\$98
\$800,000	\$2,016	\$2,128	\$112
\$900,000	\$2,268	\$2,394	\$126
\$1,000,000	\$2,520	\$2,660	\$140
\$1,200,000	\$3,024	\$3,192	\$168
\$1,400,000	\$3,528	\$3,724	\$196
\$1,600,000	\$4,032	\$4,256	\$224
\$1,800,000	\$4,536	\$4,788	\$252
\$2,000,000	\$5,040	\$5,320	\$280
\$2,500,000	\$6,300	\$6,650	\$350
\$3,000,000	\$7,560	\$7,980	\$420
\$3,500,000	\$8,820	\$9,310	\$490
\$4,000,000	\$10,080	\$10,640	\$560
\$4,500,000	\$11,340	\$11,970	\$630
\$5,000,000	\$12,600	\$13,300	\$700
\$6,000,000	\$15,120	\$15,960	\$840

Article 52: North Wharf \$3,500,000			
Assessed Value	Current Estimated Tax Bill	Proposed Estimated Tax Bill	Year 1 Estimated Tax Bill Impact (15 year term)
\$500,000	\$1,260	\$1,275	\$15
\$600,000	\$1,512	\$1,530	\$18
\$700,000	\$1,764	\$1,785	\$21
\$800,000	\$2,016	\$2,040	\$24
\$900,000	\$2,268	\$2,295	\$27
\$1,000,000	\$2,520	\$2,550	\$30
\$1,200,000	\$3,024	\$3,060	\$36
\$1,400,000	\$3,528	\$3,570	\$42
\$1,600,000	\$4,032	\$4,080	\$48
\$1,800,000	\$4,536	\$4,590	\$54
\$2,000,000	\$5,040	\$5,100	\$60
\$2,500,000	\$6,300	\$6,375	\$75
\$3,000,000	\$7,560	\$7,650	\$90
\$3,500,000	\$8,820	\$8,925	\$105
\$4,000,000	\$10,080	\$10,200	\$120
\$4,500,000	\$11,340	\$11,475	\$135
\$5,000,000	\$12,600	\$12,750	\$150
\$6,000,000	\$15,120	\$15,300	\$180



**EARLY / ABSENTEE
OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
EDGARTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS
THURSDAY, APRIL 13, 2023**

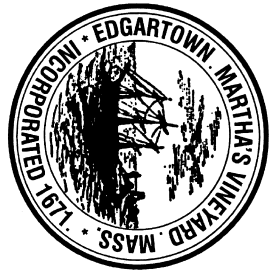
Maren R. Medina
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- 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 and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

<p align="center">SELECTBOARD</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>MARGARET E. SERPA <input type="radio"/> 54 Norton Orchard Road Candidate for Re-Election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE</p> <p>Two Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>KELLY M. McCRACKEN <input type="radio"/> 99 Pocha Road</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">SCHOOL COMMITTEE</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>KIMBERLY KIRK <input type="radio"/> 72 Anthiers Way Candidate for Re-Election</p> <p>KELLY D. SCOTT <input type="radio"/> 12 Nonamesett Road</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">BOARD OF ASSESSORS</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>ALAN GOWELL <input type="radio"/> 52 Third Street North Candidate for Re-Election</p> <p>JAMES E. JOYCE <input type="radio"/> 9 Greene Avenue</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">LIBRARY TRUSTEES</p> <p>Three Years Vote for TWO</p> <p>DAVID A. FABER <input type="radio"/> 11 North Bog Road Candidate for Re-Election</p> <p>DENISE SEARLE <input type="radio"/> 3 North Bog Road Candidate for Re-Election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">WASTEWATER TREATMENT COMMISSIONER</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>SCOTT ELLIS <input type="radio"/> 26 Hye Road Candidate for Re-Election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">BOARD OF HEALTH</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>GRETCHEN E. REGAN <input type="radio"/> 24 Louis Field Road</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">PARK COMMISSIONER</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>JANE M. VARKONDA <input type="radio"/> 21 Meeting House Hill Candidate for Re-Election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">WATER COMMISSIONER</p> <p>Three Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>DAVID BURKE <input type="radio"/> 17 Mill Hill Road Candidate for Re-Election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>
<p align="center">FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE</p> <p>Three Years Vote for TWO</p> <p>LESLIE J. BAYNES <input type="radio"/> 433 Edgartown Road Candidate for Re-Election</p> <p>DONNA LOWELL-BETTENCOURT <input type="radio"/> 46 Mill Hill Road Extension Candidate for Re-Election</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	<p align="center">PLANNING BOARD</p> <p>Five Years Vote for ONE</p> <p>(Write-in) <input type="radio"/></p>	

BALLOT QUESTIONS
<p>QUESTION #1</p> <p>Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of designing, constructing, equipping and furnishing a new fire station, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">NO <input type="radio"/></p>
<p>QUESTION #2</p> <p>Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to pay costs of reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to North Wharf, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto?</p> <p align="right">YES <input type="radio"/></p> <p align="right">NO <input type="radio"/></p>



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