

**REPORT FOR  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
APRIL 19, 2024**

The Moderator began the Special Town Meeting at 7:13 P.M. when the quorum of 214 (a total of 310 voters were in attendance) was in attendance. Clara Rabeni led the attendees in the pledge of allegiance. Moderator Ewing read the preamble to the Warrant and the Constable's return of service.

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$13,000.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2024 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**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 2.** 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 2024 Legal Account.

Submitted by the Select Board

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$33,013.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2024 Select Board Department Salaries.

Submitted by the Select Board

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$130,000.00 to reline or replace the main cast iron sewer line and laterals running under the Town Hall.

Submitted by the Select Board

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$1,106,970.00 to address and repair damage resulting from winter weather activity, which was declared a local emergency on January 17, 2024. An Initial Damage Assessment (IDA) reimbursement request has been submitted to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) through the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA). The free cash funds would be allocated to the following Departments for Summer 2024 as the Town awaits decision from MEMA and FEMA.

Department	Cost	Project
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Highway Department	\$490,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Repair of Herring Creek Bridge Culvert</li> <li>• Repair of Atlantic Drive</li> </ul>
Highway Department	\$21,685.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Debris Removal and Demolition</li> </ul>
Dredge Department	\$292,827.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Operating Expenses to Dredge and Haul at Katama Bay</li> <li>• Operating Expenses to Dredge and Haul at Great Pond</li> </ul>
Conservation Commission	\$272,458.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Beach Grass Installation</li> <li>• Snow Fencing</li> <li>• Pedestrian Walkways Replacement / Repair</li> <li>• Additional Sand Hauling</li> <li>• Final Grading of Sand</li> <li>• Design and Permitting for Second Phase Restorations</li> </ul>
Park Commission	\$30,000.00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Temporary Storage Container and</li> <li>• Temporary Officer Trailer</li> </ul>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,106,970.00</b>	

Submitted by the Select Board

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$10,452.00 to be added to the Town’s Fiscal Year 2024 Building Inspector Salaries.

Submitted by the Building Inspector

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund the sum of \$200,000.00 for further funding due to increase in costs toward the restoration project of the Edgartown Lighthouse. The project was originally approved at Annual Town Meeting April 11, 2023.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$7,000.00 to be added to the Town’s Fiscal Year 2024 Council on Aging Expense.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by an UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Park Department Commissioners and the Select Board to effectuate the terms and conditions of a First Amendment to Memorandum of Understanding with the MVB&GC, dated March \_\_, 2024, which MOU was approved by Article 1, STM April 14, 2020 (the “MOU”), by: a.) changing the location of a non-exclusive right and easement to the MVB&GC over Town land shown on Assessor’s Map 20C, Lot 163; b.) changing

the location of an approximately 2 acre parcel of land to be transferred to the Town from the MVB&GC; c.) accepting the right and option of an additional portion of the Norton Parcel containing approximately 14.34 acres, of which the location has changed; and d.) exchanging utility easements and utility tie-in rights with the MVB&GC, as further set out in the MOU, as amended.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Parks Commission

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

**Moved and seconded; thereafter the date was amended to March 29, 2024. The Article was also amended by adding the following language after "as amended": "; and e.) authorizing the Select Board to seek special legislation to effectuate the purposes of this article, if necessary." There was discussion of moving the croquet court. The article was then voted in favor by a vote of 173 YES and 31 NO**

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will vote to accept a non-exclusive perpetual easement over a portion of land located at 83 North Water Street, abutting North Wharf, to enable the Town to maintain and repair a portion of North Wharf, on the terms and conditions that the Select Board determines are in the best interests of the Town. The easement will be for no monetary consideration and no appropriation of funds is required.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the North Wharf Committee

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

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$750.00 to pay the following Fiscal Year 2022 unpaid bills:

Electronic Security Systems LLC	\$750.00	Select Board
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9/10 VOTE REQUIRED

**RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Moved and seconded; thereafter voted in favor by a vote of 238 YES to 0 NO.**

The Moderator declared the Special Town Meeting adjourned at 7:43 P.M.

Attest:

Karen R. Medeiros  
Town Clerk

