

The moderator called the meeting to order at 6:18pm there being a quorum present. There were 166 voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There was one floor amendment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

**WEST TISBURY
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**WARRANT FOR
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

County of Dukes County, SS
To Either of the Constables of the Town of West Tisbury,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of West Tisbury qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs to meet in the **West Tisbury Elementary School**, Old County Road, in said Town on **Tuesday the Sixteenth day of September, two thousand and twenty-five**, at **six o'clock** in the evening; then and there to act on the articles of this Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer the sum of Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars and Twenty-Four Cents (\$8,984.24) from the Health Insurance appropriation to the Unemployment Compensation Stabilization Fund, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, or take any other action relative thereto. **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY (RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to Transfer the sum of One Hundred Eight Thousand Dollars (\$108,000) from the Treasurer’s Personal Services line (145-5120) to the Treasurer’s Professional Services line (145-5300) for the purpose of funding contracted services, or to take any other action relative thereto. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**
PASSED

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to redirect the sum of Sixty-Six Thousand One Hundred and Fifty Dollars (\$66,150.00) from Article 19 of the April 2022 Town Meeting, which remains unspent, which was to pay for the Howes House renovation that is not proceeding at this time. These funds will be used to pay Wilkinson Ecological for the design, permitting, construction and restoration costs related to the removal of twenty (20) large invasive grey willow trees from the town-owned Mill Pond. **(RECOMMENDED 4-0-1)**
PASSED AS AMENDED Reduce to 15 trees and \$40,425.00

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend the “Map and Lot Sign Numbers” General Bylaw as follow. Items struck out will be removed, items in bold will be added:

~~MAP & LOT SIGN NUMBERS AND STREET ADDRESS:~~

Building Address Signage Requirements:

Every building in the Town of West Tisbury, including, but not limited to, dwellings, apartments, condominiums and business establishments shall have affixed thereto a number representing the address of such building meeting the following criteria. ~~Said number shall be of a nature and size and shall be situated on the building so that, to the extent practicable, it is visible from the nearest street or road providing vehicular access to such building. Where access is by means of a private road or extended driveway and the address cannot be viewed from the public way, a monument, pole or other sign or means shall be used to identify the structure in addition to the address posted on the building.~~

- **Clearly Visible and Legible:** Address numbers on structures must be readily visible from the street or public way fronting the property. This means using numerals that are clear, unobstructed, and contrast with the background for easy readability, especially in emergencies or low-light conditions.
- **Minimum Size:** Address numbers to be at least 3 inches in height and of a color that contrasts clearly with their background, preferably reflective.
- **Placement:** Numbers must be placed so they are visible from the street. On properties with long driveways or buildings set back from the road, additional signage near the road, such as on a post, tree or mailbox - may be required. The intent is that first responders do not lose critical time searching for an address.
- **Maintenance:** Property owners are responsible for always keeping signage visible and legible, clearing away vegetation or other obstructions.

In addition to the address number, the map and lot numbers may also be displayed, however they are not required.

Subject to enforcement by Zoning Inspector, Fire Chief or Police.

Fines:

1st Offense -- Warning

2nd Offense -- \$50

3rd & Subsequent -- \$100

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

PASSED

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in not less than six (6) public places in West Tisbury fourteen days at least before the holding of such meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of Meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 13th Day of August in the Year Two Thousand Twenty Five.

Cynthia E. Mitchell
Chair

Jeffrey S. "Skipper" Manter

Jessica D. Miller

WEST TISBURY SELECTMEN

DATE:

I have posted attested copies of the above Warrant in not less than six (6) public places in West Tisbury fourteen (14) days before such meeting.

Timothy A. Barnett
Constable

A true copy, attest: _____
Tara J. Whiting-Wells
Town Clerk