

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 5pm who declared a presence of 217 qualified voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There were four amendments from the floor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.

WEST TISBURY  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT FOR  
ANNUAL 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 **Tabernacle, Trinity Park, in the Town of Oak Bluffs Tuesday the Eighteenth day of May, Two Thousand Twenty-One, at Five O'Clock** in the evening; then and there to act on the articles of this Warrant with the exception of Article 1, which was voted on April 15, 2021.

And to meet again in the West Tisbury Public Safety Building (North Tisbury Fire Station) in said West Tisbury on **Thursday, the Twentieth Day of May, at Eleven O'Clock in the Morning** at the Polling Place, then and there to act on Question 1 of the Warrant by the election of Officers on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will be opened at **Eleven O'Clock in the Morning** and shall be closed at **Seven O'Clock in the Evening**.

**QUESTION 1:** Shall the Town of West Tisbury be allowed to assess an additional Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding operating expenses and capital expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July First 2021.

**ARTICLE 1:** To elect the following Officers on the Official Ballot:

- Moderator (One year term)
- Town Clerk (One year term)
- Tree Warden (One year term)
- Selectman (Three year term)
- Library Trustee (vote for 2) (Three year term)
- Assessors (Three year term)
- Board of Health (Three year term)
- Constable (One year term)
- Finance Committee (vote for 1) (Three year term)
- Finance Committee (vote for 1) (Two year term)
- Parks and Recreation (vote for 2) (Three years term)

**Commented [IL1]:** Seems best to remove this Article 1, as it serves no purposes here. There will be a separate warrant with this item. If you believe it is best to leave it in, then add to the first paragraph above, act on the articles of this Warrant "with the exception of Article 1"

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town Charges and Expenses for Fiscal Year 2022.  
(See the Budget published in the Town Report.) (RECOMMENDED 4-1)  
**PASSED AS AMENDED** Line item 1225-110 reduction in the selectmen's budget by \$5,000.00 and line item 141-5305 reduction in the assessor's budget by \$15,000.00. Total budget reduced by \$20,000.00 to \$20,310,352.00

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel Bylaw at Section 27.4 (Seasonal Pay Schedule) to reflect the increase in the Massachusetts minimum wage to \$13.50, that went into effect on January 1, 2021, to be effective immediately. The new seasonal wage scale is shown below.

**Seasonal Wage Scale  
Section 27.4**

Grade		Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
1	Hourly	13.50	14.18	14.89	15.63
2	Hourly	13.92	14.62	15.35	16.12
3	Hourly	15.65	16.43	17.25	18.11
4	Hourly	17.57	18.45	19.37	20.34
5	Hourly	19.94	20.94	21.99	23.09
6	Hourly	23.98	25.18	26.44	27.76
7	Hourly	25.35	26.62	27.95	29.35

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-law at Section 27.3 (Year Round Pay Schedule and Section 27.4 (Seasonal Pay Schedule) to reflect a wage adjustment of 1.8% effective July 1, 2021.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Personnel Bylaw at Section 27.1 to move the Highway Foreman position from Grade 5 to Grade 6 on the Year Round Classification Plan; and further, to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifteen Dollars (\$3,915) to add to the Highway Personal Services FY 2022 budget line (422-5120) due to this change in classification.

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**PASSED UNANIMOUSLY**

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of Town owned land located at 401 State Road, West Tisbury (Map 11, Lot 18) to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Committee for development and use as affordable housing and further, to authorize the Affordable Housing Committee to sell, ground lease, or otherwise dispose of the parcel for affordable housing purposes.

**(2/3 VOTE REQUIRED, RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**PASSED YES 153 NO 57**

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$ 30,000) to be put toward the purchase and equipping of All Wheel Drive Police Cruisers. *Note: This sum will be added to the remaining balance appropriated in Article 8 of the 2020 annual town meeting and will allow for the purchase of a vehicle in FY2022.*

**(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

**PASSED**

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town of West Tisbury will Raise and Appropriate the sum of Thirty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$35,392) of the Town's proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2022 maintenance cost of the State-funded development and upgrades of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center and Radio System, such share based on the apportionment formula equal to an average of 16.67% fixed share of Island-wide maintenance costs of \$250,282 plus 11.62% variable share of such costs based on dispatch volume, for an average share of 14.14% for the annual payment of such costs under the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such maintenance costs in Fiscal Year 2022 according to their agreed upon proportionate shares.

**(RECOMMENDED 3-0-2)**