

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 4:20pm who declared a presence of 151 qualified voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. There were three amendments from the floor. The meeting was adjourned at 5:41 pm.

**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 Twenty-Third day of June, Two Thousand Twenty**, at **Four O’Clock** in the evening; then and there to act on the articles of this Warrant.

And to meet again in the West Tisbury Public Safety Building (North Tisbury Fire Station) in said West Tisbury on **Thursday, the Twenty Fifth Day of June, at Eleven O’Clock in the Morning** at the Polling Place, then and there to act on Article 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**.

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

- One Moderator for One Year
- One Member of the Board of Selectmen for Three Years
- One Member of the Board of Health for Three Years
- One Member of the Board of Assessors for Three Years
- One Town Clerk for One Year
- One Tree Warden for One Year
- Two Members of the Finance Committee for Three Years
- Two Library Trustees for Three Years
- Two Members of the Planning Board for Five Years
- Two Members of Parks and Recreation for Three Years
- One Constable for Three Years
- One Member of the Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank Commission for Three Years

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 2021. *(See the Budget published in the Town Report)* **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

PASSED AS AMENDED

**Line-item 141-5305 Assessors’ Legal Services was amended to \$15,000 and line-item 179-5305 Affordable Housing Committee Legal Services was amended to \$1,750
Total Article was voted for new amended total of \$19,761,149.34.**

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 \$12.75 that went into effect on January 1, 2020; the new seasonal wage scale is shown below.

*Seasonal Wage Scale
Section 27.4*

| <i>Grade</i> | | <i>Step 1</i> | <i>Step 2</i> | <i>Step 3</i> | <i>Step 4</i> |
|--------------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| 1 | Hourly | 12.75 | 13.39 | 14.06 | 14.76 |
| 2 | Hourly | 13.55 | 14.23 | 14.94 | 15.69 |
| 3 | Hourly | 15.24 | 16.00 | 16.80 | 17.64 |
| 4 | Hourly | 17.11 | 17.97 | 18.87 | 19.81 |
| 5 | Hourly | 19.42 | 20.39 | 21.41 | 22.48 |
| 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 Bylaw at Section 27.1 to make the following changes to the Year Round Town Classification Plan. The amended text appears in **Bold**:

27. 0 Classification and Compensation Plans (To be effective July 1, 2020)

27.1 Year Round Classification Plan

| | |
|---------|---|
| GRADE 1 | Circulation Assistant Substitute Circulation Assistant Custodian Kitchen Manager |
| GRADE 2 | Administrative Clerk (Board of Health and Council on Aging) Building Maintenance Worker |
| GRADE 3 | Administrative Assistant (Board of Selectmen, Community Preservation Commission and Affordable Housing Committee) Assistant Animal Control Officer Programming Coordinator/Administrative Assistant (4/12/16) Highway Department Laborer Shellfish Agent |
| GRADE 4 | Associate Assessor/Data Collector Assistant Librarian/Children’s Librarian/Youth Librarian Assistant Council on Aging Director Executive Assistant Outreach Coordinator Animal Control Officer Reference and Technology Librarian Cemetery Superintendent (New position effective July 1, 2020) |
| GRADE 5 | Head of Circulation/Assistant Library Director Highway Department Foreman Assistant Treasurer/Collector |
| GRADE 6 | Board Administrator Local Building Inspector Patrol Officer Assistant Board of Health Agent (New position effective July 1, 2020) |
| GRADE 7 | Council on Aging Director Health Agent Library Director |
| GRADE 8 | Inspector of Buildings/Zoning Enforcement Officer Police Sergeant Town Accountant Principal Assessor |

GRADE 9 Police Lieutenant
 Treasurer/Collector

GRADE 10 Town Administrator

GRADE 11 None

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Seven Hundred Sixty One Dollars (\$2,761) for the purchase of one double headed Electric Vehicle Charger to be located in the Library/Howes House Parking Lot for use by the community. The cost of electricity will be covered through a charge for a “fill-up”.

The total cost of the Charger is \$10,261.00. \$7,500 will be paid for through the State’s Competitive Green Communities program. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred and Forty Dollars (\$14,240) to fund the Town of West Tisbury’s share of the expenses of the All Island School Committee’s contract for adult and community education in Fiscal Year 2021. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will endorse a program to be provided by the Martha’s Vineyard Regional Transit Authority for the restoration of year round service starting in FY 2021. The maximum annual assessment to the Town will be Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six Dollars and Ninety Five Cents (\$92,496.95) which will be funded by assessment through the so-called “Cherry Sheet”. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

PASSED

ARTICLE 8: 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 \$30,000 appropriated in Article 11 of the 2019 annual town meeting and will allow for the purchase of a vehicle in FY2021. The remaining balance, together with \$30,000 to be requested at the 2021 annual town meeting, will go to the purchase of a second vehicle in FY2022. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

PASSED

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town of West Tisbury will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Forty Four Thousand Two Hundred Thirty Four Dollars and Seventy Five Cents (\$44,234.75) of the Town’s proportionate share of the Fiscal Year 2021 maintenance cost of the State-funded development and upgrades of the Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center and Radio System (“RECC”), such share based on the apportionment formula equal to an average of 16.67% fixed share of Island-wide maintenance costs of \$300,000.00 plus 12.82% variable share of such costs based on dispatch volume, for the total share of 14.74%, pursuant to the Cooperative Agreement with Dukes County Sheriff’s Office for annual payment of such costs. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such maintenance costs in FY21 according to their agreed upon proportionate shares.

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to Redirect Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000) in unspent funds from Article 22 of the 2016 Town meeting and further to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$70,000) for a total of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000) for safety and other improvements at the Local Drop Off (A.K.A the West Tisbury dump). **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate from Free Cash the sum of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000) to reduce the tax levy in Fiscal Year 2021.
(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the expenditure in Fiscal Year 2021 from revolving funds previously established by vote of the Town under M.G.L. c.44, §53E1/2 not to exceed the following spending limits respectively:

| FUND | REVENUE SOURCE | AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUNDS | USE OF FUNDS | SPENDING LIMITS |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------------|--|-----------------|
| Wetlands Protection Bylaw Fund | Conservation Commission By-law Filing Fees | Conservation Commission | To pay for expenses of the Commission related to the administration of the Bylaw | \$2,000 |
| Refuse District Local Drop-off Fund | Fees collected at local drop-off by MVRDRRD | Board of Health | Expenses related to operation of the Local Drop-off | \$125,000 |

(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate One Thousand Five Hundred Twenty Six Dollars (\$1,526) from the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation from the Transportation Network Companies in accordance with Chapter 187 of the Acts of 2016, to address the impact of transportation network services on municipal roads, bridges and other transportation infrastructure or any other public purpose substantially related to the operation of transportation network services in the Town of West Tisbury including, but not limited to, the Complete Streets Program established in G. L. c. 90I § 2 and other programs that support alternative modes of transportation.
(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to act upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from the Community Preservation Fund established pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Mass. General Laws, FY 2021 revenues, in the following amounts to the following:

- a. Open Space reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- b. Historical Resources reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- c. Community Housing reserve \$50,000 (10% of estimated FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues)
- d. Undesignated reserve \$325,000 (65% of estimated FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund revenues)

And to Appropriate for the Administrative Expenditures the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund Revenues.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars (\$60,000.00), as West Tisbury’s share of the total project budget of \$483,000.00, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to support the rental assistance program for West Tisbury residents.
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY
(RECOMMENDED 5-0)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve Fund and Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund for a total of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$100,000.00), granted to the Island Housing Trust, Inc., for acquisition and development of seven new apartments in the Perlman House, permanently deed restricted for households earning 80% and 100% or less of the area median income in Dukes County, as West Tisbury's share of the total regional project budget of \$2,361,549.00. **(RECOMMENDED 4-1-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars (\$80,000.00) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund, granted to Harbor Homes of Martha's Vineyard, Inc., as West Tisbury's share of the total regional project budget of \$815,000.00, to fund the acquisition of future housing for homeless residents earning less than 30% of the County median income. The funds shall not be released until the closing on the selected property, and all financing is in place. An appropriate homeless housing permanent deed restriction shall also be filed with the deed to the property. If the property is sold or its use changes, 100% of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of West Tisbury CPA fund reserves. If the Town has repealed the CPA, the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town's Affordable Housing Trust Fund. **(RECOMMENDED 4-1-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Fifty Six Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Five Dollars (\$56,925.00) as the third installment in a maximum of ten installments, from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to pay down principal and interest on the borrowing for Scott's Grove Affordable Housing development approved in Article #21 at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 11, 2017. **(RECOMMENDED 4-1-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of Nineteen Thousand Dollars (\$19,000.00) from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Reserve Fund to fund the playground equipment for the Martha's Vineyard Public Charter School playground, located at 424 State Road, West Tisbury. If the property is sold or its use changes prior to 2030, 100% of the funds shall be reimbursed to the Town of West Tisbury CPA fund reserves. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to Appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Five Thousand Dollars (\$145,000.00) from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve Fund to be transferred to the West Tisbury Affordable Housing Trust for future use toward affordable housing opportunities including, search, predevelopment and legal fees associated with various other affordable housing projects that meet CPA guidelines. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Two Dollars (\$4,272) to support the Substance Use Disorder and 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, provided all six towns vote to approve their share. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Eighty Four Thousand Five Hundred and Two Dollars (\$84,502) 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, provided all six towns vote to approve their share. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Two Dollars (\$11,392) 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, provided all six towns vote to approve their share. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Four Hundred Fifty Seven Dollars (\$4,457) to support the First Stop Information and Referral Service through Dukes County in accordance with the Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, provided all six towns vote to approve their share. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty Seven Dollars (\$15,927) 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, provided all six towns vote to approve their share. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eight Dollars (\$7,308) to cover the County of Dukes County FY2021 budget shortfall, provided all six towns vote to approve their share. **(RECOMMENDED 4-1-0)**
PASSED AS AMENDED down to Three Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Four Dollars (\$3, 654)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Twenty Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Seventy Five Dollars and Forty Four Cents (\$27,775.44) to pay the Town's assessed share of the County of Dukes County debt authorized by Chapter 287 of the Acts of 2014 for a building to provide health and human services for county residents. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0)**
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to redirect the sum of Fourteen Thousand Nine Dollars (\$14,009) in unspent funds from Article 17 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the replacement of the dust collection system in Building Trades, including without limitation design, engineering, installation, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. **(RECOMMENDED 3-2-0)**
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to redirect the sum of Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Forty Three Dollars (\$55,543) in unspent funds from Article 17 of the 2019 Annual Town Meeting to pay the Town's share of the Up-Island Regional School District's roofing design project at the West Tisbury School providing for an Owner's Project Manager, designer fees, and any costs incidental and relative thereto. Provided, however, the other two member Towns of the District approve in their share of the total project costs of Sixty-nine thousand three hundred sixteen dollars (\$69,316). **(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 27th Day of May in the Year Two Thousand Twenty.

Cynthia E. Mitchell
Chair

Kent A. Healy

Jeffrey S. “Skipper” Manter

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