

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 7:08 pm who declared a presence of a quorum (reduced to 30/COVID). There were 44 voters present. All articles were duly moved, seconded and voted upon. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 pm.

**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 November, two thousand and twenty-one**, at **seven o'clock** in the evening; then and there to act on the articles of this Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: To see whether or not the Town will vote, in accordance with G.L. Chapter 41, §110A, to authorize the Town Clerk's office to remain closed on all Saturdays and to treat Saturdays as a legal holiday for purposes of calculating the time frame for filing matters in that office or take any action relative thereto. **(NO ACTION 4-1-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to amend the TriTown Ambulance Agreement to change the assessment formula to calculate the payments made by each town (Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury) to allocate expenses such that each town pays 1/3 of 75% of the budget, and the remaining 25% of the budget will be allocated to each town based on call volume. Revenue generated from insurance reimbursements shall be applied to the budget with the same formula, each town ~~pays~~ receives 1/3 of 75% of the revenue split evenly, the remaining 25% of the revenue will be allocated to each town based on call volume. **(NOT RECOMMENDED 4-1-0)**

PASSED

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 (Five Thousand Dollars) for the purpose of contributing a Town share of local matching funds for a MA Coastal Zone Management coastal resiliency grant to the Martha's Vineyard Commission for an Island-wide Storm Tide Pathways study and mapping project.

(NOT RECOMMENDED 5-0-0)

MOTION TO POSTPONE INDEFINITELY

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board for the Town to enter into a certain intermunicipal agreement ("IMA") with the Up-Island Regional School District (the "District"), the Town of Aquinnah, and the Town of Chilmark related to the financing of the remaining costs of the project to upgrade/replace the HVAC system at the Chilmark Elementary School located at 8 State Road in Chilmark, Massachusetts, including costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project") and to provide for the apportionment of costs, all on such terms and conditions as the Select Board determines are in the best interests of the Town; and to approve the District's proposed financing of the Project in accordance with the terms set forth in such IMA; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article Information: *The purpose of this article is to authorize the Select Board to enter into an agreement with the Up-Island Regional School District and the other member towns of the District to authorize and approve the financing of the remaining funds necessary to complete the Project via a borrowing of such funds by the Town of Chilmark on behalf of the District. As stated in the proposed IMA, the Town of Chilmark, rather than the District, is acting as the borrowing entity in order to secure more favorable borrowing terms than the District would be able to secure if the District were the actual borrower. The maximum principal amount being borrowed is \$950,000, with the actual terms of the borrowing to be finalized at the time the borrowing is actually entered into. The amounts payable by the member towns, including the Town of West Tisbury, are to be paid over a period not to exceed ten years. The proportionate share of the Project costs for each member town is to be determined in accordance with the Regional Agreement for the District with the Town of Chilmark responsible for eighty percent of the costs and the Towns of West Tisbury and Aquinnah responsible for the remaining twenty percent of the costs to be apportioned based on the respective number of students from each member town actually attending the Chilmark Elementary School.* **(RECOMMENDED 5-0-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Seven Thousand Three Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$257,370) to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the additional costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to replacing a portion of the Roof in or on the West Tisbury School building, including 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.

Article Information: *The total cost of the entire UIRSD West Tisbury Roof project is estimated at \$643,713. The total additional amount needed for the UIRSD West Tisbury School Roof project is estimated at \$321,713.* **(RECOMMENDED 5-0-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59 §5N, including: 1) allowing an approved representative, for persons physically unable, to provide tax work off services to the Town and 2) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year. Accepting this provision allows the Select Board to establish a program to allow veterans to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in their real property tax obligations. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. c. 59 §5K, including: 1) allowing an approved representative, for persons physically unable, to provide tax work off services to the Town and 2) allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year. Accepting this provision allows the Select Board to establish a program to allow persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for a reduction in their real property tax obligations. **(RECOMMENDED 5-0-0)**

PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

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 20th Day of October in the Year Two Thousand Twenty-One.

Jeffrey S. “Skipper” Manter
Chair

Kent A. Healy

Cynthia E. Mitchell

WEST TISBURY SELECT BOARD

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