

**County of Dukes County, ss**

To any of the Constables in the Town of Oak Bluffs, **Greetings:**

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs and Elections, to assemble at the **Martha's Vineyard High School Performing Arts Center, Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at 7:00 PM**, then and there to hear the reports and act upon the following articles.

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) to be distributed by the Town Accountant to offset any fiscal year 2022 related shortfall in any general fund expenditure accounts, or take any other action related thereto.

**By: Select Board**

**Executive Summary:** This Article provides funds to eliminate potential year-end deficits in any general fund expenditure account that may not be able to be covered by end of year transfers. Examples of unforeseen issues could include benefit payouts to retiring/departing staff, overages in Workers Comp, overages in Legal Fees, unanticipated OT expenses due to staff shortages, etc.

**Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8-yes, 0 -no.**

**Article 2.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$30,000 (Thirty thousand dollars) to provide for dredging of Farm Pond or the Little Bridge if needed, or take any other action related thereto.

**By: Select Board**

**Executive Summary:** This article seeks approval to set aside funds to cover anticipated dredging requirements by the Highway Department. By funding this as a special article moving forward, approximately \$40,000 dollars of resources within the General Fund can be repurposed for other Highway department needs without compromising their ability to perform this dredging if needed. An analysis of the past ten plus years of dredging expenses shows an average annual expense of \$10,132 with the highest single year of 23,580 so this amount should be sufficient to cover incurred expenses until such time as a new appropriation can be approved.

**Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8-yes, 0 -no.**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to provide for funding of costs associated with police training at the police academy, or take any other action related thereto.

**By: Select Board  
Police Department**

**Executive Summary:** This article seeks approval to set aside funds to cover costs such as tuition, room & board, uniforms, and other costs incurred with sponsoring cadets at the Police Academy. Academy training is required and funding such costs keeps us competitive with other Towns. This funding would cover costs for approximately two to three cadets and should be sufficient to cover incurred expenses until such time as a new appropriation can be approved.

**Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8-yes, 0 -no.**

**Article 4.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$300,000 (three hundred thousand dollars) to fund the residential placement of two elementary school students or take any other action relative thereto.

**By: Select Board**

**Executive Summary:** This Article provides funds for residential placement costs for two local students as required by their respective special education plans. The total costs for the year for these two placements is \$654,000 with \$354,000 already funded (\$75,000 and \$150,000 from prior approved articles and \$129,000 from alternate school funding sources) leaving the balance funded by this article.

**Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8-yes, 0 -no.**

**Article 5.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$5,292.25 (five thousand two hundred ninety-two dollars and twenty-five cents) for the replacement of lighting fixtures inside the library to reduce electric consumption, or take any other action related thereto.

**By: Select Board**

**Executive Summary:** An energy audit was performed on the library and recommended replacement of fluorescent light fixtures/lamps with LED bulbs should result in a savings of approximately \$5,000 or more per year in electrical service costs. This cost is after incentives are applied and would pay for itself almost completely within the first year of implementation.

**Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8-yes, 0 -no.**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) for the support of the restoration of the Town of Oak Bluffs August Fireworks, or take any other action related thereto.

**By: Select Board**

**Executive Summary:** COVID, lack of funding, and lack of staff have impacted the ability of the Oak Bluffs Firemen Civic Association (OBFCA) to conduct this event moving forward. As it is a well-received event that supports our local business establishments the Town is desirous of re-establishing this local tradition. It is anticipated that public-private partnerships will be created to provide for the collections of supporting donations and grants will be pursued. This funding, if eventually needed, is intended to provide support to resume this event while other sustainable financial options are developed.

**Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8-yes, 0 -no.**

**Article 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 from the Fund Balance Reserved for Overlay (Overlay Surplus) for the purpose of funding the state mandated revaluation of real and personal property, software maintenance, mapping, or any other assessing departmental expenses or take any other action relating thereto.

**By: Board of Assessors/Assessing Department**

**Executive Summary:** Overlay funds, once released by the Board of Assessors, provide for expenditures relating to the State mandated inspection and revaluation of real and personal property, mapping, software enhancements, general consulting, and other assessing department requirements.

**Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8-yes, 0 -no.**

**Article 8.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars) for the purpose of restoring funds expended during officer's leaves of absences and absences due to COVID-19 to the additional salaries line item (01210-5189), or take any other action related thereto.

**By: Police Department**

**Executive Summary:** This Article provides funds reduce unanticipated OT expenses due to COVID and other staff shortages. It is anticipated that FEMA/ MEMA aid will be requested to cover these costs; however, such reimbursement is not guaranteed, and any award may not be received in this fiscal year.

**Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8-yes, 0 -no.**

**Article 9.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$600,000 (six hundred thousand dollars) to be raised for the purpose of permitting, engineering, final design, and bid document, and replacing the Oak Bluffs Elementary School boiler and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L Chapter 44, Section 7, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefore and to determine whether this appropriation shall be met by borrowing or otherwise, provided that any amount authorized to be borrowed for this project shall be reduced to the extent of any grants or gifts received by the Town on account of this project and shall be contingent upon the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion ballot vote; or take any other action relating thereto.

**By: School  
Capital Project Committee**

**Executive Summary:** This article funds permitting, design, bidding, and replacement of the school boiler system which needs replacement. This project was recommended in the Capital Improvement Program. A high efficiency propane furnace is expected to be used so that this improvement can contribute to the town becoming a Green Community.

**Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 4-yes, 2 -no, 1 abstention.**

**Finance and Advisory Board comments.** The FinComm expressed concern over the project cost and recommends that the school look for funding with MSBA to either partially or fully fund this project.

**2/3 Majority Required**

HEREIN FAIL NOT AND GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE BY CAUSING THIS NOTICE TO BE POSTED IN TWO (2) OR MORE PLACES IN THE TOWN AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS BEFORE THE TIME OF SAID MEETING AND MAKE DUE RETURN OF THIS

WARRANT WITH YOUR DOINGS TO THE TOWN CLERK AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MARCH 2022.

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BRIAN C. PACKISH, CHAIR

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RYAN P. RULEY, VICE CHAIR

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JASON M. BALBONI

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GAIL M. BARMAKIAN

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EMMA GREEN-BEACH

SELECT BOARD  
TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS

PURSUANT TO THE FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS, I HEREBY NOTIFY AND WARN THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS, QUALIFIED TO VOTE AS EXPRESSED IN THIS WARRANT TO VOTE AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED.

Attest:

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Constable

OFFICER'S RETURN

COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY, ss

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I DID ON THE \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MARCH 2022 GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE BY CAUSING ATTESTED COPIES OF THIS WARRANT TO BE POSTED IN TWO (2) OR MORE PLACES IN THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS, AND I HEREBY MAKE RETURN OF THIS WARRANT THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF MARCH 2022.

Attest:

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Constable