

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 11, 2023, 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 \$150,000 (One hundred fifty thousand dollars) for an extra payment to our OPEB liability, or take any other action related thereto.

By: Select Board

Executive Summary: This Article transfers funds from Free Cash to fund part of the Town's OPEB liability as part of our Strategic Goal to maintain strong operating, financial and management positions as well as our Financial Policy which, for the short term, addresses the OPEB liability by aiming for a minimum of \$200,000 per year in payments until the longer-term funding plan can be implemented in 2030.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation (7 voting): 7-yes, 0 -no, 0 abstain.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$70,000 (seventy thousand dollars) to provide for the budget shortfall in the Selectboard 01199 Unclassified Insurance account for FY23, or take any other action related thereto.

By: Select Board

Executive Summary: This Article provides funds for a shortfall in insurance expense related to new Town Hall building insurance costs. When the FY23 budget was created and approved, the move in date for Town Hall was unknown so the change in building insurance cost between the coverage for the temporary trailers and the new building was not available or included.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation (7 voting): 6-yes, 0 -no, 1 abstain.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$39,200 (Thirty-nine thousand two hundred dollars) to provide for the budget shortfall of the Ocean Park Maintenance account for FY23, or take any other action related thereto.

By: Parks Department

Executive Summary: The Landscape RFP (Request for Proposal) was awarded after the budget for FY23 was already created and approved. This article covers the difference in the cost caused

by the timing of submitted bills; however, it does not alter the terms of the awarded contract itself. Future RFP's will be solicited earlier so actual costs can be incorporated into the budget.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation (7 voting): 7-yes, 0 -no, 0-abstain.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash \$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars) to be distributed by the Town Accountant to offset any fiscal year 2023 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 (7 voting): 6-yes, 0 -no, 1 abstain.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Free Cash Account the sum of \$55,000 (Fifty-five thousand dollars) to fund a pilot workforce housing assistance program to increase year-round rental housing in Oak Bluffs or take any other action relative thereto.

By: Select Board & Affordable Housing Committee

Executive Summary: This article funds a pilot program administered by the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority targeted at expanding the Oak Bluffs rental assistance program from an 80% annual median income level to a 120% annual median income in an effort to support workforce housing needs and attract additional homeowners to rent their property with 12-month lease to Oak Bluffs full-time residents.

The goal of the pilot program is to add five year-round rental properties to the rental assistance program in Oak Bluffs. If the pilot is successful, the program may be expanded to additional homeowners and could potentially expand income levels to 150% AMI.

Potential monthly rent changes are:

Income	80%	to	120%	Difference	Annual Rent
One Bedroom	\$1,656		\$2,255	\$599	\$19,872 - \$27,060
Two Bedroom	\$2,128		\$2,900	\$772	\$25,536 - \$34,800
Three Bedroom	\$2,365		\$3,222	\$857	\$28,380 - \$38,664

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation (7 voting): 5-yes, 0 -no, 2 abstain.

Article 6. To see if the Town will appropriate \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars), from Free Cash for the purpose of replenishing the Oak Bluffs Municipal Housing Trust or take any other action relative thereto.

By: Select Board & Affordable Housing Committee

Executive Summary: This article authorizes the transfer of free cash to the Oak Bluffs Municipal Housing Trust. The Trust has been depleted to support four major housing projects in Oak Bluffs. With no present funding source, the Trust is unable to support additional projects to reach the State's 10% affordable housing goal. Replenishing the trust would allow for the funding of future projects and programs presented to the Housing Trust.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation (7 voting): 7-yes, 0 -no, 0 abstain.

Article 7. 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 was anticipated that it would need up to three years of support to re-establish the stability of the event with this being year two of the three years while other sustainable financial options are being developed. It is also anticipated that public-private partnerships will be created to provide for the collections of supporting donations and grants will be pursued.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation (7 voting): 6-yes, 0 -no, 1 abstain.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$15,000 (Fifteen thousand dollars), to fund privacy office space panels for the Assessor's Office in Town Hall or take any other action relative thereto.

By: Assessing/Selectboard

Capital Program Committee Recommends in favor of. _

Executive Summary: The area for the Town Assessor is loud and lacks privacy when the Principal Assessor is discussing personal information with constituents. The existing panels between the current desk systems would be replaced by ones (with glass) that are three feet higher creating a more secure area for the Principal Assessor to work.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation (9 voting): 7-yes, 1 -no, 1-abstain.

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 2023.

RYAN P. RULEY, CHAIR

GAIL M. BARMAKIAN, VICE CHAIR

JASON M. BALBONI

EMMA GREEN-BEACH

BRIAN PACKISH

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:

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 2023 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 2023.

Attest:

Constable