

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Dukes County, ss

To either of the Constables in the Town of Oak Bluffs, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs and Elections, to assemble at the **Oak Bluffs School, Tradewinds Road, Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 7:00 pm** in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Account the sum of \$10,000 (Ten Thousand Dollars) to the Cemetery Perpetual Care Account for the upkeep of Oak Grove Cemetery, or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This Article provides funding for the upkeep and maintenance of the Town Cemetery under the supervision of the Cemetery Commission.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 6-yes, 0-no

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$689,770 (six hundred eighty-nine thousand, seven hundred seventy dollars) to serve as the local match for the Municipal Vulnerability Action grant from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of conducting beach nourishment and groin replacement at the North Bluff Beach, 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 Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, or take any other action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: The restoration of the beach at the North Bluffs is a priority of the Town's Municipal Vulnerability Assessment in order to create greater coastal resiliency. Permitting for this project has been ongoing for the past several years with the final permitting completed in 2019. The total project budget is \$2,759,080 for the placement of approximately 16,000 cubic yards of sand to restore the beach and the repair and replacement of the existing groin system to protect the sand. The Town has been awarded a Municipal Vulnerability Program Action Grant in the amount of \$2,069,310 to complete the work, and the grant requires a 25% local match of \$689,770. The work is intended to commence in November of 2019 and be completed early in 2020.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 6-yes, 0-no

2/3 Majority Required

Motion 2. That the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$689,770 (six hundred eighty-nine thousand, seven hundred seventy dollars) to serve as the local match for the Municipal

Vulnerability Action grant from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the purpose of conducting beach nourishment and groin replacement at the North Bluff Beach, 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 Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor; any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$600,000 (six hundred thousand dollars) to fund and pay costs of engineering to initiate work on recommendations associated with the wastewater planning process including such work as initiation of the wastewater treatment facility conceptual design; preliminary layout of sewers; linked watershed-embayment management model runs; additional wastewater planning work and all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(7), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, or take any other action relating thereto.

Wastewater Commission

Executive Summary: This article funds the first stages of design for the wastewater system improvements recommended in the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 6-yes, 0-no

2/3 Majority Required

Motion 3. That the Town appropriates \$600,000 (six hundred thousand dollars) to fund and pay costs of engineering to initiate work on recommendations associated with the wastewater planning process including such work as initiation of the wastewater treatment facility conceptual design; preliminary layout of sewers; linked watershed-embayment management model runs; additional wastewater planning work 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 Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(7), or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of elected Constables from two (2) to three (3), starting with the Annual Election in 2020 and provide for the expiration of one term per year, as follows: in 2020 one Constable shall be elected for a term of three years; in 2021 no Constable positions will appear on the ballot; in 2022 one Constable shall be elected for a term of three years and one Constable shall be elected for a term of two years; in 2023 one Constable shall be elected for a term of three years; and thereafter each Constable shall be elected for a term of three years, or take any action relative thereto.

Town Clerk

Executive Summary: This article seeks to increase the number of elected Constables from two to three, and to provide for staggered terms.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 6-yes, 0-no

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the two specific parcels of land identified on Assessors' Map 7, lot 140 and Map 7, lot 234 for the purpose of developing affordable housing upon such conditions as the Board of Selectmen may deem to be in the best interests of the Town, or take any other action related thereto.

Affordable Housing Committee

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This article seeks to authorize the Selectmen to transfer two parcels of land for the purpose of creating affordable housing. It is anticipated that an agency such as Habitat for Humanity will be able to address any potential title issues and to build a single-family home on each parcel with a homeownership preference given to Oak Bluffs residents. The transfer of this property will be based on a competitive procurement process to select a developer and the Selectmen intend to condition the transfer on the requirement that the property remain deed-restricted in perpetuity to support affordable housing for Oak Bluffs low and moderate income families.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 6-yes, 0-no

2/3 Majority Required

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$22,500 (Twenty-two thousand five hundred dollars) to the Assessors Salary Account to fund an Assessing Clerk position for the balance of Fiscal year 2020, or take any other action related thereto.

Board of Selectmen

Board of Assessors

Executive Summary: This article seeks funds to reinstate a clerical position for the Assessing Department that was left unfunded when the previous clerk was selected to fill a vacancy. The Board of Assessors and Principal Assessor feel the position is necessary in order for the office to function in a professional and efficient manner.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 0-yes, 1-no, 6-abstain

As of the time of publication the Finance Committee did not have adequate information to support this article.

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 OCTOBER, 2019.

Brian Packish, Chairman

Jason Balboni

Michael J. Santoro

Gregory A. Coogan

Gail M. Barmakian

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
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 OCTOBER, 2019 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 OCTOBER 2019.

Attest:

Constable