

WARRANT OF THE SELECT BOARD

May 3, 2022
TOWN OF DENNIS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BARNSTABLE, ss.

GREETINGS

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Nathaniel H. Wixon School, 901 Route 134, South Dennis, in said Town, on Tuesday, the 3rd of May, 2022, at 7:00 in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

DENNIS WARRANT WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE & SELECT BOARD
RECOMMENDATIONS

ARTICLE 1: Written Reports

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers as presented.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place the article.

ARTICLE 2: Oral Reports

To hear and act on any heretofore unpublished committee reports.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place the article.

ARTICLE 3: Budget Supplement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the following Fiscal Year 2022 Line Item appropriations under Article 1 of the May 8, 2021 Annual Town Meeting; or to take any other action relative thereto.

A. Fire Department over-time	\$325,645
B. <u>Snow and Ice</u>	<u>\$215,877</u>
Total	\$541,522

(By the Finance Committee)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place the article and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$325,645 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund and \$215,877 from Free Cash for a total of \$541,522 for the purpose of this article.

ARTICLE 4: Fiscal Year 2023 Budget

To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the operating expenses of the Town for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

(By the Finance Committee)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place the article and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to Recommend to raise and appropriate \$39,176,345 for the purpose of this article.

Recommend to transfer \$314,338 from Cable Receipts Reserved for Appropriations to Information Technology & Data Management Personal Services, Line Item #28

Recommend to transfer \$28,214 from the Cable Receipts Reserved for Appropriations to Information Technology & Data Management Purchase of Services, Line Item #29

Recommend to transfer \$500,000 from Ambulance Receipts Reserve for Appropriations to Fire Dept. Personal Services, Line Item #58

Recommend to transfer \$1,000 from the Bass River Receipts Reserved for Appropriations to Beach Purchase of Service, Line Item #130

Recommend to transfer \$180,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Long Term Debt Principal, Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$54,500 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Long Term Debt Interest, Line Item #147

Recommend to transfer \$12,020 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Short Term Interest, Line Item #148

Recommend to transfer \$20,000 from the Septic Loan Program Account to Long Term Debt Principal, Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$155,000 from the Waterways Dredge and Maintenance to Long Term Debt Principal, Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$118,125 from the Waterways Dredge and Maintenance to Long Term Debt Interest, Line Item #147

Recommend to transfer \$285,000 from the Beach Capital Improvement Fund to Long Term Debt Principal, Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$37,625 from the Beach Capital Improvement Fund to Long Term Interest, Line Item #147

Recommend to transfer \$80,000 from the Golf Capital Improvement Fund to Long Term Debt Principal, Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$36,500 from the Golf Capital Improvement Fund to Long Term Debt Interest, Line Item #147

Recommend to transfer \$180,000 from the Solid Waste/Recycle Capital Improvement Fund to Long Term Debt Principal, Line Item #146

Recommend to transfer \$140,400 from the Solid Waste/Recycle Capital Improvement Fund to Long Term Debt Interest, Line Item #147

Recommend to transfer \$300,000 from the Safer Grant Stabilization Fund to Fire Dept. Personal Services, Line Item #58

Recommend to transfer \$23,600 from Disabilities Commission Purchase of Services, Line #104 to Finance Committee Reserve Fund, Line #7A

For a total of \$41,619,067

And further recommend that said appropriations be allocated in accordance with line item amounts defined under the column, Finance Committee Recommended FY2023.

ARTICLE 5: Elected Officials Salaries FY23

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of the following elected officers of the Town for the Fiscal Year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, as provided for in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, §108 and acts and amendment thereof, and raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefore; or to take any other action relative thereto.

5 Selectmen	\$10,000 (\$2,000) each
1 Moderator	\$450
1 Town Clerk	\$90,352
Total	\$100,802

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 3-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to fix the Fiscal Year 2023 salaries and compensation of elected officers as delineated in Article 5 of the warrant; and that the Town vote to raise and appropriate \$100,802 for this purpose.

ARTICLE 6: Cape Cod Regional Technical High School Operating Assessment

To see if the Town will vote to approve an annual school budget for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the operating expenses of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School system for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Cape Cod Regional Technical High School)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and support the article in the amount of \$16,127,000 for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget and to raise and appropriate \$1,460,885 as the Town's assessment and \$670,529 for debt services for total operating expenses for the Town of \$2,131,414 for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to recommend the article in the amount of \$16,127,000 for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget and to raise and appropriate \$1,460,885 as the Town's assessment and \$670,529 for debt services for total operating expenses for the Town of \$2,131,414 for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022.

ARTICLE 7: D/Y Regional School District Assessment

To see if the Town will vote to approve an annual school budget for the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 and to see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds for the operating expenses of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022 or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 3-0-0 to support the article in the amount of \$71,776,209 for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget and to raise and appropriate \$18,002,178 for the assessment of the Town's share and \$1,202,084 for the debt service for a total assessment of \$19,204,262 for the Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to recommend the article in the amount of \$71,776,209 for the Fiscal Year 2023 budget and to raise and appropriate \$18,002,178 for the assessment of the Town's share and \$1,202,084 for the debt service for a total assessment of \$19,204,262 for the Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2022.

ARTICLE 8: Shellfish Mitigation Fund

To see if the Town will vote to expend from the Shellfish Mitigation Fund \$3,100 to be used for shellfish propagation:

- Purchasing 50,000 (12mm) and 50,000 (3mm – 4mm) oyster seed for recreational harvesting and Bass River Restoration \$1,600
 - Boat Maintenance, gas, winterizing, etc.: \$1,000
 - Aquaculture Supplies (cages, posts, etc.): \$300
 - Quahog relay State fee \$200
- \$3,100

or to take any other action thereto,

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 3-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend to expend from the Shellfish Mitigation Fund \$3,100 to be used for shellfish propagation as delineated in the article.

ARTICLE 9: Capital Outlay – Raise & Appropriate

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase or fund the following capital outlay items; or to take any action relative thereto.

Department	Project	Amount
155-IT	Replacement of two copiers	\$22,770
210-Police	Replace Off-Road Emergency Vehicles	\$30,200
210-Police	Portable Light Tower	\$13,600
220-Fire	Pumper 112 - 2 of 4 Year Lease	\$204,948
220-Fire	Firefighter Protective Gear-Replace Prog.	\$150,000
220-Fire	Town Wide Defibrillator Program	\$30,000
301-DYRSD	DYRS H.S.-Pickup Truck with Plow (2)	\$31,214
301-DYRSD	DYRS H.S.-Roof Guard Rails	\$20,290
301-DYRSD	DYRS H.S.-Van (2)	\$16,232
301-DYRSD	DYRS Baker-Exterior Lighting	\$50,000
411-Engineering	Secondary Roads	\$600,000
411-Engineering	NPDES Small MS4 General Permit	\$50,000
411-Engineering	Drainage	\$250,000
411-Engineering	Sidewalks Eng./Const. 250,000 (partial)	\$203,200
422-Cemetery	Water Main Replacement	\$20,000
422-Highway	Replace 2005 John Deere Tractor (H-20)	\$100,000
422-Highway	Replace 2008 Pickup DNR-1	\$84,000
422-Highway	Replace 2008 1 Ton Dump (H-9)	\$112,500
422-Highway	Replace Mower	\$14,500
422-Highway	Replace Trash Packer Body	\$88,000
422-Highway	New Track Loader	\$51,800
433-Sanitation	Replace Heavy Duty Containers (85,400 partial)	\$19,599
433-Sanitation	Replace Entry Gate Operator	\$23,700
510-Health	Wastewater Implementation Plan	\$200,000
	Total R&A	\$2,386,553
	Recommended	\$2,386,553

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article, as prepared for a total of \$2,386,553.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to recommend the article with the following exceptions:

DYRSD HS Pick up with Plow (2) \$31,214

DYRSD HS Roof Guard Rails \$20,290

DYRSD HS Van (2) \$16,232

For a total of \$2,318,817.

ARTICLE 10: Capital Outlay – Other Funding Sources

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase or fund the following capital outlay items, and further, to authorize the Select Board to enter into a lease purchase agreement or agreements for a term not to exceed five (5) years; or to take any other action relative thereto.

420 Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Fund	Ambulance 107-2 of 3 Year Lease	\$113,333
	Replace Ambulance Computers	\$48,800
	Subtotal:	\$162,133
402 Beach Capital Improvement Fund	Beach Stairs and Structure Replacement	\$55,000
	Beach Parking Lot Plan	\$125,000
	Bulkhead Repair-Corporation	\$140,000
	Subtotal:	\$320,000
460 Golf Course Capital Improvement Fund	Golf Equipment Lease-3 of 4 Yr Lease	\$11,500
	Golf Equipment Lease-2 of 4 Yr Lease	\$85,500
	Golf Equipment Lease-1 of 4 Yr Lease	\$75,000
	Kubota Tractor Lease	\$20,500
	Pines Well Installation	\$45,000
	Cart Path Repair	\$50,000
	Subtotal:	\$287,500
	Total Other Funding Sources	\$769,633

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-1-0 to recommend to transfer from available funds \$769,633 for the purpose of this article as outlined in the warrant.

ARTICLE 11: Revolving Accounts

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, §53E ½, of the Massachusetts General Laws and §33-1 of the Town By-Laws to establish the spending limits for existing revolving accounts for Fiscal Year 2023; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Program or Purpose	Authorized Representative or Board to Spend	FY2023 Authorization
COA Bus Revolving Fund - 562	Council on Aging Director	\$35,000
COA Revolving Fund - 565	Council on Aging Director	\$120,000
Golf Revolving Fund - 585	Golf Director	\$425,000
Board of Health Revolving Fund - 543	Health Director	\$10,000
Library Revolving Fund - 570	Library Director	\$15,000
Recreation Dept Revolving Fund - 590	Recreation Director	\$275,000
Cable Revolving Fund - 591	MIS Director	\$50,000

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to recommend the article as printed in the warrant.

ARTICLE 12: Community Preservation Committee Budget

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Preservation Committee Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 to appropriate or set-aside for future appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for each of the following purposes: community housing; open space; and historic preservation; and further, to appropriate sums of money for debt service, and for Community Preservation Committee Expenses; and to reserve for future appropriation from the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues a sum of money to be placed in the FY2023 Undesignated Reserve for general Community Preservation Act purposes; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Community Preservation Committee)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 3-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to recommend a Community Preservation Committee Budget for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows to appropriate or set-aside for future appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2023 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for each of the following purposes:

- 1. 10% Reserved for Community Housing – \$223,621**
- 2. 10% Reserved for Open Space – \$223,621**
- 3. 10% Reserved for Historic Preservation – \$223,621**
- 4. Debt Service – \$234,500**
- 5. Short Term Interest – \$12,020**
- 6. Community Preservation Committee Expenses – \$30,000**
- 7. FY2023 Budgeted Reserve – \$1,288,829**

for a total of \$2,236,212 for the purpose of the article.

ARTICLE 13: Transfer to Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be deposited into the Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund established under Chapter 479 of the Acts of 2009, to be used to fund future benefits; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to recommend the transfer of \$100,000 from the Solar Special Revenues Fund to the OPEB Trust for the purpose of the article.

ARTICLE 14: Labor Union – Dennis Police Superior Officers Union

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Dennis Police Superior Officers for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 3-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 15: Labor Union – American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Unit A Union Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and AFSCME Council 93, Local 2977 - Unit A Union for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 16: Labor Union – American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Unit B Union Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and AFSCME Council 93, Local 2977 – Unit B Union for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 3-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 17: Labor Union – Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Unit A Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Service Employees International Union, Local 888 – Unit A personnel for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 18: Labor Union – Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Unit B Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Service Employees International Union, Local 888 – Unit B personnel for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place the article and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 19: Labor Union – Dennis Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 2583

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Dennis Professional Firefighters, IAFF, Local 2583 personnel for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 20: Labor Union – Mass Laborers' District Council (MLDC) Union Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund a collective bargaining agreement between the Town and the Mass Laborers' District Council, Local 1249 personnel for Fiscal Year 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 21: Rooms Tax Transfer to Wastewater Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Rooms Tax Revenue in the General Fund to the Wastewater Stabilization Fund for the purpose of future wastewater needs; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 5-0-0 to place and reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-1-0 to reserve recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 22: Phase I Wastewater Collection System and Water Resource Reclamation Facility

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to fund the design for the Phase I Wastewater Collection System and Water Resource Reclamation Facility for the Town of Dennis located at 120 Theophilus F Smith Road; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 4-0-1 to support the article.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 23: Senior Center Renovations to Existing Structure

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay costs of owner's project management, architectural, engineering services and Construction activities for renovations and repairs to the Dennis Senior Center; or to take an action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 24: Citizen’s Petition – Amend Finance Committee By-Law

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 1, Sec. 8-1, 8-2 and 8-3 the so-called Finance Committee By-Law that sets forth the Appointments, organization and Filling of vacancies on the Finance Committee, so that as amended, the sub sections will read as follows:

Sec. 8-1

Establishment; purpose; membership.

There shall be a Finance Committee for the town, to which shall be referred all Articles in any warrant hereafter issued for a Town Meeting. The Select Board Members, after drawing a warrant for the Annual Town Meeting, shall immediately forward a copy thereof to each member of said Committee, which shall consider all Articles of the warrant and make a report, in print, for each year on a segregated basis by departments, in substantially the same form as shown on pages 88, 89 and 90 of the 1970 Edition of the Massachusetts Finance Committee Handbook at least one (1) week in advance of the Town Meeting. For the purpose of assisting the Finance Committee in preparing these reports, the Town Accountant shall act as advisor to the Finance Committee. Said Finance Committee shall consist of seven (7) persons (4) four member will be elected and (3) members will be appointed as provided in the following section.

Sec. 8-2: Organization

There shall be a Finance Committee consisting of seven (7) voting members who shall be registered voters of the Town of Dennis. At the first Annual Town Election after the effective date of this bylaw, the terms of all seven appointed members of the Finance Committee shall expire, and four (4) members of the Finance Committee shall be elected. Two members shall be elected for terms of three years, one member shall be elected for a term of one year, and one member shall be elected for a term of two years. Thereafter, the elected members of the Finance Committee shall be elected for three-year terms. The remaining (3) Finance Committee Members shall be appointed by the Moderator for two-year terms. Said Committee shall choose its own officers and shall serve without pay.

Sec. 8-3 Filling of Vacancies

Should a vacancy occur in an appointed position, the Town Moderator shall appoint a registered voter to complete the unexpired term of the person whose office has been vacated. Should a vacancy occur in any of the four elected members, the vacancy shall be filled in accordance with General Laws Chapter 41, Section 11;

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Citizen’s Petition)

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to recommend indefinite postponement.

ARTICLE 25: Transfer from Beach Capital Improvement Fund to Reserve Fund for Beach Nourishment

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40,200 from the Beach Capital Improvement Fund for sand nourishment and soil testing for the Corporation Beach Coastal Bank or take any other action relative thereto;

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend the article and transfer \$40,200 from the Beach Capital Improvement Fund to the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 26: Transfer from Barrier Beach Protection Stabilization Fund for Staffing

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Barrier Beach Protection/Stabilization Fund \$19,320 to pay the wages of four (4) seasonal piping plover monitors for West Dennis Beach from July 1 through August 19, 2022.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 3-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend the article.

ARTICLE 27: Fire Department Ambulance Fee Increase

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with the Selectmen's Fee Limitation By-Law, to amend the following Fire Department Fees;

Basic Life Support – increase from \$703 to \$1,200 to be placed into the Ambulance Receipts Fund and that said fee may be amended from time to time by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with said by-law.

Advanced Life Support – increase from \$1,317 to \$1,900 to be placed into the Ambulance receipts Fund and that said fee may be amended from time to time by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with said by-law.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 7-0-0 to recommend the article.

ARTICLE 28: iNET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of rebuilding the Town's iNet, a closed secure fiber network for the sharing of data services between Town buildings, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 5-0-0 to place the article and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend the article.

ARTICLE 29: Tourism Funding

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the Tourism efforts and initiatives; or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: voted 5-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 30: Community Preservation Committee – Tobey Woods

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Select Board to acquire by gift or purchase for conservation and passive recreation purposes, a conservation restriction from the Dennis Conservation Land Trust pursuant to G.L. c 184, §§31-33, on a portion of the property located at 272 Main Street (Route 6A), Dennis, containing 8.02 acres, more or less, of undeveloped forest and marsh land, shown as Lots 4-1 and 4-2 on a sketch plan of land entitled “Plan of Land in Dennis, MA, #272 Route 6A, prepared for Mary Shiverick Fischler,” prepared by Down Cape Engineering, Inc. , a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, and being a portion of land shown on Assessor’s Map No. 280 as a Assessor’s Parcel ID No. 280-3-0, and being a portion of Lot 4 shown on Land Court Plan No. 30095-B, more particularly described in Certificate of Title No. 205817 filed with the Barnstable Registry District of the Land Court; and as funding therefor, to appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000.00) for said acquisition, including all costs incidental and related thereto; that to meet said appropriation, to transfer Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) from the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Account, and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$300,000.00) from the Community Preservation For Any Purpose Reserve Account and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow \$600,000.00 under G.L. c. 44 and G.L. c. 44B or any other enabling authority, and issue bonds and notes therefor; and further, to authorize the Select Board and the Conservation Commission to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and reimbursements from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under G.L. c. 132A, § 11(the so-called “LAND Grant” program) or any other application for funds and to contract for, accept and expend any such grants or gifts; and in the event that the Town does not receive an award of the LAND Grant in the amount of \$312,000.00, then the Town will receive a gift of \$300,000 from the Dennis Conservation Land Trust towards the purchase price for a total in gifts and grants of up to \$312,000.00, and that such gifts and any grants shall be used to reduce the amount to be borrowed hereunder or, if such funds are received after said borrowing, be credited to the Community Preservation Fund; and provided further that no funds shall be expended until the Select Board has determined that the Town has received grants or gifts totaling at least \$300,000.00; and further, to authorize the Conservation Commission with the approval of the Select Board to acquire by gift from the Dennis Conservation Land Trust, for conservation and passive recreation purposes pursuant to G.L. 40, §8C a conservation restriction pursuant to G.L. c. 184, §§31-33 on Lot 4-3 shown on the above-referenced plan; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient on behalf of the Town to affect said acquisitions; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Community Preservation Committee)

Select Board: Voted 3-1-1 to place the article and 3-1-1 to support the article.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 31: Temporary Repairs to Green View Drive

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to make temporary repairs to Green View Drive (from Setucket Road northerly then westerly, for a distance of 580 feet, more or less, to a cul-de-sac), a private road in South Dennis, open to and used by the general public within Dennis, pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 80 and the Town of Dennis “Temporary Repairs of Private Way By-Law”, Chapter 156 §3-6, adopted at the May 3, 2005 Annual Town Meeting under Article 31, and in accordance with the vote of the Select Board on March 1, 2022, declaring that the repairs to said private way are required because of public necessity and convenience, and further, that the owners of said land benefited by said temporary repairs shall be assessed their proportionate share of betterments as specified in said by-law, and in accordance with Chapter 117 of the Acts of 1997 (Town of Dennis Betterment Assessment and Fund Act); or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 3-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend the article.

ARTICLE 32: Temporary Repairs to Uncle Bob’s Way

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to make temporary repairs to Uncle Bob’s Way (from Graces Way easterly for a distance of 1645 feet, more or less, to Dorothy Way), a private road in South Dennis, open to and used by the general public within Dennis, pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 80 and the Town of Dennis “Temporary Repairs of Private Way By-Law”, Chapter 156 §3-6, adopted at the May 3, 2005 Annual Town Meeting under Article 31, and in accordance with the vote of the Select Board on March 1, 2022, declaring that the repairs to said private way are required because of public necessity and convenience, and further, that the owners of said land benefited by said temporary repairs shall be assessed their proportionate share of betterments as specified in said by-law, and in accordance with Chapter 117 of the Acts of 1997 (Town of Dennis Betterment Assessment and Fund Act); or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 3-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: Voted 6-0-0 to recommend the article.

ARTICLE 33: Transfer Funds to Capital Improvement Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Capital Improvement Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 34: Transfer Funds to General Purpose Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Select Board)

Select Board: Voted 3-0-0 to place and 5-0-0 to support the article.

Finance Committee: reserves recommendation for Town Meeting floor.

ARTICLE 35: Citizens Petition – Repeal Plastic Bottle Ban

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Dennis General By-Law, by deleting Chapter 88, Art. IV, Sections 16, 17, 18 & 19, under Commercial Single-Use Plastic Water Bottle Ban, in its entirety, or take any other action relative thereto.

RATIONAL

Many local businesses and organizations have been left without a viable alternative to single-use plastic water bottles. Given the recent pandemic, water-filling stations have been proved to be both unsanitary, and also not available for public use in public places including but not limited to schools, parks and beaches. Current alternatives to single-use plastic water bottles have proven to not be viable to both citizens and private business owners for several reasons as cited below:

1. Boxed water is not recyclable as it is lined with either a wax or vinyl sheet to keep the paper from becoming compromised.
2. Glass is not allowed in many public areas including the beaches for health and safety reasons.
3. Canned water costs more than bottled water; thus, the business owner is tasked with passing along the additional cost to the consumer.
4. By making water more expensive, less healthy alternatives are sought, such as soda, alcohol, or any beverage that may have a deposit attached to the sale.
5. Selling water in aluminum cans can actually be just as hurtful to the environment as single-use plastic. Making primary aluminum means mining bauxite (found in places such as Jamaica, Malaysia and China) which in turns destroys agricultural lands and forests. (According to an article written for treehugger.com in 2019, the mining of bauxite ore increased in China from 200,000 tons in 2013 to nearly 20 million tons in 2018).

This petition is asking for a repeal of the ban until a more sustainable and viable option can be made, including refillable water station availability to those places where the public can readily access water, and a more affordable and equally environmentally friendly solution for business owners in the Town of Dennis can be enacted.

By Signing this petition, I acknowledge that this petition will become a public document and all information contained in it will be publicly available.

THE FIRST SIGNATORY ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THE PETITION IS THE PETITIONER OF THE ARTICLE AND WILL BE LISTED AS SUCH ON THE TOWN MEETING WARRANT.

(By Citizen’s Petition)

Finance Committee: Voted 5-1-0 to recommend the article.

ARTICLE 36: Citizen’s Petition – Dispersal of School Choice Funds to Include Accredited Homeschools and Private Schools

To see if the Town will vote to:

Instruct the Board of Selectman, acting on behalf of the Town, to petition the state legislature, to amend the Massachusetts General Laws governing the dispersal of school choice funds, to include accredited homeschool participants and accredited private schools. Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: (Background Information/Justification)

This article is intended to encourage changes to the Massachusetts General Laws to extend school choice and the dispersal of associated funds, to include accredited homeschool participants and accredited private schools. Currently under the school choice laws, MGL Part I Title XII Chapter 76 Sections 12B & 12C, school choice funds may only be dispersed to another Massachusetts public school (in some rare cases, charter schools). While the current school choice program acknowledges that some children may prefer different school environments, more suited for their unique educational needs, it excludes accredited homeschool programs and accredited private schools from the school choice program.

Today, if the parent/student determines that an accredited homeschool program or an accredited private school is the correct educational system for the student, they have to pay 100% out of pocket. Only those of sufficient wealth can afford school choices outside the public school system.

Those families that do pay out of pocket are also paying taxes supporting the public school system, without the ability to recoup funds already allotted for their child.

There are 70 or so families that are currently homeschooling in the Dennis-Yarmouth school district, and this change would ensure fair and equitable treatment of home school parents, and also those that choose private schools.

Individual freedom, diversity and freedom of choice have always been inherent to our unique way of life in America. They are part of the tenets that have propelled our country forward.

Please join us and vote for freedom of choice, educational diversity, fair/equitable treatment for all and greater student success.

(By Citizen’s Petition)

Finance Committee: Voted 6-1-0 to recommend indefinite postponement.

ARTICLE 37: Public Advisory Question – Pilgrim Nuclear

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Dennis, petition the Select Board to insert the following article in the Warrant for the next (Special) or (Annual) Town Meeting:

To see if the Town will vote to

Calling upon Holtec Pilgrim, LLC, owner of the closed Pilgrim Nuclear Power Station and Holtec Decommissioning International, LLC, to immediately withdraw any plans to discharge any radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay.

- Whereas,** Cape Cod Bay is a federal and state protected area, and habitat for the endangered Right Whale; and
- Whereas,** Cape Cod Bay provides a vital livelihood for fishermen and the tourist industry; and
- Whereas,** The National Academy of Sciences has determined there is **no** safe dose of ionizing radiation; and
- Whereas,** One radioactive element in Holtec Pilgrim water is Tritium, which concentrates up the food chain from sediment to sea grasses to the fish we eat; and
- Whereas,** Holtec can discharge radioactive water anytime without the approval of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC); and
- Whereas,** The Attorney General of New Mexico has filed a lawsuit against the NRC for unlawful proceedings and illegal activities involving Holtec; and
- Whereas,** The Commonwealth has the authority to stop the dumping:

Therefore, shall the people of the Town of Dennis direct our local government to communicate with Governor Charlie Baker, Attorney General Maura Healey and the State Legislature to employ all means available to ensure that Holtec commits to immediately withdraw any/all plans to dump any radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay.

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By Citizen’s Petition)

TOWN OF DENNIS ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby notified and warned, the inhabitants of the Town of Dennis, who are qualified to vote in elections to meet at several precincts in Dennis at the following places:

Precinct 1: Carleton Hall, 1006 Old Bass River Road, Dennis
Precinct 2: Dennis Town Hall, 685 Route 134, South Dennis
Precinct 3: Dennis Public Library, 5 Hall St., Dennis Port
Precinct 4: 1867 West Dennis Graded School House, 67 School Street, West Dennis
Precinct 5: Dennis Police Station, 90 Bob Crowell Road, South Dennis

In said Dennis on Tuesday, the tenth day of May 2022, at 7:00 a.m. then and there to vote for election of the following officers:

- Two Select Board Members for three years.
- One Town Moderator for three years.
- One Dennis-Yarmouth School Committee Member for three years.
- One Old Kings Highway Regional Historic District Commissioner for four years.
- One Dennis Housing Authority Member for five years.
- Three Constables for three years.
- One Water District Commissioner for three years.

Non-Binding Public Advisory Question:

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Whereas, One radioactive element in Holtec Pilgrim water is Tritium, which concentrates up the food chain from sediment to sea grasses to the fish we eat; and

Whereas, Holtec can discharge radioactive water anytime without the approval of the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC); and

Whereas, The Attorney General of New Mexico has filed a lawsuit against the NRC for unlawful proceedings and illegal activities involving Holtec; and

Whereas, The Commonwealth has the authority to stop the dumping:

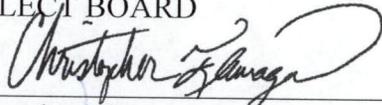
Therefore, shall the people of the Town of Dennis direct our local government to communicate with Governor Charlie Baker, Attorney General Maura Healey and the State Legislature to employ all means available to ensure that Holtec commits to immediately withdraw any/all plans to dump any radioactive water into Cape Cod Bay.

And you are directed to serve this WARRANT by posting up attested copies thereof at EACH OF THE POST OFFICES in said TOWN OF DENNIS at least SEVEN (7) days before the time of holding the said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make a due return of this WARRANT with your doings thereon to the TOWN CLERK, at the time and place of the meeting aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this 5th day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-two.

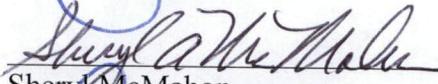
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Christopher Flanagan, Chair



John Terrio, Vice Chair



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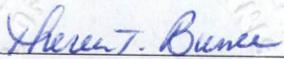


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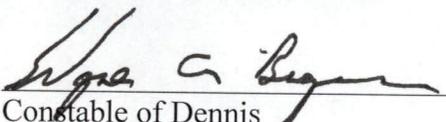
A True Copy, Attest



Theresa T. Bunce, Town Clerk

BARNSTABLE, ss.

PERSUANT TO THE WITHIN WARRANT, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Dennis by posting up attested copies of the same at EACH OF THE POST OFFICES AND ON THE PRINCIPAL BULLETIN BOARD IN THE TOWN HALL OFFICES, SOUTH DENNIS SEVEN (7) days before the date of the meeting, as within directed.



Constable of Dennis

April 7, 2022

Date

