

TOWN OF DENNIS

Annual Town Meeting Warrant And Recommendations Of the Finance Committee

Fiscal 2012



**May 3, 2011
7:00 PM, Tuesday
Nathaniel Wixon Middle School**

Please bring this Report to the Town Meeting

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Selectmen's Report to the Annual Town Meeting May 3, 2011

The process of developing and delivering a balanced municipal operating budget to the Finance Committee for their review and recommendation takes many months of presentations, review and public hearings. The Selectmen acknowledge the rigorous work and shared commitment by Town Administrator Rick White, Assistant Town Administrator Sandy Fife and all of the Department Managers in structuring a budget proposal that stays within the limits of Proposition 2 ½ and continues to provide essential services to the citizens and business of Dennis.

The municipal operating Budget is presented to you under Article 4. Fixed costs, energy and utility costs, petroleum costs, health insurance and employee benefits continue to rise at rates that often exceed the allowable 2½% levy limit increase, have slowed some. Every effort has been made to minimize budget growth while continuing to meet the Town's obligation to fund employee compensation obligations. Due to the poor economy the Commonwealth has continued to make annual reductions in its commitment to provide assistance in the form of local aid and school aid to cities and towns. The slow economy also prompted us to reduce the Town's estimated local receipts for two consecutive years. Through careful planning and analysis, the proposed budget reflects departmental costs that sustain a level of service that we believe to be acceptable.

The Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District Budget is presented under Article 5. The District School Committee has done a remarkable job balancing the need to maintain a quality education for our children while responding to demands to minimize the impact of this year's assessment. The pressure to reduce the assessment has been almost too pronounced. It is unrealistic to expect that the District School Committee will be able to repeat their budget performance next year without severely compromising services that the Town of Dennis believes are essential to providing a quality education to our children. Also tied to the school issue is Article 7, a petitioned article, which asks Town Meeting members to allow school children in grades 4-8 to be educated in schools in either Dennis or Yarmouth. This same article passed at Yarmouth's annual town meeting last year. The regional school agreement requires that both town's pass the same measure in order for such a program to be implemented.

Article 6, the withdrawal of Kindergarten through eighth (K-8) out of the Regional School District is an important article. The K-8 Committee was charged by the Selectmen to investigate the challenges and possibilities of deregionalizing these lower grades and submit a report that inventoried issues and identified potential costs. A report on the K-8 Committee's progress will be presented at Town Meeting. It is anticipated that the Selectmen will ask the meeting members to postpone their decision on this Article, as well as Article 7, until a Special Town Meeting is called by the Selectmen, for the exclusive purpose of debating and voting on the issues surrounding the future of education for the students of Dennis.

Article 8 requests an increase in the borrowing authorization for the roof and window repairs at Ezra H. Baker School. Approximately 38% of the repairs will be reimbursed by the Massachusetts School Building Authority. In order to meet the MSBA funding requirements, the scope of the project was increased. However, the total amount of borrowing after reimbursement is expected to be \$1,200,000.

Cape Cod Regional Technical High School is a highly successful academic and vocational educational facility and has recently experienced an increase in the number of Dennis students attending. There are 12 Cape Cod member towns. The assessment to each town has been calculated in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 70 since 1993. We ask your support for Dennis' assessed share of this outstanding school district under Article 10.

The Capital Budget is presented under Articles 15, 16 and 17 and is intrinsically connected with the Town's annual budget process. This year, unlike previous years, we enter Town Meeting with a strategic long-range plan for acquiring, maintaining and funding the Town's capital needs. The Board of Selectmen believes it is vitally important to plan for the investment and re-investment into the town's equipment and facilities. When the voters of Dennis passed last year's permanent override of \$1.4 million for Capital, they provided us with a funding basis by which to deliberately plan for capital improvements and we, as a Board, are very appreciative of this support. We wish to express our many thanks to the Capital Outlay Committee who is charged with the responsibility of reviewing and evaluating all requests from Department Managers and Dennis Schools. The Committee then submits their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen for the current year along with their five-year projection

Dennis is rich in natural resources. Maintaining our beaches and waterways has been a challenge but, doing so is critical if the Town is to maintain access to these wonderful resources and promote them as a tourist attraction. Article 19 asks you to consider funding a replacement bath house at Corporation Beach. The existing structure is well passed its useful life, could be closed at any time because it is no longer able to properly and legally function as a public facility and the site needs extensive work to meet accessibility standards. The Transfer Station is another facility in need of significant re-design and improvements in order to make it a more efficient and safer facility for both patrons and employees. We ask for your support on Article 20.

The Board of Selectmen is committed implementing ways to improve public safety and enhance communication with the citizens and businesses of Dennis. *Code Red* is an automatic dialing system (E911) which can notify the entire Town or just certain effected areas of an emergency. Equally import is the ability to let the public know when conditions change or the emergency is over. We ask for your support on Article 42.

Please listen carefully to the presentations made by the sponsors of all the Articles, consider the pros and cons of each and vote what you believe to be in the best interest of the Town of Dennis.

It is the hope of the Board of Selectmen that you attend the Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 2011 beginning at 7:00 PM at the Nathaniel H. Wixon Middle School. We also ask that you cast your vote at the Annual Town Election on Tuesday, May 10, 2011. It is your participation in deciding these issues that will have a lasting impact on the future and quality of life in our community. It is our privilege to serve you.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul R. McCormick, Chair
Sheryl A. McMahan, Vice Chair
Heidi S. Schadt
Wayne Bergeron
Alan Tuttle

THE FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

To the Citizens and Voters of the Town of Dennis

As the days become longer and the cold winter winds are behind us, it is once again time to meet as the legislative body of the town to set forth our annual budget and expenses and vote on articles as they appear on the town meeting warrant.

Your Finance Committee has spent the past several months reviewing budget requests and articles and has submitted our recommendations for your consideration. While the Finance Committee has the *responsibility* for submitting the annual operating budget for your consideration, it has been the ongoing *policy* to submit a budget that does not require a Proposition 2 ½ override. The operational budget as presented in Article 4 once again stays within the limitations of Proposition 2 ½.

During this evening you will be asked to consider many other spending articles. The Finance Committee has reviewed each of the articles and its spending appropriation. We ask your consideration in approving these articles and the appropriation method. Both the Finance Committee and Board of Selectmen are in agreement for the capital spending plan as developed by Administration with the assistance of the Capital Outlay Committee. This plan outlines the purchase of equipment and other items from the dedicated 2010 permanent capital override funding source. In the presentation last year for your requested approval of the 2010 override we assured you that these tax dollars will be used only for capital needs. Article 16 delineates each of these expenditures for your consideration. We will continue to monitor all future capital requests from this source.

On the most pressing issues during this past year has been the discussion of the agreement between the Towns of Dennis and Yarmouth as it relates to the Dennis Yarmouth Regional School District. This warrant contains several articles as they relate to the continuation and/or modifications to the Dennis Yarmouth Regional District Agreement. The Finance Committee at this time is asking you to postpone a vote on all of these articles. The Finance Committee has asked the Board of Selectmen to consider holding a Special Town Meeting in the fall to consider all of

these issues. These issues as they are related to the continuation or breakup of the School District and/or modifications to the agreement will have a long term and lasting effect not only on the educational opportunities of our children but have long range financial implications for the taxpayers. We believe a Special Town Meeting with this single topic of the school issues would be appropriate.

In attempting to create a budget, one must first estimate the revenue that will be received by the town. Our basic revenue sources are property taxes, state aid, local receipts and other small funds. Once all of the budget estimates are completed by Administration and the expenses are approved for your consideration we are able to estimate a tax rate base on current property valuations. On the rear cover we have provided you with an estimate of the tax rate if all of the Finance Committee recommendations are followed in the warrant. However, we caution you that these are estimates based on current property values. The continued property value decline has a corresponding effect in raising the amount of appropriation needed to fund the appropriations and thus a raise in the estimated tax rate.

On a positive note, the 2010 annual independent auditors report for the Town of Dennis provides an insight into the Town's financial position. It is noteworthy to point out that the auditors comments in the public discussion of the audit report noted that the town's positive bond rating is due to our healthy reserves (stabilization + capital funds) and our low debt level. The Finance Committee believes that prudent spending by the taxpayers must be maintained in these critical economic times to maintain a favorable tax rate while enjoying the quality of life we have here in Dennis

As we start the Annual Town Meeting we would like to take the opportunity to thank the administrative staff and our dedicated municipal employees.

Respectfully,

James W Plath, Jr., Chairman
William E Crowell, Vice Chairman
Robert Prall
Jane Otis
Rachel Baroni
Lester Jay Murphy
Patricia Stone

FUND BALANCES a/o 04/20/2011 – balances before town meeting expenditure

STABILIZATION FUND ~ \$2,239,787.07

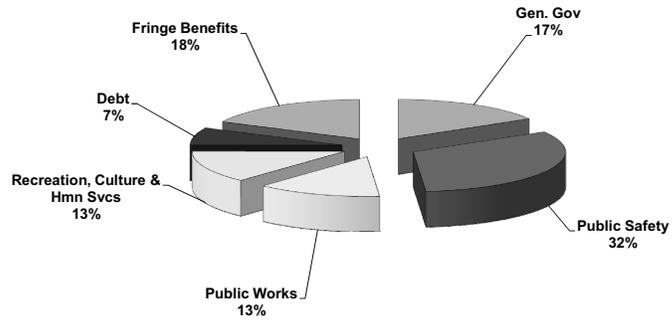
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND ~ \$910,800.50

FREE CASH ~ \$1,244,102

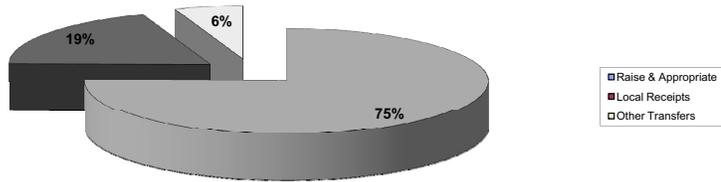
SINGLE FAMILY HOME VALUATION AND TAX RATE SHIFT

YEAR	AVE VALUE	TAX RATE	AVE TAX BILL
FY 2004	345,909	4.87	\$1,684.58
FY 2005	381,410	4.57	\$1,743.04
FY 2006	424,102	4.26	\$1,806.67
FY 2007	450,923	4.20	\$1,893.88
FY 2008	452,165	4.35	\$1,966.92
FY 2009	440,923	5.07	\$2,235.48
FY 2010	423,534	5.27	\$2,232.02
FY 2011	407,314	5.59	\$2,276.89

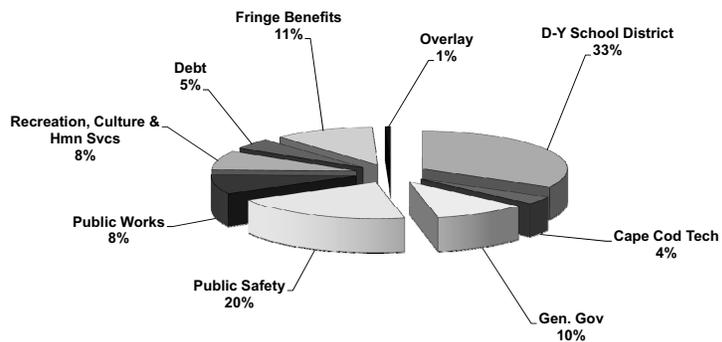
**Town of Dennis
FY 2012
Proposed Budget**



**Town of Dennis
FY 2012 Revenue Sources**



**Town of Dennis
FY 2012 Proposed Budget**



**MAY 3, 2011
TOWN OF DENNIS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
BARNSTABLE, ss.**

GREETING

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 Auditorium, 901 Route 134, South Dennis, in said Town, on **Tuesday, the 3rd day of May, 2011, at 7 o'clock in the evening**, then and there to act on the following articles:

DENNIS WARRANT WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

ARTICLE 1

Written Reports

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers as presented.
(By the Selectmen)

ARTICLE 2

Oral Reports

To hear and act on any heretofore unpublished committee reports.
(By the Selectmen)

ARTICLE 3

DEM MA CH.91§29

To see if the Town will vote to assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29, Chapter 91 of the Massachusetts General Laws as amended, for all damages that may be incurred by the work to be performed by the Mass. Department of Environmental Management for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tidewaters, foreshores, and shores along a public beach in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 91 of the Massachusetts General Laws and authorize the Selectmen to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefore to the Commonwealth.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 4

Operating 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, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, or take any other action relative thereto:

(By the Selectmen)

FC: 5-0-0

BOS: 5-0-0

Recommend to raise and appropriate \$25,437,804 for the article.

Recommend to transfer \$135,000 from Overlay Reserve to Finance Committee Reserve Fund, Line Item #10.

Recommend to transfer \$40,000 from Overlay Reserve to Town Administrator, Capital Outlay, Line Item #7.

Recommend to transfer \$61,742 from the Cable Special Revenue Fund to Town Administrator Personal Services, Line Item #3.

Recommend to transfer \$11,116 from Cable Special Revenue Fund to Central Purchasing Purchase of Services, Line Item #15.

Recommend to transfer \$5,000 from Waterways Maintenance & Improvement Fund to Central Purchasing Supplies, Line Item #16.

Recommend to transfer \$950 from Cable Special Revenue Fund to Central Purchasing Supplies, Line Item #16.

Recommend to transfer \$85,250 from the Cable Special Revenue Fund to Data Processing Personal Services, Line Item #33.

Recommend to transfer \$15,000 from the Cable Special Revenue Fund to Data Processing Purchase of Services, Line Item #34.

Recommend to transfer \$816 from the Cable Special Revenue Fund to Data Processing Other Charges & Expenditures, Line Item #36.

Recommend to transfer \$8,564 from the Cable Special Revenue Fund to Public Property/Buildings, Personal Services, Line Item #53.

Recommend to transfer \$463 from Cable Special Revenue Fund to Public Buildings Purchase of Services, Line Item #54.

Recommend to transfer \$2,250 from the Cable Special Revenue Fund to Property/Liability Insurance, Other Charges – Expenditures, Line Item #58.

Recommend to transfer \$1,075,000 from the Ambulance Receipts Reserve for Appropriations Account to Fire Dept. Personal Services, Line Item #65.

Recommend to transfer \$45,000 from Waterways Maintenance & Improvement Fund to Harbormaster Capital Outlay, Line Item #82.

Recommend to transfer \$15,000 from Cemetery Lots Sales Account to Dept. of Public Works, Personal Services, Line Item #91.

Recommend to transfer \$25,000 from Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest Account to Dept. of Public Works, Personal Services, Line Item #91.

Recommend to transfer \$11,000 from the Bass River Receipts Reserved Account to Beach Purchase of Service Line Item #134.

Recommend to transfer \$856 from the Cable Special Revenue Fund to Fringe Benefits, Workers Comp., Line Item #157.

Recommend to transfer \$1,222 from the Cable Special Revenue Fund to Fringe Benefits, Unemployment Insurance, Line Item #158.

Recommend to transfer \$14,329 from the Cable Special Revenue Fund to Fringe Benefits, Retirement Contribution, Line Item #159.

Recommend to transfer \$24,616 from the Cable Special Revenue Fund to Fringe Benefits, Group Insurance, Line Item #160.

Recommend to transfer \$1,576 from the Cable Special Revenue Fund to Fringe Benefits, Medicare Tax (Town Share), Line Item #161.

Recommend to transfer \$535,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Retirement of Debt Principal, Line Item #153.

Recommend to transfer \$19,525 from the Septic Loan Program Account to Retirement of Debt Principal, Line Item #153.

Recommend to transfer \$231,925 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Long Term Debt – Interest, Line Item #154, and any unexpended transfer be returned to the Community Preservation Act Fund.

Recommend to transfer \$8,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund to Short Term Debt – Interest, Line Item #155, and any unexpended transfer be returned to the Community Preservation Act Fund.

Making a total of \$27,812,004

And further recommend that said appropriations be allocated in accordance with line item amounts defined under the column, FinCom Recommended FY2012.



**Town of Dennis
Operating Budget - FY 2012
Classification**

Tuesday, May 03, 2011

	Actual Expended FY 2009	Actual Expended FY 2010	Revised Appropriated FY 2011	Department Requested FY 2012	Selectmen Recommended FY 2012	Finance Committee Recommended FY 2012
1 Purchase of Services	68,916	5,230	4,213	4,213	4,213	4,213
2 Other Charges - Expenditure	6,863	6,830	7,000	7,000	7,000	7,000
TOTAL SELECTMEN	75,779	12,060	11,213	11,213	11,213	11,213
<u>TOWN ADMINISTRATOR</u>						
3 Personal Services	448,521	514,675	490,006	546,670	546,670	546,670
4 Settlements	409,650	292,508	66,000	413,308	325,655	315,655
5 Purchase of Services	13,587	26,810	34,286	28,300	28,300	28,300
6 Other Charges - Expenditure	1,804	3,233	5,750	5,750	5,750	5,750
7 Capital Outlay	-	65,000	65,000	65,000	45,000	45,000
TOTAL TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	873,562	902,227	661,042	1,059,028	951,375	941,375
<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE</u>						
8 Purchase of Services	1,033	603	1,200	1,200	1,200	1,200
9 Other Charges - Expenditure	934	566	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,400
10 Reserve Fund	91,374	119,531	135,000	135,000	135,000	135,000
TOTAL FINANCE COMMITTEE	93,341	120,700	137,600	137,600	137,600	137,600
<u>ACCOUNTANT</u>						
11 Personal Services	134,707	139,654	146,602	147,983	147,983	147,983
12 Purchase of Services	38,000	34,000	35,000	36,000	36,000	36,000
13 Supplies	1,082	437	500	500	500	500
14 Other Charges - Expenditure	1,285	105	1,005	1,005	1,005	1,005
TOTAL ACCOUNTANT	175,074	174,196	183,107	185,488	185,488	185,488
<u>CENTRAL PURCHASING</u>						
15 Purchase of Services	485,568	438,799	477,250	486,712	486,712	486,712
16 Supplies	467,715	298,536	303,000	328,000	328,000	328,000
TOTAL CENTRAL PURCHASING	953,283	737,335	780,250	814,712	814,712	814,712
<u>ASSESSORS</u>						
17 Personal Services	254,790	265,214	276,642	276,633	276,633	276,633
18 Purchase of Services	2,916	2,840	3,134	3,134	3,134	3,134
19 Supplies	1,885	1,163	400	400	400	400
20 Other Charges - Expenditure	9,426	6,950	7,555	7,555	7,555	7,555
21 Capital Outlay	199	292	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSESSORS	269,216	276,460	287,731	287,722	287,722	287,722
<u>REVALUATION</u>						
22 Personal Services	20,506	21,258	22,171	18,062	18,062	18,062
23 Purchase of Services	-	-	33,000	33,000	33,000	33,000
24 Supplies	97	450	250	250	250	250



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	Actual Expended FY 2009	Actual Expended FY 2010	Revised Appropriated FY 2011	Department Requested FY 2012	Selectmen Recommended FY 2012	Finance Committee Recommended FY 2012
25 Other Charges - Expenditure	248	308	322	322	322	322
TOTAL REVALUATION	20,851	22,015	55,743	51,634	51,634	51,634
<u>TREASURER / COLLECTOR</u>						
26 Personal Services	174,351	182,291	230,483	231,108	231,108	231,108
27 Purchase of Services	16,232	19,734	18,190	23,636	23,636	23,636
28 Supplies	4,167	2,479	3,387	3,387	3,387	3,387
29 Other Charges - Expenditure	1,697	1,267	1,520	1,520	1,520	1,520
TOTAL TREASURER / COLLECTOR	196,447	205,772	253,580	259,651	259,651	259,651
<u>LAW DEPARTMENT</u>						
30 Personal Services	70,535	74,072	77,032	77,032	77,032	77,032
31 Purchase of Services	148,469	170,047	159,300	125,300	125,300	125,300
32 Other Charges - Expenditure	2,389	1,752	2,300	2,300	2,300	2,300
TOTAL LAW DEPARTMENT	221,393	245,872	238,632	204,632	204,632	204,632
<u>INFORMATION TECH & DATA</u>						
33 Personal Services	157,503	169,598	236,016	178,910	178,910	178,910
34 Purchase of Services	128,559	143,742	146,317	152,795	157,295	157,295
35 Supplies	9,387	5,913	5,913	5,913	5,913	5,913
36 Other Charges - Expenditure	294	-	660	660	660	660
37 Capital Outlay	-	-	50,000	50,000	50,000	50,000
TOTAL INFORMATION TECH & DATA	295,744	319,253	438,906	388,278	392,778	392,778
<u>TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE</u>						
38 Purchase of Services	12,871	11,994	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
TOTAL TAX TITLE FORECLOSURE	12,871	11,994	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
<u>CLERK</u>						
39 Personal Services	69,925	68,068	71,454	71,454	71,454	71,454
40 Purchase of Services	7,163	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,300	6,300
41 Supplies	709	400	400	400	400	400
42 Other Charges - Expenditure	1,153	1,082	1,120	1,120	1,120	1,120
TOTAL CLERK	78,949	75,850	79,274	79,274	79,274	79,274
<u>ELECTIONS</u>						
43 Personal Services	29,184	20,877	30,775	21,025	21,025	21,025
44 Purchase of Services	11,197	14,238	16,336	16,011	16,011	16,011
45 Supplies	1,455	798	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
TOTAL ELECTIONS	41,836	35,913	48,211	38,136	38,136	38,136



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	Actual Expended FY 2009	Actual Expended FY 2010	Revised Appropriated FY 2011	Department Requested FY 2012	Selectmen Recommended FY 2012	Finance Committee Recommended FY 2012
<u>NATURAL RESOURCE / CONS</u>						
46 Personal Services	218,479	202,167	237,027	236,471	236,471	236,471
47 Purchase of Services	1,335	4,684	4,750	2,500	2,500	2,500
48 Supplies	8,535	8,879	9,450	11,700	11,700	11,100
49 Other Charges - Expenditure	1,290	1,550	1,240	1,240	1,240	1,240
TOTAL NATURAL RESOURCE / CONS	229,640	217,280	252,467	251,911	251,911	251,311
<u>PLANNING</u>						
50 Personal Services	110,338	114,923	118,752	117,966	117,966	117,966
51 Purchase of Services	541	151	400	400	400	400
52 Other Charges - Expenditure	986	680	1,250	1,250	1,250	1,250
TOTAL PLANNING	111,865	115,753	120,402	119,616	119,616	119,616
<u>PUBLIC PROPERTY / BUILDINGS</u>						
53 Personal Services	328,084	297,805	331,750	322,089	322,089	322,089
54 Purchase of Services	16,955	15,291	13,500	130,592	128,093	128,093
55 Supplies	57,408	98,507	101,428	58,355	58,355	58,355
56 Other Charges - Expenditure	9,226	7,823	10,500	11,300	11,300	11,300
57 Capital Outlay	5,961	4,121	9,000	4,200	4,200	4,200
TOTAL PUBLIC PROPERTY / BUILDINGS	417,633	423,547	466,178	526,536	524,037	524,037
<u>PROPERTY / LIABILITY INS</u>						
58 Other Charges - Expenditure	315,457	254,470	279,428	295,400	276,216	276,216
TOTAL PROPERTY / LIABILITY INS	315,457	254,470	279,428	295,400	276,216	276,216
<u>TOWN REPORTS</u>						
59 Purchase of Services	9,474	9,153	8,600	8,800	8,800	8,800
TOTAL TOWN REPORTS	9,474	9,153	8,600	8,800	8,800	8,800
<u>POLICE</u>						
60 Personal Services	3,858,993	3,808,906	3,939,464	3,867,754	3,994,389	3,985,889
61 Purchase of Services	117,786	126,257	123,193	124,344	127,234	124,344
62 Supplies	46,924	55,467	56,060	56,101	56,101	56,101
63 Other Charges - Expenditure	5,209	6,227	8,036	8,036	8,036	8,036
64 Capital Outlay	140,000	115,605	117,500	117,500	137,500	137,500
TOTAL POLICE	4,168,911	4,112,462	4,244,253	4,173,735	4,323,260	4,311,870
<u>FIRE</u>						
65 Personal Services	3,511,561	3,550,822	3,496,273	3,478,500	3,478,500	3,478,500
66 Purchase of Services	100,728	191,402	205,845	211,625	211,625	209,625



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67 Supplies	128,872	142,900	144,200	141,700	141,700	141,700
68 Other Charges - Expenditure	6,869	3,778	6,900	6,900	6,900	6,900
69 Capital Outlay	6,400	3,695	9,400	9,400	9,400	9,400
TOTAL FIRE	3,754,430	3,892,597	3,862,618	3,848,125	3,848,125	3,846,125
<u>BUILDING INSPECTOR</u>						
70 Personal Services	317,940	329,153	343,090	343,091	343,091	343,091
71 Supplies	5,235	2,879	3,261	3,261	3,261	3,261
72 Other Charges - Expenditure	9,056	6,776	8,167	8,167	8,167	8,167
73 Capital Outlay	2,418	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL BUILDING INSPECTOR	334,649	338,808	354,518	354,519	354,519	354,519
<u>ANIMAL CONTROL</u>						
74 Personal Services	54,804	67,598	88,143	82,588	82,588	82,588
75 Purchase of Services	6,381	4,317	8,050	8,050	8,050	8,050
76 Supplies	1,818	2,424	1,800	1,800	1,800	1,800
77 Other Charges - Expenditure	50	50	70	70	70	70
TOTAL ANIMAL CONTROL	63,053	74,389	98,063	92,508	92,508	92,508
<u>HARBORMASTER</u>						
78 Personal Services	147,546	158,261	171,888	171,891	171,891	171,891
79 Purchase of Services	36,057	39,462	35,836	35,836	35,836	35,836
80 Supplies	7,650	8,409	10,748	10,748	10,748	10,748
81 Other Charges - Expenditure	425	336	1,201	1,201	1,201	1,201
82 Capital Outlay	70,942	44,537	48,100	48,100	48,100	48,100
TOTAL HARBORMASTER	262,620	251,005	267,773	267,776	267,776	267,776
<u>SHELLFISH</u>						
83 Personal Services	62,268	66,718	69,218	70,323	70,323	70,323
84 Purchase of Services	1,593	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
85 Supplies	6,227	8,151	8,170	8,170	8,170	8,170
86 Other Charges - Expenditure	1,173	1,028	1,320	1,320	1,320	1,320
TOTAL SHELLFISH	71,262	76,997	79,808	80,913	80,913	80,913
<u>ENGINEERING / SURVEYOR</u>						
87 Personal Services	298,412	312,639	330,703	326,793	326,793	326,793
88 Purchase of Services	4,805	17,731	2,450	2,450	2,450	2,450
89 Supplies	2,875	2,482	2,750	2,813	2,813	2,813
90 Other Charges - Expenditure	895	1,071	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100
TOTAL ENGINEERING / SURVEYOR	306,987	333,924	337,003	333,156	333,156	333,156
<u>DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS</u>						



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91 Personal Services	1,188,505	1,222,240	1,334,215	1,341,010	1,341,010	1,349,010
92 Purchase of Services	122,344	104,720	124,646	119,527	119,527	119,527
93 Supplies	254,977	250,435	260,377	266,377	266,377	266,377
94 Supplies - Paving, Resurfacing	124,287	97,296	108,000	114,000	108,000	108,000
95 Other Charges - Expenditure	4,949	5,129	6,335	6,335	6,335	6,335
96 Capital Outlay	-	9,305	13,400	16,445	16,445	16,445
TOTAL DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,695,062	1,689,126	1,846,973	1,863,694	1,857,694	1,865,694
SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL						
97 Snow & Ice Removal	329,793	221,953	135,637	135,637	135,637	135,637
TOTAL SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL	329,793	221,953	135,637	135,637	135,637	135,637
STREET LIGHTING						
98 Purchase of Services	169,889	162,967	176,174	181,857	181,857	181,857
TOTAL STREET LIGHTING	169,889	162,967	176,174	181,857	181,857	181,857
WASTE COLLECT / DISPOSAL						
99 Personal Services	439,748	458,139	482,747	476,922	476,922	478,922
100 Purchase of Services	609,896	584,674	665,674	618,946	618,946	618,946
101 Supplies	62,503	51,011	48,894	43,961	43,961	43,961
102 Other Charges - Expenditure	795	815	2,390	2,390	2,390	2,390
TOTAL WASTE COLLECT / DISPOSAL	1,112,941	1,094,639	1,199,705	1,142,219	1,142,219	1,144,219
HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE						
103 Personal Services	274,053	295,061	306,987	307,563	307,563	307,563
104 Purchase of Services	27,693	25,032	25,070	25,070	25,070	25,070
105 Supplies	3,291	2,689	2,700	2,700	2,700	2,700
106 Other Charges - Expenditure	2,264	1,987	2,620	2,620	2,620	2,620
TOTAL HEALTH INSPECTION SERVICE	307,300	324,769	337,377	337,953	337,953	337,953
COUNCIL ON AGING						
107 Personal Services	147,901	160,395	166,343	166,641	166,641	166,641
108 Supplies	3,294	3,333	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
109 Other Charges - Expenditure	5,169	5,502	5,175	5,175	5,175	5,175
TOTAL COUNCIL ON AGING	156,364	169,230	174,018	174,316	174,316	174,316
VETERAN'S SERVICES						
110 Purchase of Services	35,638	37,636	38,143	39,377	40,131	40,131
111 Other Charges - Expenditure	108,311	113,115	114,517	119,850	119,850	119,850
TOTAL VETERAN'S SERVICES	143,950	150,751	152,660	159,227	159,981	159,981



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COMM. ON DISABILITIES						
112 Purchase of Services	2,666	2,666	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
113 Other Charges - Expenditure	683	859	859	859	859	859
TOTAL COMM. ON DISABILITIES	3,349	3,525	2,859	2,859	2,859	2,859
OTHER HUMAN SERVICES						
114 NAUSET WORKSHOP	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300	4,300
115 CAPE COD CHILD DEVELOPMEN	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
116 CONSUMER ASSIST COUNCIL	550	550	550	550	550	550
117 INDEPENDENCE HOUSE	4,000	4,000	4,000	4,000	3,000	3,000
118 LEGAL SERVICES	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,600	2,700	2,700
119 SALVATION ARMY	2,000	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
120 AIDS SUPPORT GROUP OF CAPE COD	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
121 SIGHT LOSS SERVICES INC.	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
122 ELDER SERVICES/MEALS	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
123 FAMILY PANTRY	3,000	3,500	4,000	4,000	4,500	4,500
124 BIG BROTHERS/BIG SISTERS	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000
125 HANDS OF HOPE OUTREACH CENTER	2,700	3,200	3,700	3,700	4,200	4,200
126 GOSNOLD CENTER	-	2,500	2,500	2,500	3,000	3,000
TOTAL OTHER HUMAN SERVICES	36,650	40,650	41,650	41,650	42,250	42,250
LIBRARY						
127 Personal Services	184,334	196,167	212,342	209,093	209,093	209,093
128 Purchase of Services	45,188	21,578	21,243	19,478	19,478	19,478
129 Supplies	71,067	66,165	67,497	69,460	70,630	70,630
130 Other Charges - Expenditure	113,103	136,510	136,313	138,313	144,996	144,996
TOTAL LIBRARY	413,691	420,420	437,395	436,344	444,197	444,197
RECREATION						
131 Personal Services	100,108	97,345	89,748	89,749	89,749	89,749
132 Purchase of Services	7,425	4,191	4,200	4,200	4,200	4,200
133 Other Charges - Expenditure	100	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL RECREATION	107,633	101,537	93,948	93,949	93,949	93,949
BEACHES						
134 Personal Services	511,353	496,969	489,902	489,708	511,161	511,161
135 Purchase of Services	74,038	75,183	79,561	81,561	81,561	81,561
136 Supplies	23,245	22,855	23,265	23,265	23,265	23,265
137 Other Charges - Expenditure	4,493	5,568	8,575	8,575	8,575	8,575
138 Capital Outlay	1,628	5,776	6,700	6,700	16,700	16,700
TOTAL BEACHES	614,756	606,351	608,003	609,809	641,262	641,262



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GOLF						
139 Personal Services	1,002,715	1,010,384	1,085,368	1,085,404	1,085,926	1,085,926
140 Purchase of Services	230,041	206,709	268,337	270,837	270,837	270,837
141 Supplies	337,100	320,173	346,849	346,849	346,849	346,849
142 Other Charges - Expenditure	4,673	4,418	8,165	8,165	8,165	8,165
143 Capital Outlay	12,107	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
TOTAL GOLF	1,586,635	1,546,684	1,713,719	1,716,255	1,716,777	1,716,777
HISTORICAL COMMISSION						
144 Purchase of Services	-	-	1,861	1,861	1,861	1,861
145 Supplies	-	-	75	75	75	75
TOTAL HISTORICAL COMMISSION	-	-	1,936	1,936	1,936	1,936
S. DENNIS HISTORIC DIST. COMM.						
146 Personal Services	9,816	10,509	11,497	11,487	11,487	11,487
147 Purchase of Services	87	100	100	100	100	100
148 Supplies	596	176	224	224	224	224
TOTAL S. DENNIS HISTORIC DIST. COMM.	10,499	10,785	11,821	11,811	11,811	11,811
HISTORICAL DIST-OKHRHD						
149 Personal Services	25,824	26,855	28,932	29,042	29,042	29,042
150 Purchase of Services	288	300	300	300	300	300
151 Supplies	1,182	299	300	300	300	300
152 Other Charges - Expenditure	476	219	219	219	219	219
TOTAL HISTORICAL DIST-OKHRHD	27,770	27,673	29,751	29,861	29,861	29,861
RETIREMENT OF DEBT PRINCI						
153 Debt Services	2,697,545	2,819,493	1,964,545	1,424,525	1,424,525	1,339,525
TOTAL RETIREMENT OF DEBT PRINCI	2,697,545	2,819,493	1,964,545	1,424,525	1,424,525	1,339,525
INTEREST LONG TERM DEBT						
154 Debt Services	879,963	763,313	651,813	635,713	635,713	645,913
TOTAL INTEREST LONG TERM DEBT	879,963	763,313	651,813	635,713	635,713	645,913
INTEREST SHORT TERM DEBT						
155 Debt Services	-	-	18,400	23,088	23,088	15,250
TOTAL INTEREST SHORT TERM DEBT	-	-	18,400	23,088	23,088	15,250
FRINGE BENEFITS						



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156 Sick Pay Liability	7,376	14,289	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
157 Worker's Compensation	116,079	107,376	115,382	127,500	118,946	118,946
158 Unemployment	124,382	123,024	140,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
159 Retirement Contribution	1,708,357	1,826,538	2,059,352	2,224,100	2,113,130	2,113,130
160 Group Insurance	1,934,867	2,067,555	2,216,160	2,400,000	2,420,886	2,420,886
161 Medicare Tax- Town Share	166,247	171,549	171,975	185,733	185,733	185,733
TOTAL FRINGE BENEFITS	4,057,309	4,310,332	4,707,869	5,042,333	4,943,695	4,943,695
REPORT GRAND TOTAL	27,705,426	27,704,245	27,864,653	27,947,399	27,908,632	27,812,004

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ARTICLE 5

D-Y 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, 2011 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, 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Dennis-Yarmouth Reg'l School Committee)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend a total budget of \$49,228,734 and to raise appropriate \$14,853,715 for the article.

ARTICLE 6

Withdrawal of K-8 from D-Y School District

To see if the Town will vote, consistent with Section 6 of the Agreement between the Towns of Dennis and Yarmouth establishing a Regional School District as amended in September, 2006 (hereinafter "Agreement") to authorize an amendment thereto, and to amend, Section 13 of said Agreement by striking the first sentence, and replacing the language with the following: "Subject to the provisions of this Section 13 and Section 14, all pupils in grades kindergarten through eight shall receive their education in facilities that are located in the respective towns in which the pupils reside, except that in the case of children with special needs, the Committee may provide for other appropriate arrangements," and further, to approve and to authorize any necessary action by the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee to effectuate this provision, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Board of Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0 to indefinitely postpone

FC: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting

ARTICLE 7

D-Y SCHOOL AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

To see if the Town of Dennis will vote, consistent with Section 6 of the Agreement between the Towns of Dennis and Yarmouth establishing a Regional School District as Amended in September, 2006 (hereinafter "Agreement"), to authorize an amendment to, and to amend, Section 13 of said Agreement by striking the first sentence, and replacing the language with the following: "Subject to the provisions of this Section 13 and Section 14, all pupils in grades Kindergarten through three shall receive their education in facilities that are located in the respective towns in which the pupils reside, except that in case of children with special needs, the Committee may provide for other appropriate arrangements," so as to no longer require the education of pupils in grades four through eight in facilities that are located in the respective towns in which the pupils reside, to approve and to authorize any necessary action by the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee to effectuate this provision, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By Petition)

BOS: 3-2-0 to indefinitely postpone.

FC: 5-0-0 to indefinitely postpone.

ARTICLE 8

Ezra H. Baker School Add'l Funding

To see if the Town will approve the \$3,400,000 debt authorized by the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District (the "District") on March 30, 2011, to pay costs of replacing the roof and windows and making various building code improvements at the Ezra H. Baker Elementary School located at 810 Route 28 in West Dennis, Massachusetts, which proposed repair project (the "Project") would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that is otherwise capable of supporting the District's required educational program. The Town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority's ("MSBA") grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and that any costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member towns, and that any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 37.95 percent (37.95%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to the vote of the District described above shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA relating to the Project. Or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to approve the article as printed.

ARTICLE 9

Safety and Security/Technology Grant Funds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to provide matching funds for a Safety and Security/Technology Grant for the purchase of related equipment and software for the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$55,540 from Cable Receipts for the article.

ARTICLE 10

Cape Cod Tech Operating Budget

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, 2011 and to see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the operating expenses of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School system for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

(By the Cape Cod Reg'l Technical High School)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend a total budget of \$12,781,986 and to raise and appropriate \$1,514,967 for the article.

ARTICLE 11

Elected Officials

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, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012, as provided for in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108 and acts and amendment thereof, and raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money therefore:

- 5 Selectmen at \$ 2,000 each
- 1 Moderator at \$ 450
- 1 Town Clerk at \$58,061

And that the salaries and compensations be fixed as given in this article and further, that all other elected officers serve without compensation.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend to raise and appropriate \$68,511 for the article.

ARTICLE 12

FY2011 Budget Supplements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement Fiscal Year 2011 Line Item appropriations under Article 4 of the May 4, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto:

a. Central Purchasing, Supplies, Line Item #17.	50,000
b. Finance Committee, Reserve Fund, Line Item #11.	19,736
c. Law Dept., Purchase of Services, Line Item # 33	30,000
d. Police, Personal Services, Line Item #63	20,000
e. Fire, Personal Services, Line Item #68	125,000
f. Snow & Ice Removal, Line Item #102	110,000
g. Beaches, Personal Services, Line Item #144	57,853
Total	\$412,589

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$412,589 from free cash for the article.

ARTICLE 13

Reduce Tax Rate

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$200,000 from free cash for the article.

ARTICLE 14

Prior Year’s Unpaid Bills

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the following prior year’s unpaid bills, or take any other action relative thereto:

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0 to indefinitely postpone

FC: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 15

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 pay for the following capital outlay items, or take any other action relative thereto:

1. <u>Engineering</u>		
a. West Dennis Beach Rotary	<u>\$272,000</u>	\$272,000
2. <u>Fire</u>		
a. Ambulance 105 Lease	<u>\$ 79,555</u>	\$ 79,555
3. <u>Golf</u>		
a. Golf Equipment Lease A	\$ 64,000	
b. GSP Irrigation Hardware/Software	20,500	
c. Angle Master Bed Knife Grinder	14,000	
d. Turfo 1530 Top Dresser	13,500	
e. Golf Equipment Lease B	<u>60,000</u>	
		\$172,000
4. <u>MIS</u>		
a. GEO TMS Modules	<u>\$ 12,000</u>	\$ 12,000
5. <u>Police</u>		
a. Ballistic Vests	<u>\$ 10,000</u>	\$ 10,000
6. <u>School</u>		
a. Wixon Circulator Pumps	\$ 15,216	
b. Wixon Hot Water Tank/Baker Air Compressor	<u>16,100</u>	
		\$ 31,316
	TOTAL	\$576,871

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend a transfers of: \$200,216 from free cash, \$100,000 from Beach Capital Improvement Fund; \$79,555 from Ambulance Receipts; \$172,000 from Golf Capital Improvement Fund; \$9,000 from Wetlands Protection Fund; \$16,100 from Article 13 of the May 5, 2009 Annual Town Meeting for the article.

ARTICLE 16

Capital Outlay from Permanent Override

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to purchase or fund the following capital outlay equipment or projects for Fiscal Year 2012, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a four (4) year lease for the replacement of the Fire Pumper listed under paragraph 4 (b) below, or take any other action relative thereto.

1. <u>Council-On-Aging</u>			
a. Senior Center Bldg. Design & Eng.	\$ 30,000		\$ 30,000
2. <u>Engineering</u>			
a. Drainage	\$ 100,000		
b. Guardrail Replacement	80,000		
c. Secondary Roads	400,000		
d. Sidewalks	<u>18,000</u>		\$ 598,000
3. <u>Fire Dept.</u>			
a. Refurbish Ladder Truck 110	\$ 225,000		
b. Replace Fire Pumper 115 (4 yr.Lease)	<u>137,000</u>		\$ 362,000
4. <u>GIS</u>			
a. GIS – Planimetrics	<u>\$ 150,000</u>		\$ 150,000
6. <u>Harbor</u>			
a. Maintenance Dredging	<u>\$ 150,000</u>		\$ 150,000
6. <u>Municipal Buildings</u>			
a. West Dennis Graded School House Painting	\$125,000		
b. Multiple Roof Projects	<u>45,000</u>		\$ 170,000
7. <u>Police</u>			
a. Police IT Replacement	\$ 10,000		
b. Gas BoyRefueling	<u>35,000</u>		\$ 45,000
		GRAND TOTAL	\$1,505,000

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend to raise and appropriate \$1,430,000 and transfer \$75,000 from Cable Receipts for the article.

ARTICLE 17

Capital Outlay – Meals Tax

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money to fund the following Capital Outlay Items/Equipment, or take any other action relative thereto.

1. <u>Administration</u>		
a. Munis – Systems Upgrades	<u>\$ 23,241</u>	\$ 23,241
2. <u>DPW-Highway</u>		
a. Traffic Signal Repair	\$ 55,000	
b. New Skid Steer	<u>75,000</u>	
		\$ 130,000
3. <u>Engineering</u>		
a. Replace/Transfer Dodge RAM	<u>\$ 27,000</u>	\$ 27,000
4. <u>Fire</u>		
a. Replace Fire 4 WD Vehicle 111	<u>\$ 30,000</u>	\$ 30,000
5. <u>Harbor</u>		
a. Replace 1997 Harbor One Ton Truck	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	\$ 50,000
6. <u>Natural Resources</u>		
a. Princess Beach Pavilion, Restrooms and site improvements.	<u>\$ 97,150</u>	\$ 97,150
GRAND TOTAL		\$ 357,391

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend to raise and appropriate \$357,391 for the article.

ARTICLE 18

CPC Budget

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Community Preservation Committee Budget for Fiscal Year 2012 as follows: to appropriate or set-aside for future appropriation not less than 10% for the Fiscal Year 2012 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 2012 Community Preservation Fund a sum of money to be placed in the FY2012 Undesignated Reserve for general Community Preservation Act purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Community Preservation Committee)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend that the following amounts be appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund: 1) 10% Reserved for Community Housing - \$124,411; 2) 10% Reserved for Open Space - \$124,411; 3) 10% Reserved for Historic Preservation - \$124,411; 4) Debt Service - \$766,925; 5) Short-term interest - \$8,000; 6) Community Preservation Committee Expenses - \$10,000; and 7) Reserved for undesignated purposes - \$85,951; for a total of \$1,244,109 for the article.

ARTICLE 19

Corporation Beach Bathhouse

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money to pay for the design, engineering and construction of the Corporation Beach Bathhouse, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-1-0 to recommend borrowing \$825,000 for the article.

ARTICLE 20

Transfer Station Design Improvements

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the design, engineering and construction of improvements to the Transfer Station Building and grounds and for the purchase of equipment related to said improvements, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend borrowing \$250,000 for the article.

ARTICLE 21

Cable Revolving Fund – MGL c.44, §53E ½

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for Fiscal Year 2012 the crediting to the Cable Receipts Revolving Fund, as established by vote of the Dennis Annual Town Meeting on May 4, 2010, Article 27, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, providing for a means by which monies received from Cable Receipts may, after receipt, be expended, and without further appropriation to fund cable related expenses, by the Board of Selectmen, up to a limit of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) during Fiscal Year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 22

COA Revolving Fund – MGL c.44, §53E ½

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for Fiscal Year 2012 the crediting to the Council-On-Aging Revolving Fund, as established by vote of the Dennis Annual Town Meeting on May 2, 1995, Article 42, and pursuant to the MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, providing for a means by which fees or charges received in connection with a Council-On-Aging program or activity, may after receipt, be applied directly and without further appropriation to support that program or activity, for expenditure by the Director of the Council-On-Aging, up to a limit of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000.00) during Fiscal Year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 23**COA Bus Revolving Fund, c.44, §53E ½**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for Fiscal Year 2012 the crediting to the Council On-Aging Bus Revolving Fund, as established by vote of the Dennis Annual Town meeting on May 4, 2010, Article 29, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, providing a means by which fees or charges received from the operation of the Council-On-Aging Bus may, after receipt and authorization by the Council-On-Aging Director, be applied directly and without further appropriation to support the operations of said bus, for expenditure by the Council On Aging Director, up to a limit of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000.00) during Fiscal Year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 24**Golf Revolving Fund – MGL c.44, §53E ½**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for Fiscal Year 2012 the crediting to the Golf Department Revolving Fund, as established by vote of the Dennis Annual Town Meeting on May 4, 2010, Article 21, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, providing for a means by which 25% of Cart Rental Fee received may after receipt, be applied directly without further appropriation to the fund to pay for the rental of golf carts. In addition, revenue from the Golf Course Pro-Shops fees or charges may be applied directly, without further appropriation to support the operations of the Golf Pro-Shops. In addition, revenue from GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network) be applied directly, without further appropriation to the fund to pay Massachusetts Golf Association dues for members handicaps, after receipt and authorization by the Golf Director, be applied directly and without further appropriation to support the operations for expenditure by the Golf Director, up to a limit of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) during Fiscal Year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 25**Library Revolving Fund, c.44, §53E ½**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for Fiscal Year 2012 the crediting to the Town Library Revolving Fund, as established by vote of the Dennis Annual Town Meeting on May 5, 1998, Article 16, and pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, providing for a means by which fees, fines or charges received in connection with a Town Library program or activity may, after receipt, be applied directly and without further appropriation to support that program or activity, for expenditure by the Library Director up to a limit of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000.00) during Fiscal Year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 26**Board of Health Revolving Fund, c.44, §53E ½**

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize for Fiscal Year 2012 the establishment of a Board of Health Medicare Reimbursement Revolving Fund, as established by vote of the Dennis Annual Town Meeting on May 3, 2005, Article 18, pursuant to MGL Chapter 44,

Section 53E ½ , providing for a means by which reimbursements received from Medicare for flu shots may, after receipt, be applied directly and without further appropriation to the purchase of additional vaccine or other medical supplies, and costs associated with providing volunteer management and clinical support, by the Health Director up to a limit of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) during Fiscal Year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Board of Health)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 27

Dennis Professional Firefighters 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 Dennis Professional Firefighters, IAFF Local 2583 personnel for Fiscal Year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 4-0-1

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$70,963 from Article 4, Line Item #4, Town Administrator Settlements of the May 3, 2011 Annual Town Meeting for the article.

ARTICLE 28 Service Employees International Union Agreement and Non-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 Service Employees International Union, Local 888 personnel and to fund non-union wages for Fiscal Year 2012, or taken any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0 to indefinitely postpone.

FC: 5-0-0 Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 29

Mass Laborers' District Council 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 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 4-0-1

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$49,392 from Article 4, Line Item #4, Town Administrator Settlements of the May 3, 2011 Annual Town Meeting for the article.

ARTICLE 30

AFSCME 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 Union for Fiscal Year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 4-0-1

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$58,924 from Article 4, Line Item #4, Town Administrator Settlements of the May 3, 2011 Annual Town Meeting for the article.

ARTICLE 31

Non-union Wages

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund non-union personnel wages for Fiscal Year 2012, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$27,608 from Article 4, Line Item #4, Town Administrator Settlements of the May 3, 2011 Annual Town Meeting for the article.

ARTICLE 32

Solar Farm

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Article 24 of the May 4, 2010 Annual Town Meeting, previously appropriated for a composting facility, to supplement the funds appropriated under Article 23 of said Town Meeting which authorized the Board of Selectmen to issue a request for proposals for a lease and/or operating agreement, and/or power purchasing agreement on behalf of the Town, with a term of up to twenty years, for the design, construction and operation of a Solar Farm to be located on town-owned property adjacent to the Dennis Transfer Station, provided, however, that the award of the lease or operating agreement shall be subject to the approval of town meeting; and further, that said funds will be used to pay for engineering, consulting and legal services required to conduct procurement and negotiate an agreement with the successful proposer, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$27,439.75 from Article 24 of the May 4, 2010 Annual Town Meeting for the article.

ARTICLE 33

Article 97 Special Legislation

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for approval to seek special legislation, either individually or jointly with the Dennis Water District, permitting the Dennis Water District to lease or otherwise "dispose of" land of the District covered by Article 97 of the Articles of Amendment to the Massachusetts Constitution, for the purposes of siting, constructing and operating a wind turbine owned by the Town of Dennis, if such approval is deemed by the Board of Selectmen to be needed; provided that the

General Court may vary the form and substance of the requested legislation within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 4-0-1

FC: 4-0-1 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 34

Beach Capital Improvement Fund By-Law

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Beach Capital Improvement Fund By-Law, pursuant to Chapter 82 of Acts of 2005, which authorized the establishment of said fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

“Beach Capital Improvement Fund By-Law”

In accordance with Chapter 82 of the Acts of 2005, the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to increase the portion of the revenue derived from beach fees to be deposited into the Beach Capital Improvement Fund as follows:

- (i) (25%) of the daily beach parking sticker
- (ii) (20%) of the resident beach parking sticker

or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 35

Beach Capital Improvement Fund Transfer

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 Beach Capital Improvement Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$200,000 from free cash.

ARTICLE 36

Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Municipal Capital Stabilization Fund, as authorized by G.L. c. 40, §5B, to be used to purchase or fund capital equipment or projects, and as funding therefor, to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be deposited into said fund, or taken any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 6-0-0 to recommend to raise and appropriate \$111,500 for the article.

**ARTICLE 37 Waterways Dredge and Maintenance Program Receipts
Reserved Capital Improvements Fund By-law**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following Waterways Dredge and Maintenance Program Receipts Reserved Capital Improvements Fund By-Law, pursuant to Chapter 118 of the Acts of 2008, authorizing the establishment of said fund:

“Waterways Dredge and Maintenance Program Receipts Reserved Capital Improvements Fund By-Law”

In accordance with Chapter 118 of the Acts of 2008, Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to increase the portion of the revenue derived from the Waterways fees to be deposited into said fund as follows:

- (i) 100% of the transient fees
- (ii) 50% of the parking fees
- (iii) 7% of the non-resident slip holders fees
- (iv) 6% of the resident slip holders fees
- (v) 60% of private dock and rack fees.

and further, that this By-Law take effect July 1, 2012.

or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 38 Shellfish Mitigation Fund Transfer

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing an additional 605,000, 2-3mm of quahog seed to be grown out in the Town’s upweller and then deposited in Bass River,
or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$4,840 from the Shellfish Mitigation Fund for the article.

ARTICLE 39 Water Quality Testing – Fresh Water Ponds

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for water quality testing throughout the Town, compilation of management strategies and assessments for Scargo Lake, completion of bird surveys for Cedar and Flax Ponds, and identification of stormwater inputs into Cedar Pond, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Water Quality Advisory Committee)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 6-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$20,000 from free cash for the article.

ARTICLE 40

Water Quality Testing – Estuaries

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for the continuation of water quality testing within Swan River, Bass River, Sesuit Harbor and Chase Garden Creek, and further, that sample collections will be accomplished by Department of Natural Resources staff with assistance from volunteers.

(By the Water Quality Advisory Committee)

BOS: 4-0-1

FC: 6-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$18,000 from free cash for the article.

ARTICLE 41

Beach Rinse Towers

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase and install two (2) rinse towers, one to be located at the West Dennis Beach first comfort station and the other to be located at Glendon Beach, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Beach Committee)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$6,800 from the Beach Capital Improvement Fund for the article.

ARTICLE 42

Code Red E911 System

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase and implement a Code Red E911 system at the police department and the cost of which will be reduced by grants, gifts other means of funding, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend to raise and appropriate \$7,900 for the article.

ARTICLE 43

Acceptance of Small Personal Property Account Exemption

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L Chapter 59, §5 (54), added by Chapter 159 of the Acts of 2000, and establish a minimum fair cash value requirement of \$1,000 for personal property accounts to be taxed effective as of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Board of Assessors)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 6-0-0 to approve the article as printed.

ARTICLE 44

Waterways/Harbor Fees

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with the Selectmen’s Fee Limitation By-Law, to adopt the following new Waterways/Harbor Fees:

- a. Winter Shellfish Dock Fee.....\$10.00 per dock cleat
- b. Winter Shellfish Dock Piling Fee.....\$25.00 per dock
- c. Transient Slip Fee up to 4 hours \$10.00

and further, that said fees may be amended from time to time by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with said by-law, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 45

Solid Waste Disposal Fees

To see if the Town will vote in accordance with the Selectmen’s Fee Limitation By-Law, to adopt the following new Solid Waste Disposal Fees:

- . Usage Fee – Yard Waste Off-Scale:
 - a. Minimum Entry Fee for one barrel\$ 3.00
 - b. Small Pickup Truck or Small Trailer less than or equal to 6 ft in length... 10.00
 - c. Full Size Pickup Truck or large trailer greater than 6 ft in length 15.00
 - d. One Ton Truck20.00

and further, that said fees may be amended from time to time by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with said by-law, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 46

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Loan

To see if the Town will vote, in accordance with Chapter 19, Section 19-9(B) (7) of the Dennis Code, to authorize the Dennis Affordable Housing Trust Fund Board of Trustees, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to loan a sum of money not to exceed \$150,000 with an interest rate of not less than one percent (1%) from the Affordable Housing Trust Fund to the Housing Assistance Corporation for pre-development costs for the Proposed Affordable Housing Project to be built on a portion of the former Melpet Farm property, on Route 134, South Dennis, and to enter into a loan agreement with said Housing Assistance Corporation setting forth the terms and conditions upon which the funds may be expended and the repayment of the loan funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to approve the article as printed.

ARTICLE 47

Cable Receipts Transfer

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Cable Receipts to the Capital Improvement fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 4-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$33,800 from Cable Receipts for the article.

ARTICLE 48

Zoning By-Law Amendment – Industrial Zone New Use

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Dennis Zoning By-law by amending, Section 2.2.2 Use Regulation Schedule to add 2.2.2.7.j Modular Building Manufacturing and Section 5 Definitions to add a definition of Modular Building Manufacturing.

PRINCIPAL USES	DISTRICT									
	R-40 R-60	Quivet Neck/ Crowe's Pasture Resource Protection District	R R	L B	E B	GC-I	GC-II GC-III	I	DPVC Area A	DPVC Area B
7. INDUSTRIAL, UTILITY AND OTHER USES										
j. Modular Building Manufacturing	N	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y	N	N

Section 5 Definitions

MODULAR BUILDING MANUFACTURING: An enclosed manufacturing facility dedicated to the fabrication, assembly or construction of structural insulated panels, pre-fabricated walls, roofs, flooring, ceilings and other structural elements intended for delivery to and assembly on a building site.

(By the Zoning By-Law Study Committee)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend the article as printed.

ARTICLE 49

Zoning By-Law Amendment – Section 4.3.2

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 4.3.2 of the Dennis Zoning By-law as to add the word "line" after the word "lot"

4.3.2. Requirements

4.3.2.1 Setbacks - No marine use shall be located within thirty (30) feet, and no structure shall be located within fifty (50) feet of a lot *line*.

(By the Zoning By-Law Study Committee)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 5-0-0 to recommend the article a printed.

ARTICLE 50

Chase Garden Creek Scientific Data Collection

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the collection of scientific data within Chase Garden Creek to be used for subsequent design and permitting efforts to obtain dredging and beach re-nourishment approvals at Chapin Beach, or take any other action relative thereto.

(By the Selectmen)

BOS: 5-0-0

FC: 6-0-0 to recommend a transfer of \$28,500 from free cash for the article.

ARTICLE 51

Constitutional Amendment - PACs

To see if the Town will vote to direct our Representatives to the MA Legislature and United States Congress to work for ratification of a Constitutional Amendment that reads: "Corporations, political action committees (PACs), and foreign agents are not citizens under the U.S. Constitution and shall not be allowed to financially influence elections.

(By Petition)

BOS: 3-1-1 to indefinitely postpone the article.

FC: 5-0-0 to indefinitely postpone the article.

ARTICLE 52

Limit Land Based Wind Turbines

To see if the Town will vote to limit placement of land based wind turbines 45 feet or higher (no less than 1.5 km/4752 feet by line of sight), from the nearest residence (based on European's Standards). Also, that no exemptions from this directive be allowed for anyone wishing to erect a land based wind turbine. This is to preserve the health, safety and welfare of all citizens of Dennis, MA.

(By Petition)

BOS: 5-0-0 to indefinitely postpone the article.

FC: 5-0-0 to indefinitely postpone the article.

And to meet at several precincts in said Town at the following places:

Precinct 1, Dennis, Carleton Hall, 1006 Old Bass River Road

Precinct 2, East Dennis, Dennis Senior Center, 1045 Route 134

Precinct 3, Dennis Port, Dennis Public Library, 5 Hall Street

Precinct 4, West Dennis, 1867 West Dennis Graded School House, 67 School Street

Precinct 5, South Dennis, Dennis Police Station, 90 Bob Crowell Road

In said Dennis on Tuesday, the tenth day of May 2011, at 7:00 a.m. then and there to vote for election of the following officers:

Two Selectmen for three years; one Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School Committee Member for three years; one Old King's Highway Regional Historic District Committee Member for four years; one Dennis Housing Authority Commissioner for five years; and one Water District Commissioner for three years.

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, seven (7) days, at least before the time of holding said meeting.

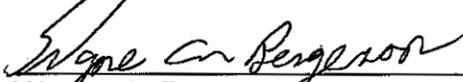
HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make a due return of this **WARRANT**, with your doings thereof, to the TOWN CLERK, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given unto our hands this ~~22nd~~ day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Eleven.


Paul R. McCormick, Chairman

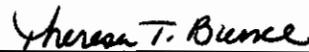

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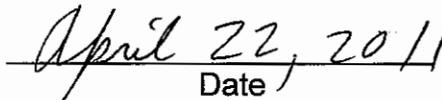
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Theresa T. Bunce, Town Clerk

BARNSTABLE, ss.

PURSUANT 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, SEVEN (7) days before the date of the meeting, as within directs.


Constable of Dennis


Date

A GLOSSARY OF COMMONLY USED TERMS

Abatement - A complete or partial cancellation of a levy imposed by a governmental unit, applicable to tax levels and special assessments.

Amortization - Gradual elimination of an obligation, such as a bond, according to a specified schedule of times and amounts. The principal amount of a home mortgage, for example, is amortized by annual payments.

Appropriation - An authorization granted by town meeting to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is usually limited in amount and as to the time when it may be expended.

Assessed Valuation - A valuation set upon real estate or other property by a government as a basis for levying taxes. Equalized assessed valuation, as determined by local assessors, adjusted by the State Department of Revenue on a biennial basis to reflect a full and fair market value ("equalized valuation"). 100% assessment refers to local assessments which are intended to approximate full and fair cash value of property.

Available Funds - Sum of funds appropriated and raised by the town, but not expended in the years for which they were appropriated, minus uncollected taxes for prior years. Must be certified by the Massachusetts Bureau of Accounts before it can be used. Also known as "Free Cash."

Betterment - An addition made to, or change made in, a fixed asset which is expected to prolong its life or to increase its efficiency. The term is also applied to sidewalks, sewers, and highways; "improvements" could be another designation.

Bond - Written promise to pay a specified sum of money, called the face value (par value) or principal amount, at a specified date or dates in the future, called the maturity date(s) together with periodic interest at a specified rate. The difference between a note and a bond is that the latter runs for a longer period of time and requires greater legal formality.

Bond Anticipation Note (BAN) - Short-term note of a government sold in anticipation of bond issuance. BANs are full faith and credit obligations.

Budget - A plan of financial operations embodying an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the proposed means of financing them. A budget may be "preliminary" - the financial plan presented to the town meeting, or "final" - the plan approved by that body.

Budget Message - Statement summarizing the plans and policies contained in the budget report, including an explanation of the principal budget items, an outline of the municipality's experience during the past year and its financial status at the time of the message, and recommendations regarding financial policy for the coming year.

Capital Budget - A plan for the expenditure of public funds for capital purposes, showing as income the revenues, special assessments, free surplus, and down payment appropriations to be applied to the cost of capital project or projects, expenses of issuance of obligation, engineering supervision, contracts, and any other related expenses.

Capital Expenditure - Non-recurring payments for capital improvements including construction, acquisition, site development and overhead costs. The fees for architects, engineers, lawyers, and other professional services plus the cost of financing; advance planning may be included.

Capital Improvements - Acquisition, construction, replacement of, or major repairs to capital plant facilities, with a relatively long useful life.

Capital Project - A major nonrecurring physical acquisition expenditure often including planning, acquisition, and construction phases.

Cherry Sheet - An annual statement received by the assessors from the Department of Revenue detailing estimated receipts for the next fiscal year from various state aid accounts and the Local Aid Fund (Lottery) and estimated charges payable by the assessors in setting the tax rate. Supplemental Cherry Sheets may be issued during the year and there is no guarantee that the estimated receipts and charges shown thereon will not vary from actual receipts and charges. (Name derived from the pink color of the document.)

Debt Authorization - Formal approval to incur debt by municipal officials, in accordance with procedures stated in M.G.L., Ch. 44, specifically Sections 1, 2, 3, 4a, 6 - 15.

Debt Service - The cost (usually stated in annual terms) of the principal retirement and interest of any particular issue.

Fiscal Year - The Commonwealth, state and municipalities (as of 1974) operate on a fiscal year which begins on July 1 and ends on June 30. The number of the fiscal year ends; e.g. the 1998 fiscal year is July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998; the 1999 fiscal year will be from July 1, 1998 to June 30, 1999.

Free Cash (Budgetary Fund Balance) - Free cash represents the portion of surplus revenue which the municipality is able to appropriate. Technically, free cash is money that is appropriated but not spent, less unpaid back taxes. That is, it is money that the community raised to spend for a particular item but was left over because the full appropriation was not expended. From this surplus the municipality's liabilities are subtracted - i.e., unpaid taxes. The remainder, if any, is certified annually by the Department of Revenue as the community's free cash. Amounts from certified free cash may be appropriated by the community for expenditures or to offset property taxes.

General Fund - The fund into which the general (non-earmarked) revenues of the municipality are deposited and from which money is appropriated to pay the general expenses of the municipality.

Growth Revenue - The amount of property tax revenue that a community can add to its allowable tax levy from new construction, alterations, subdivision or change of use which increases a parcel value by at least 50%, or more than \$100,000 for commercial and industrial property. It is computed by applying the prior year's tax rate to the increase in valuation.

Note - A short-term loan, typically of a year or less in maturity.

Overlay - The amount raised by the assessors in excess of appropriations and other charges for the purpose of creating a fund to cover abatements and to avoid fractions.

Reserve Fund - A fund established by the annual town meeting which is under the control of the finance committee and from which transfers may be made for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures. It may be composed of an appropriation of not more than 5% of the tax levy for the preceding year, or money transferred from the overlay reserve, or both.

Revolving Funds - Those funds which may be used without appropriation and which are established for particular uses such as school athletics, continuing education programs, school lunch programs, self supporting recreation and park services, conservation, etc.

Stabilization Fund - A special reserve account created to provide for capital improvements which is invested until used. Towns may appropriate into this fund in any year an amount no more than ten percent of the prior year's tax levy. The outstanding balance in the account cannot exceed 10% of the town's equalized valuation. Generally, it requires a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting to appropriate money from the Stabilization Fund.

Surplus Revenue - This is the amount by which cash, accounts receivable and other floating assets exceed the liabilities and reserves.

Unfunded Pension Liability - Unfunded pension liability is the difference between the value assigned to the retirement benefits already earned by a town's employees and the assets the town's retirement system will have on hand to meet these obligations. The dollar value of the unfunded pension liability is driven by assumptions about interest rates at which a retirement system's assets will grow and the rate of future costs of living increases to pensioners.

Uniform Municipal Accounting System (UMAS) - A comprehensive and practical municipal accounting system that conforms to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for local governments. UMAS is regarded by the Department of Revenue as the professional standard for modern municipal accounting in Massachusetts.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT ESTIMATED TAX RATE

CURRENT 2011 TAX RATE:

Current Tax Rate ~ \$5.59 per thousand.

Current Tax Rate With CPA ~ \$5.74 per thousand.

ESTIMATED 2012 TAX RATE:

Estimated 2012 Tax Rate for the Operational and Capital Budgets ~ \$5.68 per thousand.

CPA Surcharge of 3% adds - \$0.15

Estimated 2012 Tax Rate With CPA - \$5.83 per thousand.

The above tax rate estimates are based upon actual FY 2011 real estate values (as of January 1, 2010). The Actual FY 2012 tax rate will be set in the fall and will be based on values as of January 1, 2011.