

W A R R A N T

ANNUAL SPRING TOWN MEETING

TOWN OF WAREHAM

APRIL 4, 2017
(ELECTION)

DESIGNATED POLL LOCATIONS

8:00 O'CLOCK A.M. to 8:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

APRIL 24, 2017
(GENERAL BUSINESS PORTION)

WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL
VIKING DRIVE
WAREHAM, MA 02571

7:00 O'CLOCK P.M.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

PLYMOUTH, S.S.

TO EITHER OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF WAREHAM

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in **Precinct 1:** Wareham Town Hall, 54 Marion Road, Wareham; **Precinct 2:** Ethel B. Hammond Elementary School, 13 Highland Avenue, Onset, **Precinct 3 and Precinct 6:** Minot Forest Elementary School, 63 Minot Avenue, Wareham; **Precinct 4 and Precinct 5:** John W. Decas School, 760 Main Street, South Wareham; on Tuesday, April 4, 2017 at 8:00 o'clock a.m. for the election of Town officers designated in the official ballot, to be adjourned until Monday, April 24, 2017 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. in the High School Auditorium, 7 Viking Drive, Wareham, MA at which time the general business of the Town shall be transacted, and to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

To choose the following officers: two Selectmen for a term of three (3) years, two Assessors for a term of three (3) years, two School Committee members for a term of three (3) years, one Housing Authority member for a term of five (5) years, one Constable for three (3) years, one Sewer Commissioner (sewer user) for a term of three (3) years,

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one Sewer Commissioner (at-large) for a term of three (3) years, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2 - RECURRING BUSINESS

- A. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Town Administrator to apply for, accept and enter into contracts from time to time for the expenditure of any funds allotted or otherwise available to Wareham by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts or the U.S. Government under any State or Federal Grant program or activity, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

- B. To see if the Town will authorize its Town Treasurer/Collector to enter into compensating balance agreements for fiscal year 2018 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Treasurer/Collector

- C. To act upon the reports of the Selectmen, School Committee, and the Capital Planning Committee, and upon any other reports from officers and committees who consider it expedient to do so, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

- D. To see if the Town will vote to expend interest earned from loan repayments made between the Town of Wareham and Wareham residential property owners as authorized under Chapter 111, Section 127B1/2 and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws for use for the administration of the Septic Loan Program and for additional so-called betterment loan projects, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of Community and Economic Development Authority

ARTICLE 3 - COMPENSATION OF CERTAIN APPOINTED OFFICIALS

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to G.L. c. 41, s. 108 to set the compensation of elected officials, and further, to set the compensation of certain appointed officials, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

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ARTICLE 4 - FY18 REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to approve all of the following G.L. c. 44, §53½ revolving funds, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorizing to Spend Fund</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>FY18 (current) Spending Limit</u>	<u>Disposition of FY 17(prior) Fund Balance</u>	<u>Spending Restrictions or Comments</u>
COA/ Transportation	COA/ Transportation	User Fees/	Transportation	200,000	Unencumbered balance from FY17 funds transferred to FY18 revolving fund	
Library	Library	Fines/fees/ Fund Raising	Supplies, books	20,000	Unencumbered balance from FY17 funds transferred to FY18 revolving fund	
COA/Social Programs/ Daycare	COA/Social Programs	User Fees/ Fund Raising	Programs, supplies, equipment, contracted instructors and any other related expenses	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY17 funds transferred to FY18 revolving fund	
COA/Activities	COA/Activities	User Fees/ Fund Raising	Programs, supplies, equipment, contracted instructors and any other related expenses	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY17 funds transferred to FY18 revolving fund	
Hammond Rental	Director of Municipal Maintenance	Rent from former Hammond School	Operating costs of buildings and grounds	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY17 funds transferred to FY18 revolving fund	
Recycling	Chair of Recycling Committee with approval of Town Administrator	User Fees/ Fund Raising	Programs, supplies, equipment, contracted instructors and any other related expenses	50,000	Unencumbered balance from FY17 funds transferred to FY18 revolving fund	
Shellfish Propagation	Shellfish Constable and Town Administrator	Shellfish permits fees + 20% of all fees derived from shellfish permits	Shellfish Propagation and enhancement of shellfish resources	30,000	Unencumbered balance from FY17 funds transferred to FY18 revolving fund	
Board of Health	Health Department	Fees from Rental Inspection program	Fund Rental Inspection Program	75,000	Unencumbered balance from FY17 funds transferred to FY18 revolving fund	
Treasurer	Director of Finance	Tax Title Collections	Necessary and related Tax Title Fees	150,000	Unencumbered balance from FY17 funds transferred to FY18 revolving fund	
Code Enforcement	Building Commissioner	Fines, Fees and Funds from Enforcement	Fund Code Enforcement	100,000	Unencumbered balance from FY17 funds transferred to FY18 revolving fund	

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Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 5 - OCCASIONAL REPORTS

To receive and hear reports regarding the Redevelopment Authority and/or Community & Economic Development Authority, Zoning Committee, Dog Park Study Committee and Road Commissioners or any other reports from committees who deem necessary, or to do or act in any other manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 6 - FY18 CAPITAL PLAN

To see if the Town of Wareham will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer a sum of money from available funds and authorize borrowing subject to MGL Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of capital improvement projects including replacement of vehicles and equipment and repairs to and improvements to town buildings, facilities and waterways, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 7 - FY18 BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow such sums of money as are necessary to fund the annual operating budget of the Town for Fiscal Year 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 8 - EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to the Emergency Medical Services salaries and wages account, the Emergency Medical Services general expense account, and further, to authorize a sum of money in estimated receipts of the Emergency Medical Services to be used to offset said appropriation in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Administrator

ARTICLE 9 - UPPER CAPE COD REGIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money as its share of the operating and capital costs of the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational-Technical High School District for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Upper Cape Cod Regional Vocational-Technical School District

ARTICLE 10 - WPCF ENTERPRISE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Water Pollution Control Enterprise Fund: Salary and Wages; Expenditures (includes debt), in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53F-1/2 of Massachusetts General Laws to defray the operating and capital expenses of the Water Pollution Control Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, and ending June 30, 2018, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 11 - STREET LAYOUT: BRITTANY DRIVE

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout on file with the Town Clerk of Brittany Drive as a public way, and further that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to take by eminent domain or accept as donations portions of the privately owned property that include the layout of said roadways; or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 12 - CLARIFY CHARTER REGARDING INCLUSION OF WARRANT ARTICLES

AMENDMENT TO CHARTER

To see if the Town will vote to petition the Legislature to amend the Wareham Town Charter, Article 2, Section 2-4(c) Town Meeting Warrants: Time Requirements, by replacing the following language

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"The board of selectmen shall place on the warrant for the spring and fall town meetings all subjects which have been submitted to it, in accordance with the provisions of this article, forty-five days, or more, before the date, fixed by law, on which such meetings are scheduled to convene."

with the following language:

"All articles submitted in accordance with Section 2-4(b) (2) and (3) above shall automatically be placed on the warrant for the spring and fall town meeting by operation of law. All other articles shall be placed on the warrant for the spring and fall town meeting by majority vote of the board of selectmen, pursuant to M.G.L. c.39, §10. All articles to be placed on the warrant for the spring and fall town meetings shall be placed thereon within forty-five days, or more, before the date fixed by law, on which such meetings are scheduled to convene."

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 13 - RESCIND PRIOR TOWN MEETING VOTE ESTABLISHING FIELDS & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the vote of the 1995 Fall Town Meeting on Article 37 that established a Fields & Grounds Committee, or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Town Moderator

ARTICLE 14 - AMEND BY-LAWS REGARDING TOWN MEETING QUORUM

To see if the Town will vote to amend Division I, Article I Section 4 of the Wareham Town By-Laws, by any lawful means, including special legislation by replacing the following language:

One hundred (100) votes shall constitute a quorum at any town meeting, except that a quorum of one hundred fifty (150) votes is necessary to vote upon any appropriation of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) or more.

With the following language:

The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at town meetings, except such parts of town meeting as are devoted exclusively to the election of town officers, shall be zero.

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Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 15 - 2018 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUND RESERVES

To see if the Town will vote to reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Funds FY 2018 estimated annual revenues the following amounts (1) \$38,000 .00 for administrative expenses ; (2) \$78,000.00 to Open Space Reserves; (3)\$78,000.00 to Historical Preservation Reserves; and (4) \$78,000.00 to Affordable Housing Reserves or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 16 - RETURN UNUSED FUNDS FROM COMPLETED PROJECTS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$8,706.00 into the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund account as follows:

- A) \$ 500.00 from MINOT TRAILS #2 approved under Article 12, Fall 08
- B) \$1,000.00 from NATURE EXPLORE OUTDOORS approved under article 8, Fall 13
- C) \$7,206.00 from ONSET BATH HOUSE ENGINEERING SURVEY approved under Article 17, Spring 14

or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 17 - MINOT FOREST PATH/PARKING AREA

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund or any other monies available in the Community Preservation Fund under the category of Open Space/Recreation, a grant to Minot Forest Committee, up to the sum of \$8,500.00, for the clearing of a new trail along Indian Neck Road from the intersection of RD Stillman Drive and Minot Avenue within the Town owned William Minot Forest, to create a three car parking area at the intersection of RD Stillman Drive and Indian Neck Road, to update brochures and install signage indicating the locations of the trails and parking area or to do or act in any manner relative thereto.

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Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 18 - WAREHAM WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH EXTERIOR PRESERVATION AND RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Undesignated Fund or any other monies available in the Community Preservation Fund under the category of Historical Preservation, a grant to the Wesley United Methodist Church of Wareham, up to the sum of \$ 142,750.00 , to fund the exterior restoration and preservation of church building located at 463 Main Street, Wareham and to receive a historical preservation restriction on the property, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Community Preservation Committee.

ARTICLE 19 - UNACCEPTED WAY REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote to establish a town unaccepted street, road and way repair revolving fund as allowed by Section 3 of chapter 40 of the General Laws as amended in the Municipal Modernization Act, funds from an available source shall be deposited into this fund initially to be expended by the Municipal Maintenance Director for the upkeep and maintenance of unaccepted streets, roads and ways. The fund shall be replenished in accordance with Town By-law Division II, Article 1, Section 18, not to exceed \$50,000, or to take any action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Road Commissioners.

ARTICLE 20 – UNACCEPTED WAY BY-LAW REVISION

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town by-laws, Division II, Article 1, Section 18, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen at the request of the Road Commissioners.

ARTICLE 21 - WAREHAM REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

To see if the town will vote to petition the Legislature to adopt special legislation to rescind Chapter 270 of the Acts of 1977 and Chapter 383 of the Acts of 2004, and further, to enact legislation which creates a Wareham Redevelopment Authority, consisting of five members: two members of the Board of Selectmen to be chosen by that body, the Town Administrator or his designee, the Director of Planning and Community Development, and

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one town resident to be selected by the Board of Selectmen; and that such legislation authorize the Wareham Redevelopment Authority to assume the powers, duties, assets and liabilities of CEDA; and that further, that the Wareham Redevelopment Authority have all the powers enjoyed by a redevelopment authority which is formed pursuant to G.L. c. 121B, and other applicable law, or take any other action relative thereto.

Inserted by the Board of Selectmen

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof on or before Friday, February 17, 2017 in at least one public place in each precinct within the Town, and by publishing a copy of the Warrant on or before March 9, 2017.

Hereof fail not and make sure due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk of the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 14th day of February in the year 2017.

WAREHAM BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Judith Whiteside, Chairman
Peter W. Teitelbaum, Clerk
Patrick G. Tropeano
Alan H. Slavin
Anthony R. Scarsciotti, Jr.