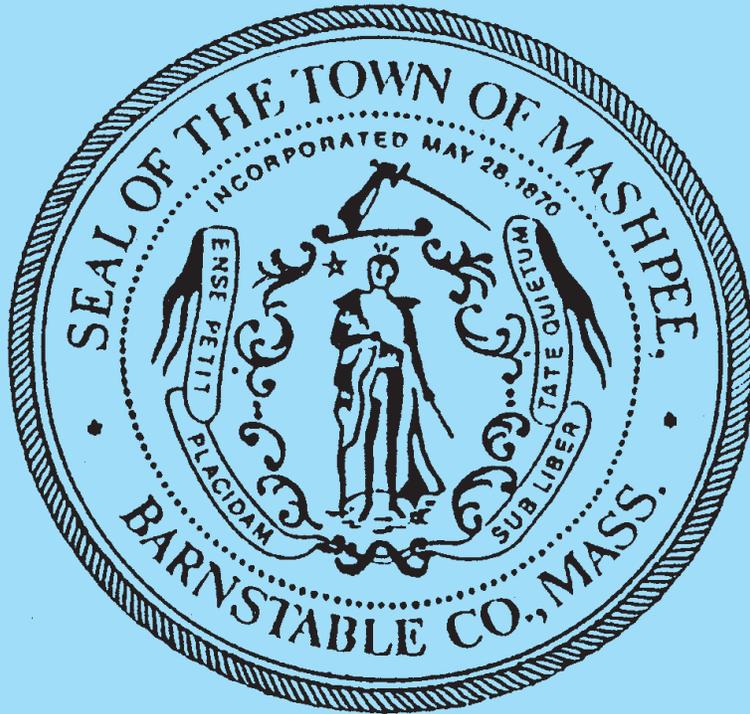


# Town of Mashpee



**Report of the Finance Committee**

**Special & Annual Town Meetings**

**Mashpee High School  
500 Old Barnstable Road  
Mashpee, MA 02649**

**Monday, June 15, 2020  
7:00 p.m.**

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Dear Mashpee Residents,

Your Finance Committee is comprised of seven (7) fellow residents, all volunteers, who advise Mashpee's residents on all matters brought forth at Town Meeting. We are mandated by Town Charter to review all articles posed on the Town warrant, and to provide our recommendations to our fellow residents. We are to investigate, interpret, analyze, and thoroughly explain each Article so that the voter has a clear understanding of their vote's impact. As part of the above, we are also required to estimate a projected tax rate.

After meeting with Town employees and committees, department heads, the finance team, and town management, we are pleased to report that the fiscal integrity of the Town of Mashpee is strong and in good order. This is attributable to competent management, leadership from the Board of Selectmen, and diligent department heads and town personnel. All their efforts enable Mashpee to have the highest possible bond rating.

All articles in the Special Town Meeting (13 articles) and the Annual Meeting (39 articles) warrants contained in this booklet have been thoroughly vetted by the Finance Committee. Each article includes a recommendation and an explanation from Selectmen and the Finance Committee. In our explanations, we attempted to make them as clear and concise as possible. *We especially call your attention a series of new, hopefully easy-to-understand, charts and graphs that the Finance Committee has provided on the following pages to help you better visualize and understand the Town's financial activity and status.*

Most articles on the Special Town Meeting warrant deal with "housekeeping" matters pertaining to the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2020. Of these, we would like to call your attention to the following articles:

- **Article #7** - This concerns Mashpee's CPA contribution to FORWARD in support of an autism facility which will be added to funding from the State and other Cape towns.
- **Article #10** - This provides funds for an expanded upweller installation at Ockway Bay landing essential to the Town's successful nitrogen management plan.

There are 39 articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant, five (5) of which are ones put forth by petitioners. Of these, we would like to call your attention to the following articles:

- **Article #2** - This is the Town's Omnibus Budget request of \$60.4 million for the new fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020
- **Article #3** – This is the Town's Capital Budget. At a little over \$2 million, it is 1.5% over last year.
- **Articles #7 through #9:** These are the Town's first significant attempt at funding the Town's commitment to create a municipal wastewater management sewer system.
  - **Article #7** calls for borrowing up \$2.48 million to complete the design of the treatment plant and collection system. If approved, a subsequent Proposition 2½ debt exclusion ballot vote will require passage.
  - **Article #8** creates the Municipal Water Infrastructure Investment Fund and partially funding it via a 2% surcharge on the annual property tax.
  - **Article #9** proposes a reduction of the annual Massachusetts Community Preservation Act surcharge from 3% to 2%.
- **Article #23** – This enables the Town of enter into beneficial agreements to install solar photovoltaic energy systems on school property in the town.

Based on the proposed budget, we estimate the FY21 total tax rate, including Community Preservation Act & Water District Tax, will increase 6 cents to \$9.42 per thousand.

YOU are the legislative body of OUR Town's government, and, as a member of that body, YOUR voice counts in determining Mashpee's future. Please take the time to review the material presented hereafter. If you have any questions, or want additional information, please make sure to present your concerns/questions to the Finance Committee, Board of Selectmen, or Town Manager. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration and your participation in shaping the future of our home.

**Mashpee Finance Committee**

Michael R. Richardson, Chair  
Jeffrey C. Pettengill, Vice-Chair  
A. Gregory McKelvey, Clerk  
Darlene G. Furbush  
Philip McCahill  
John W. Miller

- Mashpee’s financial position is very sound and continues to maintain the highest possible credit rating.
- 2021 Budget in Article #2 is a 1.7% growth over 2020. This budget does not include the incremental salary increases as proposed in Articles 10-15 for recently negotiated union contracts.
- As summary of Article #2 spending is detailed below:

**Town Meeting Warrant - Article #2**

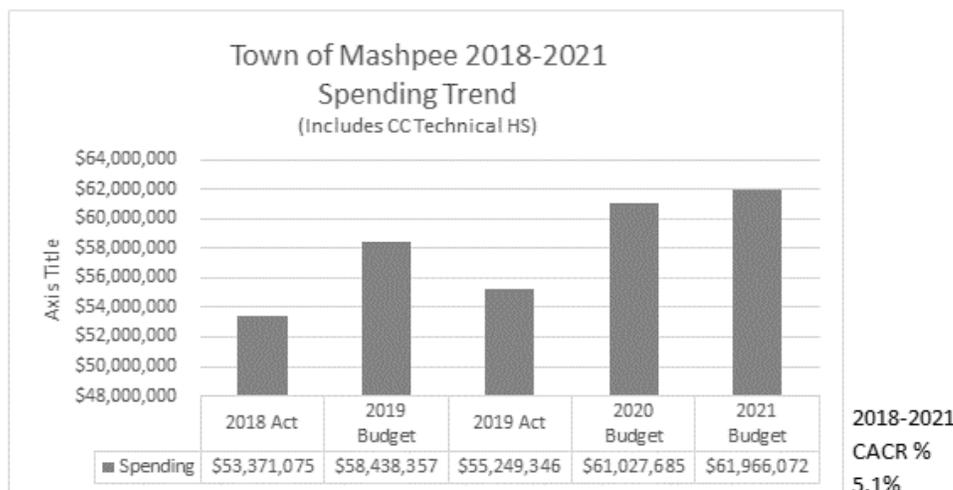
**Year over Year Summary**

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	YOY H/(L)	% Growth
<b>FY Budget</b>	<b>\$ 59,378,768</b>	<b>\$ 60,401,047</b>	<b>\$ 1,022,279</b>	1.7%

**Key Drivers**

- Mashpee Schools: 1.5% Personnel cost, 7.3% Operational Expense.	\$ 22,176,919	\$ 22,778,314	\$ 601,395	2.7%
- Medical Insurance	\$ 8,087,844	\$ 7,851,736	\$ (236,108)	-2.9%
- Police: Contractual Salary	\$ 4,762,644	\$ 4,834,760	\$ 72,116	1.5%
- DPW: Trsf to Sewer & Maintenance / Contractual Salary	\$ 4,749,706	\$ 4,794,832	\$ 45,126	1.0%
- Fire: Contractual Salary	\$ 4,175,220	\$ 4,235,323	\$ 60,103	1.4%
- Retirement Expense	\$ 3,286,595	\$ 3,562,105	\$ 275,510	8.4%
- Transfer Station: Hauling charges	\$ 955,704	\$ 1,047,126	\$ 91,422	9.6%
- Info Technology/GIS: Cyber Security	\$ 660,325	\$ 692,480	\$ 32,155	4.9%
- Sewer Commission: Trsf from DPW	\$ 10,200	\$ 101,100	\$ 90,900	891.2%
- Elections/ Registrations: # of elections	\$ 66,127	\$ 82,648	\$ 16,521	25.0%
- All Other	\$ 10,447,484	\$ 10,420,623	\$ (26,861)	-0.3%

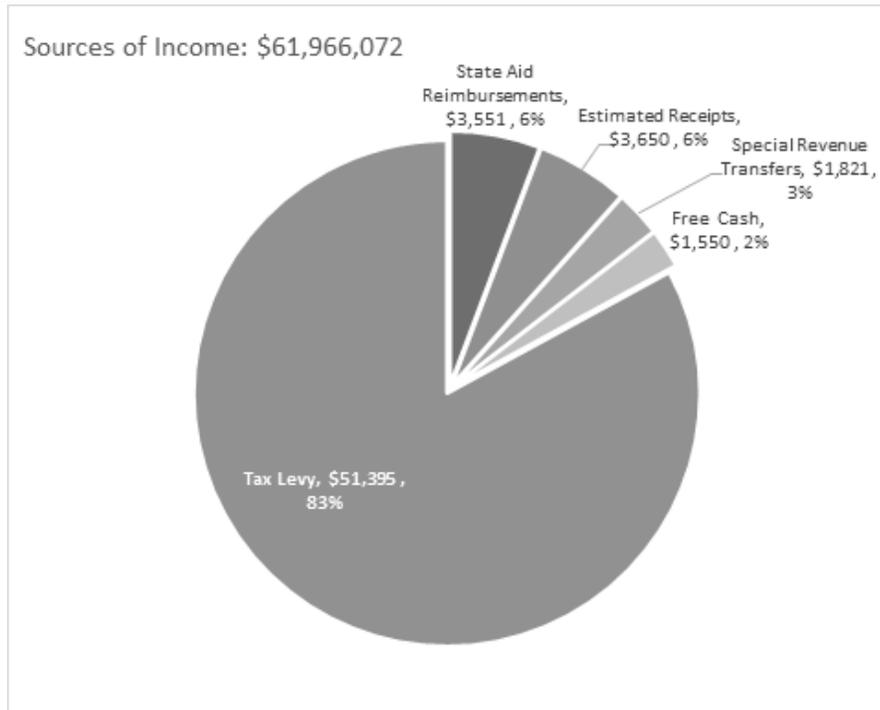
- Note: 1) Excludes Cape Cod Technical High School which is voted separately in Town Meeting. Articles 4&5  
 2) Any salary increases recently negotiated that are effective 7/1/2020 are excluded  
 Town Meeting articles 10-15 with a cost of \$526,300. Funded from available funds. No impact to 2021 Tax rate. The potential impact to the 2022 tax levy is \$0.09/per thousand  
 3) Mashpee Schools key operational expense drivers YOY:  
 o New to Mashpee residential placement: \$177,453  
 o Technology, Curriculum/Initiatives, Professional Development: \$32,255  
 o Transportation: Salary / Wages & replacement of four buses: \$98,369  
 4) Excludes articles that are funded from revenue available for appropriation. No impact to 2021 tax rate



CAGR= Compound Annual Growth Rate. Average growth per year 2018 to 2021

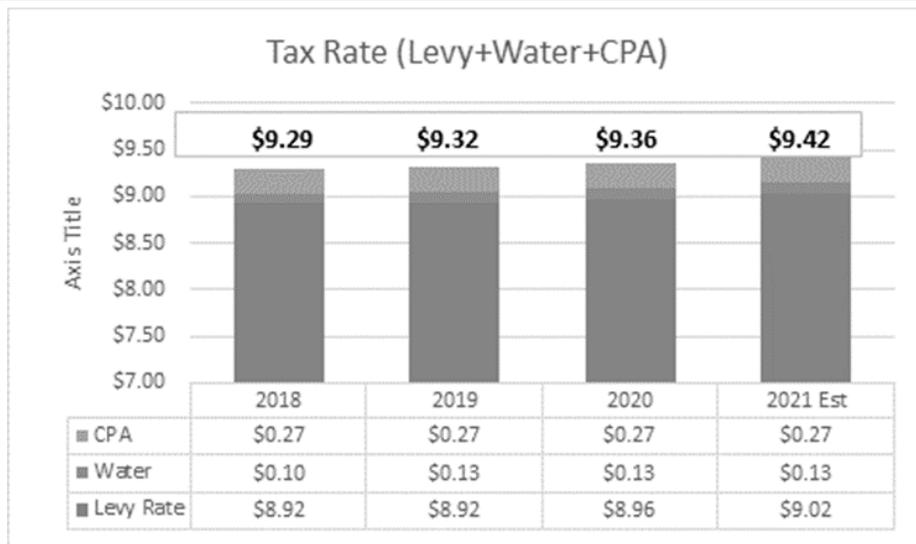
## CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS (CIP) – Article #3 Annual Town Meeting Warrant

2018 Actuals	2019 Actuals	2020 CIP Budget	2021 CIP Budget
<b>\$788,602</b>	<b>\$1,322,938</b>	<b>\$1,472,692</b>	<b>\$2,000,692</b>



The graph above is a representation of the Town’s sources of funding.

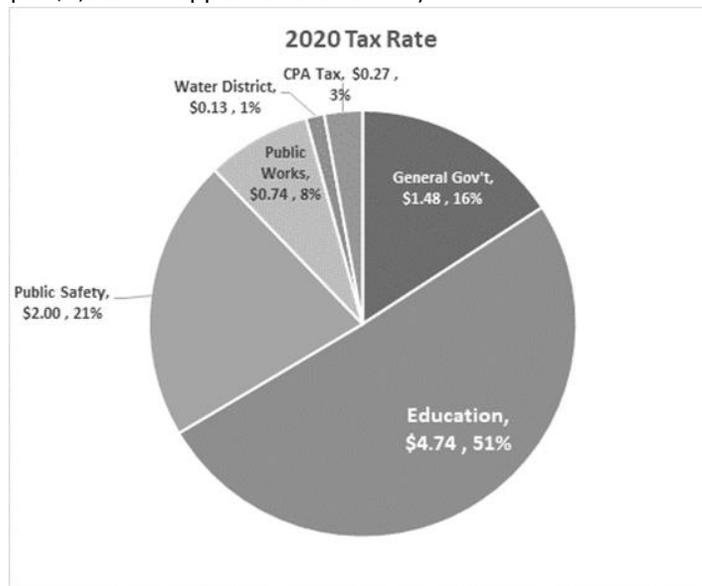
- **2021 proposed spending budget of \$62M including CCTHS is \$0.9M higher or 1.5% Year over Year increase.**
- **2019 Fiscal Year Actual spending of \$55.3M was \$3.1M better than the 2019 Budget.**
- **Spending has grown from \$53.4M in Fiscal Year 2018 to \$62M in 2021 budget or an average annual growth rate of 5.1%**
- **Capital Improvement projects of \$2.0M are funded from available funds and have no impact on 2021 tax rate**
- **Sources of income are \$62M of which 83% is raised through property taxes.**



**Average Residential Tax Bill**

	Tax Year	
	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total Budget Appropriations	\$ 62,239,136	\$ 64,416,764
Amount to be Raised by Taxes	\$ 50,299,018	\$ 51,844,527
YOY % Growth		
Total Property Assessment	\$ 5,605,359,160	\$ 5,745,493,139
% Growth	4.07%	2.50%
Property Tax Rate	\$8.96	\$9.02
Average Residential Assessment	\$ 491,478	\$ 491,478
* General Gov't	\$ 731	\$ 736
* Education	\$ 2,325	\$ 2,341
* Public Safety	\$ 986	\$ 993
* Public Works	\$ 361	\$ 364
Total Town Taxes	\$ 4,404	\$ 4,433

An additional Water District tax of \$0.13 and a 3% CPA tax (Approx. \$0.27 per \$1,000 will appear on the Tax Bill)



The graph above reflects a breakdown of the current fiscal year total tax rate of \$9.36, [\$8.96 Town base rate, the Community Preservation 3% surcharge (\$0.27) and the Mashpee Water District Tax (\$0.13 rate set by the Mashpee Water District)]

- **Based upon the requested 2021 Budget, the Finance Committee estimates that the tax rate will increase by \$0.06 or .6% to \$9.42. The impact to the Average Residential Tax bill is \$29.**
- **The 2020 Tax Rate supports Education 51%, Public Safety 21%, General Government 16%, and Public Works 8%. 2021 Tax Rate information will be available when rate is finalized later this year.**
- **Education comprises 51% of the 2020 Tax Levy.**
- **Articles (#10-15) associated with the recently negotiated union contracts are incremental to the 2021 budget but will be funded from available funds. There is no impact to the estimated 2021 tax rate. There will be an approximate impact to the 2022 Tax rate of \$0.09 or 1%**

			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021
			(Actual)	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Actual)	(Estimated)
<b>SOURCES OF NON PROPERTY TAX FUNDS</b>							
1. State Aid Reimbursements			\$4,501,422	\$3,460,271	\$3,523,779	\$3,484,262	\$3,550,914
2. Municipal Receipts			\$3,150,000	\$3,130,000	\$3,560,000	\$4,150,000	\$3,650,000
3. Surplus Funds ("Free Cash"), Capital Stabilization			\$1,819,811	\$2,508,959	\$3,569,538	\$3,059,391	\$3,550,692
4. Other Available Municipal Funds			\$3,774,577	\$1,840,333	\$1,839,815	\$1,841,581	\$1,820,631
<b>A. TOTAL NON PROPERTY TAX FUNDS</b>			<b>\$13,245,810</b>	<b>\$10,939,563</b>	<b>\$12,493,132</b>	<b>\$12,535,234</b>	<b>\$12,572,237</b>
<b>B. TOTAL BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS</b>			<b>\$56,496,513</b>	<b>\$57,208,183</b>	<b>\$60,239,136</b>	<b>\$62,239,136</b>	<b>\$64,416,764</b>
<b>C. AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY TAXES</b>			<b>\$45,070,514</b>	<b>\$46,268,620</b>	<b>\$48,043,922</b>	<b>\$50,299,018</b>	<b>\$51,844,527</b>
<b>D. TOTAL PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS</b>			<b>\$4,963,713,000</b>	<b>\$5,187,064,990</b>	<b>\$5,386,090,000</b>	<b>\$5,605,359,160</b>	<b>\$5,745,493,139</b>
<b>% CHANGE PROPERTY ASSESSMENTS</b>			<b>4.15%</b>	<b>4.50%</b>	<b>3.85%</b>	<b>4.07%</b>	<b>2.50%</b>
<b>E. PROPERTY TAX RATE</b>			<b>\$9.08/\$1,000</b>	<b>\$8.92/\$1,000</b>	<b>\$8.92/\$1,000</b>	<b>\$8.96/\$1,000</b>	<b>\$9.02/\$1,000</b>
<b>NET TAX RATE CHANGE (EST-FY2021)</b>			<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$0.16)</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.04</b>	<b>\$0.06</b>

The projected base tax rate of \$9.02, (line E in the table above), for Fiscal Year 2021 was computed by using the appropriations included in the Town Manager's recommended omnibus budget, (Article 2 Annual Town Meeting Warrant), the Capital Improvement program, (Article 3 Annual Town Meeting Warrant), the Cape Cod Technical High School operating budget, (Article 4 Annual Town Meeting Warrant), the Cape Cod Tech Building Project debt, (Article 5 Annual Town Meeting Warrant), and the budget overlay (reserve for uncollected taxes), the total municipal budget request for fiscal year 2021 will be \$64,416,764 as shown in line B of the table above. The projected total of property assessments is projected to increase by 2.5% to \$5,745,493,139 as reflected in line D.

The schedule below represents the principal and interest on the Town's debt.

Fiscal Year 2021 Omnibus Budget as it appears in Article #2 of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant includes the amount of \$2,601,003.75 as shown in the "2021" line below.

<b><u>FISCAL YEAR</u></b> (as of June 30)	<b><u>PRINCIPAL DUE</u></b>	<b><u>INTEREST DUE</u></b>	<b><u>TOTAL DEBT PAYMENTS</u></b>
2020	\$ 2,140,184.28	\$ 610,036.44	\$ 2,750,220.72
2021	\$ 2,059,941.25	\$ 541,062.50	\$ 2,601,003.75
2022	\$ 1,978,796.02	\$ 470,262.50	\$ 2,449,058.52
2023	\$ 1,773,796.02	\$ 403,012.50	\$ 2,176,808.52
2024	\$ 1,678,384.16	\$ 339,512.50	\$ 2,017,896.66
2025	\$ 1,453,384.19	\$ 280,812.50	\$ 1,734,196.69
2026	\$ 1,388,500.00	\$ 235,625.00	\$ 1,624,125.00
2027	\$ 1,100,000.00	\$ 191,025.00	\$ 1,291,025.00
2028	\$ 960,000.00	\$ 150,975.00	\$ 1,110,975.00
2029	\$ 745,000.00	\$ 113,025.00	\$ 858,025.00
2030	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 87,300.00	\$ 437,300.00
2031	\$ 350,000.00	\$ 76,800.00	\$ 426,800.00
2032	\$ 295,000.00	\$ 66,300.00	\$ 361,300.00
2033	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 57,450.00	\$ 332,450.00
2034	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 49,200.00	\$ 324,200.00
2035	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 40,950.00	\$ 315,950.00
2036	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 32,700.00	\$ 307,700.00
2037	\$ 275,000.00	\$ 24,450.00	\$ 299,450.00
2038	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 16,200.00	\$ 286,200.00
2039	\$ 270,000.00	\$ 8,100.00	\$ 278,100.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 18,187,985.92</b>	<b>\$ 3,794,798.94</b>	<b>\$ 21,982,784.86</b>

**Town of Mashpee  
Mashpee High School  
500 Old Barnstable Road  
Mashpee, MA 02649  
Special Town Meeting  
Monday, June 15, 2020**

***FINCOM:*** *This Town Meeting is divided into two separate meetings each having its own set of Warrant Articles. The first part is called the **Special Town Meeting** and addresses Town business within the **current Fiscal Year 2020** which ends on **June 30, 2020**.*

***Please note that since funds requested for the articles below have already been collected and are available, approval of the articles in this special meeting will not impact the FY 2021 budget nor will it affect next year's tax rate, which will be set in November 2020 by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Assessors.***

Barnstable, ss:

Greetings to the Constables of the Town,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and summon the inhabitants of the Town of Mashpee who are qualified to vote in the elections to meet at the Mashpee High School on Monday, the 15th day of June 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To act on the articles contained in the following Warrant:

**Article 1**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from revenue available for appropriation to the Snow & Ice Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Department of Public Works

**Explanation:** This article is necessary to fund a deficit in the Snow & Ice Account.

**The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation on Article 1 at Town Meeting**

***FINCOM:*** *This article is to appropriate and transfer the funds necessary to offset a deficit in the Snow and Ice Account.*

**The Finance Committee will make a recommendation on Article 1 at Town Meeting**

**Article 2**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$1,043.50 from revenue available for appropriation to pay the previous fiscal year's unpaid bills as follows:

Motorola Solutions, Inc.                      \$1,043.50

or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Fire Department

**Explanation:** This article is necessary to pay bills received after the end of a previous fiscal year.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 2 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This article is to appropriate and transfer the funds necessary to pay unpaid bills from the 2019 Fiscal Year to Motorola Solutions, Inc. in the amount of \$1,043.50. The payment will have no impact on the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget.

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 2 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 3**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$1,439,534 from revenue available for appropriation, to be deposited into the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will set aside funds into the Capital Stabilization account for future capital expenditures in an effort to ensure the Town will maintain its assets at a level adequate to protect the Town’s capital investment and to minimize future maintenance and replacement costs.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 3 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This article is to appropriate and transfer \$1,439,534 from revenue available to be deposited into the Capital Stabilization Fund, which helps fund future Capital Expenditures which in turn helps protect the Town’s capital investment.

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 3 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 4**

To see if the Town will appropriate and transfer pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. C. 44B, section 6 to reserve from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted for Appropriation Reserve, the following amounts:

\$21,971	10% Open Space/Recreation Purposes
\$21,971	10% Historic Purposes
\$21,971	10% Affordable Housing Purposes

or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:** This is a “clean-up” article to meet the requirement of reserving funds from the supplemental CPA FY 2020 Trust Fund distribution. The amount of FY 2020 state reimbursement received by the Town of Mashpee was \$219,710 higher than the initial estimate and due to a surplus in the FY 2019 state budget. We are required to set aside 10% of those excess funds and deposit them into each of the CPA reserves. Funding shall derive from the Community Preservation Budgeted for Appropriation Reserve.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 4 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This article is to appropriate and transfer funds created by a surplus in the FY2019 State budget resulting in Mashpee receiving an additional \$158,291 in State reimbursements, an amount higher than originally estimated. Mashpee’s CPA funds come from a 3% surcharge on real estate property taxes plus variable matching funds from the state. 70% of the CPA funds, with town meeting approval, are used at the discretion of the Town. Open Space/Recreation, Affordable Housing and Historic Preservation initiatives are each allotted 10%. This article “cleans up” the enhanced receipts from the State and assigns \$21,971 to each of the three non-discretionary purposes.

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 4 by a vote of 6-0**

## Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$27,800 from the Community Preservation Fund 10% Historic Purpose Reserve in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §5 for the purpose of funding the Retrofit of the Vault Project including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of Article 5 by a vote of 5-1.

**Explanation:** The goal of this project is to retrofit the vault in the Town Clerk's Office with mobile storage shelving with carriages, track and steel end panels to store vital records. Retrofitting the vault with mobile shelving would increase the vault storage by approximately 60%. The vault currently stores all of the vital records for the Town as well as IT data for the Town's computer servers, ZBA decisions and election ballots.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 5 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the appropriation and transfer of \$27,800 from the Community Preservation Fund 10% Historic Purpose Reserve to the Retrofit of the Vault Project. These funds will be used to update storage in the vault in the Town Clerk's office increasing its storage capacity by approximately 60%.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 5 by a vote of 5-1**

## Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$144,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted for Appropriation Reserve in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §5 for the purpose of funding the Waterways Extension Project including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of Article 6 by a vote of 5-0.

**Explanation:** The goal of this project is to improve recreational activity in Waquoit Bay and its embayment's. Funding would provide for the necessary engineering and permitting associated to the dredging of the Little River and Great River Channels to include Hamblin and Jehu Ponds.

Dredging will allow for the navigation of the channels at all tides and improve tidal flush which may reduce nitrogen and improve water quality. Dredging is permitted from Waquoit Bay to the intersection of Little River and Great River. Dredging is currently not permitted beyond the Waquoit Bay channel.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 6 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the appropriation and transfer of \$144,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted for Appropriation Reserve to develop engineering and permitting to dredge the Little River and Great River Channels (including Hamblin and Jehu Ponds) to improve recreational activity by increasing navigation for all tides, and reduce nitrogen and improve water quality through increased tidal flush.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 6 by a vote of 6-0**

## Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Community Preservation Fund 10% Affordable Housing Reserve, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, for the purpose of funding the FORWARD (Friends Or Relatives With Autism & Related Disabilities) Project, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee including necessary costs and expenses related thereto as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, said sum to be disbursed subject to and contingent upon prior execution of a Memorandum of Understanding between the fund recipient and the Board of Selectmen, the terms of which shall be acceptable to the Board of Selectmen, said funds to be held and expended by the Affordable Housing Trust ("Trust) Board of Trustees of said Trust for the purpose of Affordable Housing, including any necessary costs and expenses related thereto, provided, however, that said sum shall be used exclusively for community housing and shall remain subject to all rules, regulation and limitations of M.G.L. Chapter 44B when expended by the Trust, shall be accounted for separately by the Trust, and, provided further, that at the end of each fiscal year, the Trust shall ensure that all expenditures of said funds are reported to the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of Article 7 by a vote of 3-2.

**Explanation:** The goal of this project is to assist FORWARD at the Rock to complete the enhancements of the affordable and supportive housing project in the Town of Dennis for Cape Cod adults with Autism. The FORWARD program has raised \$2,537,000 of the \$2,675,000 required to complete the regional housing project to serve (8) adults 22 years and older with Autism through grant funds received from state agencies and CPA contributions from other Cape towns. The funds would assist in underfunded improvements which include landscaping, building signage, enhanced lighting for the building envelope, an alarm system and curbing for the parking lot and driveway safety.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 7 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** *This article is to appropriate and transfer funds from the Community Preservation Fund 10% Affordable Housing Reserve for a contribution from Mashpee to support FORWARD, a regional program for autism. It is a regional housing project in the Town of Dennis, and is supported by multiple Cape towns.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 7 by a vote of 6-0**

## Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$23,500 from the Community Preservation Fund 10% Open Space/Recreation Reserve in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §5 for the purpose of funding the Wetland Restoration of Abandoned Cranberry Bog Project in the Santuit Pond Preserve, 0 Santuit Pond Rear (Assessors Map/Parcel 38-7) including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of Article 8 by a vote of 9-0.

**Explanation:** The goal of the wetland restoration project at the abandoned cranberry bog in the Santuit Pond Preserve is to improve the water quality in Santuit Pond and in Shoestring Bay by reducing the amount of phosphorus in Santuit Pond through periodic flooding of the bog and removing portions of active algae blooms. The flooding will allow the source of phosphorus being removed to be incorporated into the wetland plant growth. In Shoestring Bay nitrogen loading would be reduced through the incorporation into plant growth and in the natural nitrogen processes that occur in wetlands. Best management practices would be implemented to prevent any adverse impact to the river herring.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 8 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the appropriation and transfer of \$23,500 from the Community Preservation Fund 10% Open Space/Recreation Reserve to fund the Wetland Restoration of an Abandoned Cranberry Project in the Santuit Pond Preserve. The funds are held in the CPA reserve and will have no impact on the current fiscal year budget. Maintaining our waterways and environment is a critical element of our Community Preservation.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 8 by a vote of 6-0**

### **Article 9**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money (*sum to be determined, not to exceed \$675,000*) from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted for Appropriation Reserve in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §5 for the purpose of funding the Purchase of the Chopchaque Bog property; 0 Cranberry Lane 11.71 acres (Assessors Map/Parcel 23-2) to include Surrounding Upland; Undeveloped Lots identified as 4 Cranberry Lane 0.91 acres (Assessors Map/Parcel 23-70), 10 Cranberry Lane 0.30 acres (Assessors Map/Parcel 23-71) and 14 Cranberry Lane 1.06 acres (Assessors Map/Parcel 23-208) Project for Freshwater Wetland Restoration and the Water Quality Improvement of Santuit Pond including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of Article 9 by a vote of 9-0.

**Explanation:** The goal of this project is to purchase a privately-owned 11.71-acre active cranberry bog with a 43'x30' barn adjacent to Santuit Pond. The project includes the purchase of several surrounding upland properties to encompass a total of 13.98 acres.

The project is proposed to restore the bog to natural wetlands to improve water quality in Santuit Pond through freshwater restoration. The bogs would assist to capture phosphorus within Santuit Pond and mitigate nitrogen in the groundwater to diminish loading in Shoestring Bay. The project would also create wildlife habitat and provide open space for passive recreation. Approval of the bog property and upland parcels would eliminate development and create a contiguous 20-acre corridor of open space. Best management practices would be implemented to prevent any adverse impact to the river herring.

**The Board of Selectmen will make a recommendation on Article 9 at Town Meeting**

***FINCOM:** This article seeks the appropriation and transfer of an amount not to exceed \$675,000, from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted for Appropriation Reserve to purchase the Chopchaque cranberry Bog, and land parcels totaling 13.98 acres, which will be used to capture phosphorus from within Santuit Pond as well as mitigate nitrogen from going to Shoestring Bay.*

**The Finance Committee will make a recommendation on Article 9 at Town Meeting**

## **Article 10**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$62,300 from revenue available for appropriation to fund the addition of two shellfish upweller floats to the Ockway Bay Landing Town Dock.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** Shellfish upweller floats are needed at the Ockway Bay Landing Town Dock to grow shellfish seed for implementation of the Shellfish Component of the Comprehensive Watershed Nitrogen Management Plan for water quality restoration and harvest for food. The breakdown is: Engineering and permits \$6,500. Purchase and installation of 2 upweller dock floats \$29,900 and one piling \$3,000. Electrical power installed \$18,800. Water service installed \$4,100.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 10 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the appropriation and transfer of funds from revenue available for appropriation to fund the design, purchase and installation of two Floating Upweller Systems (FLUPSY) at the Ockway Bay town dock. This will enable nearly doubling the number of quahog seed (from 4.5 million to 11 million) contributing to the town's water quality restoration plan this year. The Comprehensive Watershed Nitrogen Management Plan calls for 20 million seed each year eventually.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 10 by a vote of 5-0**

## **Article 11**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$350,000 from the Assessors' Overlay Surplus Account to the Assessors' Revaluation Account.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors

**Explanation:** To transfer existing monies to the Assessor's Revaluation Account for costs related to meeting the Department of Revenue's certification requirements. All towns are required to maintain a revaluation account for costs relating to valuation consultants, Appellate Tax Board expenses, private appraisals, defense of values and various other requirements to ensure accurate assessments and timely issuance of tax bills.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 11 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the transfer of \$350,000 from the Assessor's Surplus Account to the Assessor's Revaluation Account. These existing funds need to be set aside in the Revaluation Account to meet Department of Revenue certification requirements.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 11 by a vote of 6-0**

## **Article 12**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$150,000 from revenue available for appropriation to the Board of Health Nuisance Remediation expense account.

Submitted by the Board of Health

**Explanation:** On October 15, 2019, the Board of Health issued an Order pursuant to the Board of Health Nuisance Regulation Part VIII Section 5.00 and G.L. c. 111, §123 that Cabral Container commence abatement of the nuisance violation of the accumulated refuse located at 81 Echo Road, Mashpee, MA within thirty (30) days from the date of said notice was received. No action complying with the Board's Order has been undertaken to date. Pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 111, §125, which authorizes local boards of health to "cause [a] nuisance, source of filth or cause of sickness to be removed" upon the property owner's failure to comply with an order that he or she do so, the Board proposes to proceed with the demolition/ removal of the nuisance as the most reasonable and expeditious course of action to abate the nuisance conditions caused by this substantially abused and neglected property. All costs and expenses incurred by the Town in this regard shall constitute a debt owed to the Town upon the rendering of an account therefor, and shall be recoverable in an action of contract or by real property lien proceedings pursuant to M.G.L. c. 139. §3A. This action was deemed necessary by the Board due to the nuisance conditions and persistent refusal to address the same within the timeframes previously ordered.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 12 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the appropriation and transfer of \$150,000 to fund the removal and disposal of accumulated refuse located at 81 Echo Road, in Mashpee. These funds are necessary to address the health concerns this situation causes. All costs will constitute a debt which will be attempted to be recouped via litigation on the part of the offender.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 12 by a vote of 4-2**

### **Article 13**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$200,000 from revenue available for appropriation to the Human Resources Accrued Benefit Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Department of Human Resources

**Explanation:** This article is necessary to replenish the Human Resources Accrued Benefits Account.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 13 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article is to appropriate and transfer \$200,000 from revenue available and appropriate the funds to the Human Resources Accrued Benefit Account.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 13 by a vote of 6-0**

**THIS CONCLUDES THE BUSINESS OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at the Post Office, and one each on the bulletin boards, thirty days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 23rd day of March in the year two thousand and twenty.

Per Order of,  
**Board of Selectmen**

Andrew R. Gottlieb, Chair  
John J. Cotton, Vice Chair  
Thomas F. O'Hara, Clerk  
Carol A. Sherman  
David W. Weeden

**Town of Mashpee  
Mashpee High School  
500 Old Barnstable Road  
Mashpee, MA 02649  
Annual Town Meeting  
Monday, June 15, 2020**

Barnstable, ss:

Greetings to the Constables of the Town,

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and summon the inhabitants of the Town of Mashpee who are qualified to vote in the elections to meet at the Mashpee High School on Monday, the 15th day of June 2020 at 7:00 p.m. for the following purposes:

To act on the articles contained in the following Warrant:

**Article 1**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town officers, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** The 2019 Annual Town Report in which the reports of Town officers are presented is available at the Town Meeting and at the Town Hall.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 1 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article seeks Town Meeting acceptance of the Town Officers Annual Report from all Departments, Boards and Committees.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 1 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 2**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of the following elected officers as provided in Chapter 41, Section 108, of the Massachusetts General Laws for the period of July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, and further, to see if the Town will vote to appropriate, raise, and/or transfer a sum of money to defray the Town's expenses for the ensuing fiscal year, according to the following line item budget, with the maximum amount to be appropriated as shown in the column entitled "FY 2021 Department Request" (see Omnibus Budget), or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article seeks to fund the annual operating budgets for the various Town Departments.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 2 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This article authorizes the raising, appropriating, and/or transferring of funds for the annual operating budget (Omnibus Budget) for fiscal year 2021.

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 2 by a vote of 5-0

DEPARTMENT		FY 2020 DEPARTMENT BUDGET	FY 2021 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 2021 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND	FY 2021 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMEND
<b>MODERATOR</b>					
SALARY	1	200	200	200	200
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>	<b>200</b>
<b>SELECTMEN</b>					
SALARY-ELECTED	2	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500
SALARY/WAGE	3	378,859	388,935	388,935	388,935
EXPENSE	4	38,500	38,500	38,500	38,500
LEG/ENG/CONSULTING	5	385,000	385,000	385,000	385,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>817,859</b>	<b>827,935</b>	<b>827,935</b>	<b>827,935</b>
<b>FINANCE COMMITTEE</b>					
RESERVE FUND	6	40,527	100,000	100,000	100,000
EXPENSE	7	67,000	67,000	67,000	67,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>107,527</b>	<b>167,000</b>	<b>167,000</b>	<b>167,000</b>
<b>TOWN ACCOUNTANT</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	8	277,213	282,200	282,200	282,200
EXPENSE	9	2,790	2,790	2,790	2,790
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>280,003</b>	<b>284,990</b>	<b>284,990</b>	<b>284,990</b>
<b>ASSESSORS</b>					
SALARY-APPOINTED	10	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
SALARY/WAGE	11	284,179	291,291	291,291	291,291
EXPENSE	12	6,800	6,400	6,400	6,400
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>293,979</b>	<b>300,691</b>	<b>300,691</b>	<b>300,691</b>
<b>TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	13	243,903	247,110	247,110	247,110
EXPENSE	14	48,900	47,100	47,100	47,100
DEBT SERVICE	15	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
FORECLOSURE	16	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>307,303</b>	<b>308,710</b>	<b>308,710</b>	<b>308,710</b>
<b>HUMAN RESOURCES</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	17	330,621	344,399	344,399	344,399
EXPENSE	18	94,869	113,519	113,519	113,519
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>425,490</b>	<b>457,918</b>	<b>457,918</b>	<b>457,918</b>
<b>INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	19	269,063	351,152	351,152	351,152
EXPENSE	20	277,077	314,328	314,328	314,328
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	21	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>573,140</b>	<b>692,480</b>	<b>692,480</b>	<b>692,480</b>

DEPARTMENT		FY 2020 DEPARTMENT BUDGET	FY 2021 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 2021 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND	FY 2021 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMEND
<b>GIS (EFFECTIVE FY21 INCL IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY)</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	22	76,645	-	-	-
EXPENSE	23	10,540	-	-	-
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>87,185</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>TOWN CLERK</b>					
SALARY-ELECTED	24	85,770	89,730	89,730	89,730
SALARY/WAGE	25	89,641	73,650	73,650	73,650
EXPENSE	26	9,175	9,175	9,175	9,175
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>184,586</b>	<b>172,555</b>	<b>172,555</b>	<b>172,555</b>
<b>ELECTIONS &amp; REGISTRATIONS</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	27	51,077	60,098	59,648	59,648
EXPENSE	28	15,050	23,000	23,000	23,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>66,127</b>	<b>83,098</b>	<b>82,648</b>	<b>82,648</b>
<b>CONSERVATION</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	29	209,944	212,603	212,603	212,603
EXPENSE	30	4,930	5,336	5,336	5,336
HERRING EXPENSE	31	500	500	500	500
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>215,374</b>	<b>218,439</b>	<b>218,439</b>	<b>218,439</b>
<b>NATURAL RESOURCES</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	32	430,611	475,675	450,675	450,675
EXPENSE	33	99,500	132,840	132,840	132,840
PROPAGATION	34	162,000	162,000	162,000	162,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>692,111</b>	<b>770,515</b>	<b>745,515</b>	<b>745,515</b>
<b>PLANNING BOARD</b>					
EXPENSE	35	7,765	8,265	8,265	8,265
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>7,765</b>	<b>8,265</b>	<b>8,265</b>	<b>8,265</b>
<b>PLANNING DEPARTMENT</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	36	128,275	132,705	132,705	132,705
EXPENSE	37	4,750	4,250	4,250	4,250
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>133,025</b>	<b>136,955</b>	<b>136,955</b>	<b>136,955</b>
<b>TOWN HALL</b>					
EXPENSE	38	274,000	282,000	282,000	282,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>274,000</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>282,000</b>	<b>282,000</b>
<b>POLICE</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	39	3,952,438	4,022,174	4,022,174	4,022,174
EXPENSE	40	317,681	317,681	317,681	317,681
DISPATCHERS SALARY/WAGE	41	492,525	494,905	494,905	494,905
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,762,644</b>	<b>4,834,760</b>	<b>4,834,760</b>	<b>4,834,760</b>

DEPARTMENT		FY 2020 DEPARTMENT BUDGET	FY 2021 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 2021 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND	FY 2021 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMEND
<b>FIRE</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	42	3,674,979	3,727,600	3,727,600	3,727,600
EXPENSE	43	500,241	509,851	507,723	507,723
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,175,220</b>	<b>4,237,451</b>	<b>4,235,323</b>	<b>4,235,323</b>
<b>BUILDING INSPECTOR</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	44	316,752	319,080	319,080	319,080
EXPENSE	45	16,594	29,375	29,375	29,375
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>333,346</b>	<b>348,455</b>	<b>348,455</b>	<b>348,455</b>
<b>TREE WARDEN</b>					
EXPENSE	46	425	2,000	2,000	2,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>425</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>SCHOOL</b>					
BUDGET	47	22,176,919	22,778,314	22,778,314	22,778,314
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>22,176,919</b>	<b>22,778,314</b>	<b>22,778,314</b>	<b>22,778,314</b>
<b>D.P.W.</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	49	2,695,269	2,631,101	2,631,101	2,631,101
EXPENSE	50	801,114	963,420	963,420	963,420
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	51	1,253,323	1,200,311	1,200,311	1,200,311
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>4,749,706</b>	<b>4,794,832</b>	<b>4,794,832</b>	<b>4,794,832</b>
<b>SNOW &amp; ICE</b>					
EXPENSE	52	116,570	116,570	116,570	116,570
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>116,570</b>	<b>116,570</b>	<b>116,570</b>	<b>116,570</b>
<b>STREET LIGHTING</b>					
EXPENSE	53	28,000	25,000	25,000	25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>28,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>	<b>25,000</b>
<b>TRANSFER STATION</b>					
EXPENSE	54	955,704	1,047,126	1,047,126	1,047,126
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>955,704</b>	<b>1,047,126</b>	<b>1,047,126</b>	<b>1,047,126</b>
<b>SEWER COMMISSION</b>					
SALARY	55	-	90,900	90,900	90,900
EXPENSE	56	10,200	10,200	10,200	10,200
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>10,200</b>	<b>101,100</b>	<b>101,100</b>	<b>101,100</b>
<b>CEMETERY</b>					
EXPENSE	57	15,000	15,000	15,000	15,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>15,000</b>

DEPARTMENT		FY 2020 DEPARTMENT BUDGET	FY 2021 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 2021 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND	FY 2021 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMEND
<b>HEALTH</b>					
SALARY-APPOINTED	58	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
SALARY/WAGE	59	312,969	301,931	301,239	301,239
EXPENSE	60	41,290	41,290	41,290	41,290
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>357,259</b>	<b>346,221</b>	<b>345,529</b>	<b>345,529</b>
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	61	244,994	242,306	242,306	242,306
EXPENSE	62	44,703	44,095	44,095	44,095
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>289,697</b>	<b>286,401</b>	<b>286,401</b>	<b>286,401</b>
<b>VETERANS</b>					
EXPENSE	63	105,000	110,000	110,000	110,000
MEMBERSHIP	64	40,000	45,000	45,000	45,000
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>145,000</b>	<b>155,000</b>	<b>155,000</b>	<b>155,000</b>
<b>HUMAN SERVICES</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	65	76,343	77,569	77,569	77,569
EXPENSE	66	51,910	51,910	51,910	51,910
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>128,253</b>	<b>129,479</b>	<b>129,479</b>	<b>129,479</b>
<b>LIBRARY</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	67	501,560	508,383	508,383	508,383
EXPENSE	68	191,105	192,018	192,018	192,018
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>692,665</b>	<b>700,401</b>	<b>700,401</b>	<b>700,401</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>					
SALARY/WAGE	69	296,419	283,377	283,377	283,377
EXPENSE	70	32,075	32,125	32,125	32,125
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>328,494</b>	<b>315,502</b>	<b>315,502</b>	<b>315,502</b>
<b>HISTORICAL</b>					
TEMP WAGE	71	9,000	9,000	9,000	9,000
EXPENSE	72	6,830	6,830	6,830	6,830
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>15,830</b>	<b>15,830</b>	<b>15,830</b>	<b>15,830</b>
<b>CULTURAL COUNCIL</b>					
EXPENSE	73	90	90	90	90
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>

DEPARTMENT		FY 2020 DEPARTMENT BUDGET	FY 2021 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 2021 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND	FY 2021 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMEND
PRINCIPAL INSIDE 2 1/2	74	1,316,235	1,250,142	1,250,142	1,250,142
PRINCIPAL OUTSIDE 2 1/2	75	825,000	810,000	810,000	810,000
TEMP PRINC OUTSIDE 2 1/2	76	50,000	-	-	-
INTEREST INSIDE 2 1/2	77	323,602	251,688	251,688	251,688
INTEREST OUTSIDE 2 1/2	78	317,825	289,375	289,375	289,375
TEMP BORROW INSIDE 2 1/2	79	25,000	40,000	40,000	40,000
TEMP BORROW OUTSIDE 2 1/2	80	500	-	-	-
RETIREMENT EXPENSE	81	3,286,592	3,562,105	3,562,105	3,562,105
UNEMPLOYMENT	82	60,000	60,000	40,000	40,000
MEDICAL INSURANCE	83	8,087,844	8,551,736	7,851,736	7,851,736
GROUP INSURANCE	84	15,345	15,610	15,610	15,610
MEDICARE	85	454,364	455,000	455,000	455,000
TOWN INSURANCE	86	869,765	902,378	902,378	902,378
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>59,378,768</b>	<b>61,149,317</b>	<b>60,401,047</b>	<b>60,401,047</b>

**Article 3**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$2,000,692 from available funds to various department Capital Accounts, as specified in the chart accompanying this Article, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article is to appropriate funds for the FY 2021 capital budget.

DEPARTMENT	FY 2021 CIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS	FY 2021 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>DPW</b>		
2018 CAT 938M Loader Year 3 of 3	\$76,950	\$76,950
Replace Two (2) 2012 Ford F350	\$96,000	\$96,000
Replace 2004 Kubota Tractor	\$45,000	\$45,000
Replace 2012 John Deere Mower	\$58,000	\$58,000
<b>Total DPW</b>	<b>\$275,950</b>	<b>\$275,950</b>
<b>Fire</b>		
Ballistic Protective Gear (PPE)	\$40,000	\$40,000
Mobile & Portable Radio Equipment	\$75,000	\$75,000
<b>Total Fire</b>	<b>\$115,000</b>	<b>\$115,000</b>
<b>Info Tech (IT)</b>		
Wireless Access Points	\$40,000	\$40,000
<b>Total IT</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>	<b>\$40,000</b>
<b>Planning &amp; Construction</b>		
Mashpee Middle High School Hot Water System Replacement	\$55,000	\$55,000
Town Hall HVAC Valve Replacement	\$30,000	\$30,000
Kenneth C. Coombs School Vestibule	\$100,000	\$100,000
School Security Improvements	\$125,000	\$125,000
Mashpee Middle High School Air Handling Unit #1 Replacement	\$50,000	\$50,000
Mashpee Middle High School Culinary Arts Room Exhaust System	\$25,000	\$25,000
Mashpee Middle High School Library HVAC Sound Dampening	\$75,000	\$75,000
Flooring Replacement – Various Buildings	\$50,000	\$50,000
Mashpee Middle High School Library Flooring Replacement	\$55,000	\$55,000
<b>Total Planning &amp; Construction</b>	<b>\$565,000</b>	<b>\$565,000</b>
<b>Police</b>		
10 Police Vehicles - Year 1 of 3	\$187,000	\$187,000
4 Police Vehicles - Year 3 of 3	\$52,000	\$52,000
<b>Total Police</b>	<b>\$239,000</b>	<b>\$239,000</b>
<b>Recreation</b>		
ADA Compliant Van-Year 3 of 3	\$17,742	\$17,742
<b>Total Recreation</b>	<b>\$17,742</b>	<b>\$17,742</b>

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DEPARTMENT	FY 2021 CIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS	FY 2021 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>School</b>		
Chromebook Computers @ MMHS & QS	\$45,000	\$45,000
Interactive Board Systems in Classrooms	\$56,000	\$56,000
Replacement of Teacher PCs	\$25,000	\$25,000
Continue with Wireless Overhaul @ QS and KCC	\$50,000	\$50,000
Chromebook Computers @ KCC (1:1 Program)	\$30,000	\$30,000
Reduce Servers from 15 to 5	\$130,000	\$130,000
Mashpee Middle High School Library Furnishings	\$150,000	\$150,000
<b>Total School</b>	<b>\$486,000</b>	<b>\$486,000</b>
<b>Selectmen</b>		
Electric Cars x4, Charging Stations & Installation	\$62,000	\$62,000
<b>Total Selectmen</b>	<b>\$62,000</b>	<b>\$62,000</b>
<b>Transfer Station</b>		
Drainage Repair	\$200,000	\$200,000
<b>Total Transfer Station</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL APPROPRIATION</b>	<b>\$2,000,692</b>	<b>\$2,000,692</b>

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 3 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This Article seeks \$2,000,692 all from available funds for various department Capital Account as outlined in the chart, to enable the Town to continue to protect its Capital Investments.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 3 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 4**

To see if the Town will vote to approve the annual regional school district budget for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, in the amount of \$15,504,000, and further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,077,178 to meet its share of the cost of operation and maintenance of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** Mashpee’s share of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School budget is \$1,077,178. There are currently 48 students from Mashpee at the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, an increase of 3 students from the previous year.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 4 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the appropriation of \$1,077,178 for Mashpee’s share of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District budget for fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020. There are 48 Mashpee students currently enrolled.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 4 by a vote of 6-0**

## Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to approve the regional school district debt assessment for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District Building Project for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, in the amount of \$6,260,701, and further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$487,847 to meet its share of the cost of debt for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District Building Project for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** Mashpee's share of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School debt for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School Building Project for Fiscal Year 2021 is \$487,847.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 5 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the raising and appropriating of \$487,847.00, the Town of Mashpee's share in the cost of debt for the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 5 by a vote of 5-1**

## Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$250,000 from revenue available for appropriation to the Other Postemployment Benefits Irrevocable Trust Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will add funds to the OPEB Irrevocable Trust Fund which was established in FY 2013 to assist the Town with meeting its potential post-employment benefits obligation.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 6 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article is to appropriate and transfer \$250,000 from revenue available for appropriation to OPEB, Other Postemployment Benefits Irrevocable Trust Fund. This fund was established to in FY2013 to meet costs related to potential post-employment benefits.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 6 by a vote of 6-0**

## Article 7

To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$2,480,000 by borrowing for the planning and design of wastewater collection, treatment and disposal initiatives in the Town of Mashpee, including all expenses incidental and related thereto, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue any bonds or notes that may be necessary for that purpose, and to apply the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, to pay project costs and reduce the amount authorized to be borrowed by the amount of the premium so applied; provided, however, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion ballot question under General Laws Chapter 59, § 21C(k), or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article would provide funding to complete the design of Phase 1 of the wastewater treatment plant to be located adjacent to the Town's solid waste transfer station and further to design the phase 1 sewer collection system to be connected to the wastewater treatment facility adjacent to the Town's transfer station. This project is one of the initial steps in implementing the Town's Watershed Nitrogen Management Plan/CWMP.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 7 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the borrowing and appropriation of \$2,480,000 for the planning and design of Phase 1 of the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal initiatives in the Town of Mashpee adjacent to the Town's Transfer Station. A two-thirds majority is required to approve this article followed by a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion ballot at the Town Election on May 19, 2020.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 7 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 8**

To see if the Town will vote to accept General Laws Chapter 40, Section 39M for the purpose of establishing a separate account to be known as the Municipal Water Infrastructure Investment Fund, revenues from which shall be expended exclusively for maintenance, improvements and investments to municipal drinking, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure assets, and, further, to authorize the imposition of a water infrastructure surcharge on real property in the Town at the rate of two per cent (2%) of the real estate tax levy against said real property, as determined annually by the Board of Assessors, which will be deposited into the Fund; said surcharge to commence in Fiscal Year 2022, effective July 1, 2021; or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article establishes a special fund for infrastructure for wastewater, stormwater and municipal drinking water. The funding source is a surcharge of two percent (2%) on the annual property tax assessed on real property starting in Fiscal Year 2022, which begins on July 1, 2021. Real estate properties that are fully exempt from property taxes are not subject to the surcharge. In addition, taxpayers who receive partial exemptions of the real estate taxes assessed on their domiciles, including certain seniors, veterans, blind persons and surviving spouses, are fully exempt from the surcharge. Taxpayers that receive other exemptions or abatements of their real estate taxes will receive a pro rata reduction in their surcharges.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 8 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article is a follow up from the Article 7 which requested borrowing for the planning and design of Phase 1 of the Wastewater treatment plant. This article authorizes the establishment of a Municipal Water Infrastructure Investment Fund (WIIF) to be used for municipal drinking, wastewater and storm water infrastructure assets. The fund will be funded by a two percent (2%) surcharge on the real estate tax levy. The current 3% CPA tax will be reduced to 2%, resulting in a net increase of 1% to the taxpayer. The estimated impact is about \$.09 per thousand or approximately \$42 for an average residential assessment of \$492,000. Subsequent to approval of this Article, this matter will be on the ballot at the Presidential Election in November 2020.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 8 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 9**

To see if the Town will vote to amend its acceptance of the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act (General Laws Chapter 44B, Sections 3-7) by reducing the annual surcharge imposed on real property in the Town for Chapter 44B purposes from the rate of three percent (3%) to the rate of two per cent (2%) of the real estate tax levy against said property; said reduction to take effect in Fiscal Year 2022, effective July 1, 2021; or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This Article proposes an amendment to the Town of Mashpee’s acceptance of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, §§ 3-7, also known as the Community Preservation Act (the “Act”), by decreasing the surcharge imposed on real property from three percent (3%) to two percent (2%) of the tax levy, as determined annually by the Board of Assessors. The Act allows municipalities to impose a surcharge on real property to establish a dedicated source of funds for: the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; for the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; for the acquisition, creation, preservation, and support of community housing; and for the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing that is acquired or created with Community Preservation Funds.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 9 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the reduction of the annual surcharge on real estate property taxes associated with the Community Preservation Act (CPA) from 3% to 2%. The intent, in effect, is to apply the 1% CPA reduction to provide a portion of the funding for the new Municipal Water Infrastructure Fund (WIFF) described in Article #8 of this warrant, and thus mitigate the aggregated impact on property taxes. There will be no change in how available CPA funds are used (Open Space/Recreation, Historic Preservation and Affordable Housing), which also benefit from variable matching funds from the State. This article is related to both Article 7 and Article 8. Subsequent to approval of this Article, this matter will be on the ballot at the Presidential Election in November 2020.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 9 by a vote of 6-0**

#### **Article 10**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$109,500 from revenue available for appropriation to fund the Personnel Administration Plan (P.A.P.) Appendix B and Appendix C employees, including the Plumbing and Wiring Inspectors, effective July 1, 2020, with said funds to be distributed to various salary line items by the Town Accountant, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will fund the adjustments to the Personnel Administration Plan for Fiscal Year 2021.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 10 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article appropriates and transfers the funds from revenue available for appropriations necessary to cover the additional FY2021 expenditures related to the newly negotiated contract with the Personnel Administration Plan (P.A.P.) Appendix B and Appendix C employees, including the Plumbing and Wiring Inspectors union.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 10 by a vote of 5-1**

#### **Article 11**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$200,800 from revenue available for appropriation to fund the Mashpee Permanent Fire Fighters Association, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 2519, effective July 1, 2020, with said funds to be distributed to various salary line items by the Town Accountant, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will fund the negotiated adjustments to the Mashpee Permanent Fire Fighters Association, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 2519 for Fiscal Year 2021.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 11 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article appropriates and transfers the funds from revenue available for appropriations necessary to cover the additional FY2021 expenditures related to the newly negotiated contract with the Mashpee Permanent Fire Fighters Association, International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local 2519 union.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 11 by a vote of 5-1**

## **Article 12**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$88,500 from revenue available for appropriation to fund the MASS. C.O.P., Local 324, Unit A – Patrol Officers and Detectives, effective July 1, 2020, with said funds to be distributed to various salary line items by the Town Accountant, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will fund the negotiated adjustments to the MASS. C.O.P., Local 324, Unit A – Patrol Officers and Detectives for Fiscal Year 2021.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 12 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article appropriates and transfers the funds from revenue available for appropriations necessary to cover the additional FY2021 expenditures related to the newly negotiated contract with the MASS. C.O.P., Local 324, Unit A – Patrol Officers and Detectives union.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 12 by a vote of 5-1**

## **Article 13**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$27,600 from revenue available for appropriation to fund the MASS. C.O.P., Local 320, Unit B – Sergeants, effective July 1, 2020, with said funds to be distributed to various salary line items by the Town Accountant, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will fund the negotiated adjustments to the MASS. C.O.P., Local 320, Unit B – Sergeants for Fiscal Year 2021.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 13 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article appropriates and transfers the funds from revenue available for appropriations necessary to cover the additional FY2021 expenditures related to the newly negotiated contract with the MASS. C.O.P., Local 320, Unit B – Sergeants union.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 13 by a vote of 5-1**

## Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$19,900 from revenue available for appropriation to fund the MASS. C.O.P., Local 477, Administrator's Unit C – Police Lieutenants effective July 1, 2020, with said funds to be distributed to various salary line items by the Town Accountant, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will fund the negotiated adjustments to the MASS. C.O.P., Local 477 Administrator's Unit C – Police Lieutenants for Fiscal Year 2021.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 14 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article appropriates and transfers the funds from revenue available for appropriations necessary to cover the additional FY2021 expenditures related to the newly negotiated contract with the MASS. C.O.P., Local 477, Administrator's Unit C – Police Lieutenants union.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 14 by a vote of 5-1**

## Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$64,000 from revenue available for appropriation to fund the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 888, Clerical/Library/Dispatchers Chapter effective July 1, 2020, with said funds to be distributed to various salary line items by the Town Accountant, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article will fund the negotiated adjustments to the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 888, Clerical / Library/Dispatchers Chapter for Fiscal Year 2021.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 15 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article appropriates and transfers the funds from revenue available for appropriations necessary to cover the additional FY2021 expenditures related to the newly negotiated contract with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Local 888, Clerical/Library/ Dispatchers Chapter.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 15 by a vote of 5-1**

## Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to upgrade the position of part-time Clerk, Grade 2 of the Personnel Administration Plan (P.A.P.) to that of an Administrative Secretary, SEIU, Grade IV, Step 1, in the Town Clerk's Office and to increase the hours from 19 hours per week to 37.5 hours per week, and to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$57,989, with said funds to be distributed as follows: Town Clerk's Administrative Salary Account; \$23,575; Medical Insurance Account, \$25,272; Group Life Insurance Account, \$35; \$342 to the Medicare Account; and \$8,765 to the Pension Reserve Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Town Clerk

**Explanation:** The Town Clerk's Office has exceeded its capacity to meet its goals of providing the taxpayers the wide array of services required by state statute and local bylaws in a timely, efficient manner while maintaining high levels of customer service. To accomplish the departmental mission, it is necessary to convert a part-time position to a full-time position. There have been no changes in personnel since 1995 when the Town Clerk's Office personnel was augmented from two part-time positions to two full-time positions and one part-time position. In the intervening 22 years, the town's year-round population has grown exponentially from 6,800 to 14,250 residents which has been accompanied by a commensurate workload.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 16 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the upgrade of a part-time Clerk position, which is Grade 2 of the Personnel Administration Plan (P.A.P.) position, to an Administrative Secretary position, which would be a Service Employees International Union (SEIU) position and increases the hours per week from 19 to 37.5 hours. Additionally, this article authorizes the raising and appropriation or transfer from available funds the amount necessary to cover the increase in FY2021 expenditures related to this upgrade.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 16 by a vote of 6-0**

### **Article 17**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$500,186 to establish a budget for the PEG Access and Cable Related fund for fiscal year 2021, with said appropriation to be funded through the current balance of the fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Director

**Explanation:** The Department of Revenue now requires the Town to vote a yearly budget based on estimated expenditures from the fund for the next fiscal year. The total budget voted may not exceed the current balance within the fund.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 17 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article appropriates the funding for the Public, Education, & Government (PEG) Access and Cable Related Fund for Fiscal Year 2021. The Department of Revenue, by legislative act, requires all towns to bring to the voters an annual budget for approval based on expected expenditures for the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for the upcoming fiscal year. The total budget presented to voters may not exceed the current balance in the fund.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 17 by a vote of 6-0**

### **Article 18**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$250,000 from revenue available for appropriation, to be deposited into special injury leave indemnity fund, (Injured on Duty Fund), in accordance with the provisions of General Law Chapter 41, Section 111F for the purposes of funding injury leave compensation or medical bills incurred under said law, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Director

**Explanation:** This article would deposit \$250,000 into the special injury leave indemnity fund (Injured on Duty Fund).

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 18 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the appropriation and transfer of \$250,000.00 to fund the Injured on Duty Fund for leave compensation, and medical bills not immediately covered under an insurance plan in accordance with M.G. L. Chapter 41, Section 111F.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 18 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 19**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant to G.L. Ch. 44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2020 to be expended in accordance with the Bylaw establishing said revolving funds, heretofore approved, or take any other action relating thereto.

<b>FUND</b>	<b>FY 2021 AUTHORIZATION</b>
<b>RECREATION</b>	\$580,000
<b>LIBRARY</b>	\$20,000
<b>SENIOR CENTER</b>	\$15,000
<b>HISTORICAL COMMISSION</b>	\$2,500

Submitted by the Finance Director

**Explanation:** This article establishes the FY 2021 expenditure limits for departmental revolving funds.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 19 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the total expenditures for the revolving funds; \$580,000 to Recreation, \$20,000 to Library, \$15,000 to the Senior Center and \$2,500 to the Historical Commission. These funds are all funded by the revenue which they generate.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 19 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 20**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, borrow or transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$596,737 to provide for road improvement projects under the Chapter 90 program, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Department of Public Works

**Explanation:** This article authorizes use of funds which will be 100% reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The budget approved each fiscal year by the Legislature and Governor establishes the total funding available for Chapter 90 local transportation aid for that year. These funds are then apportioned to the 351 Massachusetts towns and cities.

The funding authorized by this article is the maximum anticipated Town's share of the FY21 Chapter 90 program.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 20 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This article authorizes the raising, borrowing, or transferring of funds from revenue available for appropriations of \$596,737 to fund road improvement projects. These funds are typically 100% reimbursed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the Chapter 90 program. The Town would be able to improve the roads prior to the receipt of the funding.

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 20 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 21**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$432,660, for the operation of the Kids Klub Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2021; said sum to be raised from \$432,660 in receipts of the Enterprise, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Recreation Department

<b><u>Estimated Revenues</u></b>	
Registration Fees	\$ 4,600
Tuition	\$ 427,785
<u>Investment Income</u>	<u>\$ 275</u>
<b><u>Total Budgeted Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 432,660</u></b>
<b><u>Estimated Expenses</u></b>	
Salary (full-time; incl. long.)	\$277,564
Salary (part-time)	\$ 40,221
Benefits (Health, Life, Medicare)	\$ 47,500
<u>Building Expenses</u>	<u>\$ 67,375</u>
<b><u>Total Budgeted Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>\$432,660</u></b>
<b><u>Net Profit/Loss</u></b>	<b><u>\$0</u></b>

**Explanation:** The proposed Recreation Enterprise budget for fiscal year 2021 will authorize the Recreation Department to operate a toddler/pre-school program as a self-sufficient, self-funded operation. All costs related to this program are projected are to be offset by the revenues of the program. Any monies in excess of the expenses are to remain in the account.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 21 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This Article appropriates funds to the Recreation Department which supports the continued operation of the Kids Klub, (toddler/pre-school program), a self-sufficient, self-funded operation as all costs are offset by the revenues collected.

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 21 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 22**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the FY 2021 Community Preservation Fund Estimated Revenues the sum of \$40,000 to the Community Preservation Committee Administrative and Operating Expense Account, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L., C. 44B, §5, including any necessary costs related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

**Explanation:** To provide annual funding in FY 2021 for the administrative and operational costs of the Community Preservation Committee which includes project costs associated with and incidental to the Community Preservation Committee. Under the CPA Act, up to 5% of the annual CPA funds may be spent on the operation and administrative costs of the Community Preservation Committee. Funding supports legal and professional fees, technical reviews, appraisal costs, signage, annual Community Preservation Coalition dues, administrative wages, office supplies and similar costs associated with and incidental to the development of a CPA project.

The vote of the Community Preservation Committee was 9-0 in support of this article.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 22 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** *This article authorizes the appropriation and transfer of \$40,000 from the FY2021 Community Preservation Fund Estimated Revenues to the Community Preservation Committee Administrative and Operating Expense Account to cover necessary administrative and professional fees and other costs incurred by projects overseen by the Community Preservation Committee. Up to 5% of CPA funding is available for this purpose.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 22 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 23**

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into long-term leases, licenses, agreements, or other contractual agreements on behalf of the Town, subject to such terms and conditions as the Selectmen shall deem to be in the best interest of the Town, for all or a portion of the Town-owned real properties identified as the Kenneth C. Coombs School, the Quashnet School, and Mashpee Middle-High School for the purposes of developing, sponsoring, administering, installing, operating, and maintaining solar photovoltaic energy systems and supplying solar energy, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to take such actions as may be necessary under Massachusetts law to effectuate said agreements; or take any other action in relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This Article will allow the Town to enter into agreements for solar installations at the Kenneth C. Coombs School, Quashnet School and Mashpee Middle-High School

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 23 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** *This article authorizes the Town to negotiate long-term lease agreements for solar installations at the Kenneth C. Coombs School, the Quashnet School, and the Mashpee Middle-High School. Such an installation would increase the town's use of renewable energy and reduce its energy costs.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 23 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 24**

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$150,000 for the update of the Town's Local Comprehensive Plan, and to act fully thereon, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** The Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP) was adopted in 1998 and has not been updated since its adoption. The LCP is written to be consistent with the Cape Cod Commission Regional Policy Plan, which has recently been updated. The LCP is required to be updated every 5 years. The LCP also serves as the Master Plan for the Town pursuant to MGL c.41A, Section 81D “Such plan shall be a statement, through text, maps, illustrations, or other forms of communication, that is designed to provide a basis for decision making regarding the long-term physical development of the municipality. The comprehensive plan shall be internally consistent in its policies, forecasts and standards, and shall include the following elements:” Growth and development goals and policies statement; land use plan; Housing; Economic Development; Natural and Cultural Resources; Open Space and Recreation; Services and facilities; Transportation, and; Implementation program. The plan serves as a guide to future development and needs of Mashpee and it also assists the Town with potential grant opportunities.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 24 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the raising, appropriating, or transferring of funds from available funds \$150,000 to update The Local Comprehensive Plan (LCP). The LCP is supposed to serve as the Master Plan for the Town of Mashpee and is supposed to be updated every five (5) years. The current plan has not been updated since it was adopted in 1998.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 24 by a vote of 5-1**

#### **Article 25**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$65,000 from the Waterways Improvement Fund to the Engineering/Permitting/Dredging and Associated Expense Account to cover the costs associated with dredging 5,000 cubic yards of sediment from the Popponesset Approach Channel, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Waterways Commission

**Explanation:** This article will transfer funds from the Waterways Improvement Fund to the Waterways Engineering/Permitting/Dredging and Associated Expenses Account to cover the costs associated with dredging 5,000 cubic yards of sediment from the Popponesset Approach Channel.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 25 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This article authorizes the appropriation and transfer of \$65,000 from the Waterways Improvement Fund to the Engineering/Permitting/Dredging and Associated Expenses Account to cover the costs for the dredging the Popponesset Approach Channel There is no impact to the 2020 Fiscal Year budget.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 25 by a vote of 6-0**

#### **Article 26**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$15,000 from the Waterways Improvement Fund to the Engineering/Permitting/Dredging and Associated Expense Account for the purpose of providing funds to be used for ramp safe boating access at any of the salt or fresh water ramps. This will improve safe boating access to and from the ramp or take any action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Waterways Commission

**Explanation:** This Article will transfer funds from the Waterways Improvement Fund to scrape sand piling that has been created over time by boat “power loading” at various ramps in Town.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 26 by a vote of 5-0**

*FINCOM: This Article provides funding to scrape sand piling that occurs over time by “power loading” at boat ramps. This improves safe boating access to and from all boat ramps.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 26 by a vote of 6-0**

## **Article 27**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Waterways Improvement Fund to the Engineering/Permitting/Dredging and Associated Expense for the purpose of providing surveying services for the Channels to be Dredged or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Waterways Commission

**Explanation:** The Channels scheduled for dredging will require these services before and after dredging.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 27 by a vote of 5-0**

*FINCOM: This article authorizes the appropriation and transfer of \$20,000 from the Waterways Improvement Fund to the Engineering/Permitting/Dredging and Associated Expenses Account to fund surveying services necessary before and after channel dredging.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 27 by a vote of 6-0**

## **Article 28**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 84 Erosion and Sedimentation Control of the General Bylaws as follows:

**Add a new paragraph 14 to §84-4**

### **Plan and Application Requirement:**

14. Description of construction waste management including discarded building materials, concrete truck washout, chemicals, litter and sanitary waste.

**Amend §84-5 Control Measures by adding new language/paragraphs and re-numbering accordingly:**

§84-5 Control Measures:

- A. Measures to prevent the erosion of soils from the property and the sedimentation of drainage structures and adjacent wetlands throughout all phases of construction and at the completion of project shall, at a minimum, include the following:
  - 1. Minimize the amount of disturbed area and protect natural resources;
  - 2. Stabilization of cleared areas within fourteen (14) days of clearing or extended inactivity in construction (fourteen (14) days or more) by planting of temporary vegetative cover, mulching, use of erosion control mats or similar measures;
  - 3. Protect slopes on the construction site;
  - 4. Stabilization or covering of soil stockpiles at the end of each workday;

5. Prevention of blowing of dust or sediment from the site by mulching, sprinkling (water), spraying of adhesives or calcium chloride, use of stone, particularly along construction roads, or providing wind barriers;
6. Provisions for the maintenance of the erosion and sedimentation control measures, including protect all storm drain inlets and armor all newly constructed outlets;
7. Use perimeter controls at the site;
8. Stabilize construction site entrances and exits to prevent off-site tracking;
9. Control wastes that may be discharged, including but not limited to, discarded building materials, concrete truck wash out, chemicals, litter, and sanitary wastes (these wastes may not be discharged to the MS4; and
10. Inspect stormwater controls at consistent intervals.

**Amend §84-6 Inspections by adding new language/paragraphs and re-numbering accordingly:**

**§84-6 Inspections:**

- A. The Director of Public Works or his/her designee including members of the Site Plan Review Committee may enter upon the property of the applicant for the purpose of conducting regular inspections to ensure compliance with the approved Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan and the provisions of this bylaw. These inspections shall be performed at a minimum at the following intervals:
  1. Prior to the start of construction;
  2. Inspection of Best Management Practices (BMPs) during construction of BMPs;
  3. Inspection of BMPs upon completion of site grading to ensure they are working as described in the approved plans;
  4. At close of construction season or prior to any other long-term stops in construction (more than two (2) weeks); and
  5. Upon completion of final landscaping.
- B. Inspections shall be conducted using clearly defined procedures for inspections including qualifications necessary to perform the inspection, use of mandated inspection forms if appropriate, and procedure for tracking the number of site reviews, inspections and enforcement actions. This tracking shall be included as part of each annual report as required by MS4 General Permit part 4.4.
- C. The applicant shall contact the Department of Public Works (DPW) to schedule these inspections. Other inspections may be performed at the discretion of the DPW, including prior to or after a storm event.
- D. During the inspections, the effectiveness of the control measures in place shall be evaluated and additional control measures may be required if deemed necessary by the DPW.

or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Department of Public Works

**Explanation:** The purpose for the adoption of the existing Sedimentation and Construction Control bylaw at the October 2005 Town Meeting was to minimize or eliminate erosion from construction sites not already regulated through the Town's Zoning Bylaw or Subdivision Control Law. Control of sediment on a construction site prevents it from being transported by stormwater into the Town's stormwater system and ultimately into the Town's surface and groundwaters. This article proposes to amend the bylaw to comply more fully with the requirements of the Town's General Storm Water Permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 28 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This article amends the existing Sedimentation and Construction Control bylaw in order to more fully comply with requirements set forth in the Town's General Storm Water Permit issued by the Environmental Protection Agency through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. This is an amendment to language and has no financial impact.

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 28 by a vote of 6-0**

### **Article 29**

To see if the Town will vote to continue participation in the Community Septic Management Program and the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust (MWPAT) for the purpose of making loans to residents of the Town for repairing and/or upgrading residential septic systems pursuant to agreements between the Board of Health and residential property owners, including all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health

**Explanation:** The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, through the Water Pollution Abatement Trust, has provided approximately \$660,000.00 at 0% interest to the Town of Mashpee to assist homeowners in complying with failed Title V systems since 1998. The loans are available to homeowners at 5% interest, to cover any ongoing costs of the program. Loans must be secured by a betterment assessed by the Town on the property being improved by the loan. The repayment of the loans to the town with the 5% interest is being repaid through previously issued property betterments. In order for the town to be able to re-loan funds to future additional septic projects, the town must annually reauthorize/re-approve participation in the Community Septic Management Program. Failure to reauthorize participation in the Program will restrict the town from re-lending funds to homeowners with failed septic systems. The repaid monies will be held in an account with the principle amount repaid to the MWPAT as scheduled.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 29 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This article authorizes the continued participation in the Community Septic Management Program and the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust which gives residents the ability to secure a 5% interest loan for the purpose of resolving failed Title V septic system issues.

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 29 by a vote of 6-0**

### **Article 30**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 2 – Town Meetings; Article 1 – Miscellaneous Provisions; §2.1 – Annual Town Meeting and Election of the Town's Bylaws F as follows:

F: Effective January 1, 2021, the regular Annual Town Election of Town Officers will be held on the first Saturday in May immediately following the May Annual Town Meeting, at such place as determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Town Clerk

**Explanation:** This article seeks to move the Annual Town Election back to the first Saturday in May following the Town's Annual Town Meeting. The Town has hosted a variety of different days with no significant increase in voter turnout. In keeping the safety and welfare of children first and foremost moving the election back to the original Saturday for elections is a win-win for all.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 30 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This article authorizes the amending of Chapter 2 – Town Meetings; Article 1 – Miscellaneous Provisions; SS 2.1 – Annual Town Meeting and Election of the Town’s Bylaws F. This change would change the date of the Annual Town Election of Town Officials to the first Saturday after the Annual Town Meeting in May-beginning effective January 1, 2021.

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 30 by a vote of 4-2**

**Article 31**

To see if the Town will vote to add §174-25 (I)(16) of the Mashpee Zoning By Law “Table of Use Regulations” by adding the letter ‘Y’ located in the columns identified as R-3, R-5, C-1, C-2, C-3, and I-1 as follows:

Type of Use	Residential		Commercial			Industrial
	R-3	R-5	C-1	C-2	C-3	I-1
Small-scale Ground Mounted Solar Energy System provided that no such system exceeds 15 feet in height	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Submitted by Planning Board

**Explanation:** This article would allow the development of small-scale solar energy systems in the residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts of the Town as a by-right accessory use so long as the proposed system does not exceed fifteen (15) feet in height.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 31 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This Article adds language to the Mashpee Zoning By-Law to specifically allow small scale (U-15’) ground mounted solar energy systems in Residential, Commercial, and Industrial zoning districts as a by-right accessory use.

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 31 by a vote of 5-0**

**Article 32**

To see if the Town will vote to add §174-25 (I)(17) of the Mashpee Zoning By Law “Table of Use Regulations” by adding the letter ‘Y’ located in the columns identified as R-3, R-5, C-1, C-2, C-3, and I-1 as follows:

Type of Use	Residential		Commercial			Industrial
	R-3	R-5	C-1	C-2	C-3	I-1
Roof-mounted solar energy system	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y

Submitted by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** This article memorializes in the zoning bylaw the ability to add roof-mounted solar energy systems on structures located in the residential, commercial and industrial zoning districts of the Town as a by-right accessory use. Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 3 prevents the Town from prohibiting this use

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 32 by a vote of 5-0**

***FINCOM:** This Article adds language to the Mashpee Zoning By Law to specifically allow Roof Mounted Solar energy systems to Residential, Commercial, and Industrial zoning districts as a by-right accessory use.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 32 by a vote of 5-0**

**Article 33**

To see if the Town will vote to amend §174-25 (H)(12) of the Mashpee Zoning By Law “Table of Use Regulations” by deleting “Ground-mounted Solar Photovoltaic systems, including, but not limited to, systems of two hundred fifty (250) kW or above” and replacing the deleted phrase with “Medium-scale and Large-scale ground mounted solar energy systems...”,as follows:

Type of Use	Residential		Commercial			Industrial
	R-3	R-5	C-1	C-2	C-3	I-1
Medium-scale and Large-scale ground mounted solar energy systems provided that neighboring properties are effectively protected from any significant adverse impacts from glare, that any such systems are properly fenced or otherwise secured, and that no hazardous materials are stored in quantities greater than permitted by other sections of this bylaw, subject to approval by the Plan Review Committee and Design Review Committee.	--	--	--	--	--	PR

Submitted by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** This article would not change what is already allowed under the current zoning bylaw regarding solar energy systems in the Industrial Districts. This article only clarifies that medium and large-scale systems are only allowed in the Industrial Districts and not allowed in the commercial or residential districts. This amendment is necessary for consistency with another submitted zoning article proposing small-scale solar energy systems allowed by-right in all zoning districts.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 33 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This Article seeks to change the language of the Mashpee Zoning By Law from ground mounted Solar Photovoltaic systems as presently stated, to Medium Scale and Large Scale ground mounted solar energy systems, essentially not changing what is currently allowed in Industrial Districts, but clarifying that they are ONLY allowed in Industrial Districts.

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 33 by a vote of 5-0**

#### **Article 34**

To see if the Town will vote to amend §174-3 of the Mashpee Zoning Bylaw- Terms Defined as follows:

Photovoltaic System (also referred to as Photovoltaic Installation): An active solar energy system that converts solar energy directly into electricity.

Solar Energy System, Ground-Mounted: An active solar energy system that is structurally mounted to the ground and is not roof-mounted; may be of any size (small-, medium- or large-scale).

Solar Energy System, Large-Scale: An active solar energy system that occupies more than 40,000 square feet of surface area.

Solar Energy System, Medium-Scale: An active solar energy system that occupies more than 1,750 but less than 40,000 square feet of surface area.

Solar Energy System, Roof-Mounted: An active solar energy system that is structurally mounted to the roof of a building or structure; may be of any size (small-, medium- or large-scale).

Solar Energy System, Small-Scale: An active solar energy system that occupies 1,750 square feet of surface area or less.

Submitted by the Planning Board

**Explanation:** This article will add definitions recommended by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the Zoning Bylaw for the regulation of solar energy systems as currently regulated in the zoning bylaw and as proposed in related warrant articles.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 34 by a vote of 5-0**

**FINCOM:** This Article amends the Mashpee Zoning By-Law by adding definitions for the various Solar Energy Systems.

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 34 by a vote of 5-0**

#### **Article 35**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to prepare a plan laying out and defining Chestnut Street, Cedar Street, Devon Street, Ash Street, Hawthorne Street and Gina Way and accomplish said purpose and for expenses related thereto, the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$12,500 from revenue available for appropriation to the Chestnut Street, Cedar Street, Devon Street, Ash Street, Hawthorne Street and Gina Way Roadways Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

SEE MAP in APPENDIX A

Submitted by Petition

**Explanation:** This article authorizes the Town to layout and define Chestnut Street, Cedar Street, Devon Street, Ash Street, Hawthorne Street and Gina Way and to appropriate funding for this purpose.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 35 by a vote of 5-0**

*FINCOM: This is a Road Taking Article to layout and define Chestnut, Cedar, Devon, Ash and Hawthorne Streets, and Gina Way and appropriate funding for that purpose.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 35 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 36**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following in the Town of Mashpee Bylaws:

The purchase by the Town of Mashpee of either water or any other beverage in single-use plastic bottles of any size is prohibited and the sale of water or any beverage in single-use plastic containers is prohibited on town property.

Any Town department when engaged in public health and safety operations shall be exempt from this Bylaw.

Effective date: As soon as practicable but no later than January 1, 2021.

In the event of a declaration (by Emergency Management Director, or other duly-authorized Town, Commonwealth, or United States official) of an emergency affecting the availability and/or quality of drinking water for Mashpee residents the Town shall be exempt from this Bylaw until seven (7) calendar days after such declaration has ended. Submitted by Petition

**Explanation:** Plastic bottles are a by-product of the fossil fuel industry; they do not biodegrade and can last forever. Their production emits toxic waste into the air, and chemicals from plastic can leach into our beverages. After plastics are discarded, they pollute the air via incineration, contaminate groundwater through landfills, as well as harm to our oceans, beaches, roadways, and wildlife. Recycling is of little help and does not eliminate or reduce our dependence on plastic. The hazardous effects of plastics are far more costly than indicated by price. They affect our immediate and long-term well-being.

The rationale for this Municipal Plastic Bottle Ban rests on the assumption that government is established to protect the welfare of the people it governs. Plastic bottles are made of non-renewable fuels, leach chemicals into consumables and never biodegrade. Plastic bottles impact environmental health and longevity of other species who may ingest plastics as food.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 36 by a vote of 3-2**

*FINCOM: This Article seeks to prohibit the Town of Mashpee from purchasing and or selling water or any other beverage in single use plastic bottles of any size on town property.*

**The Finance Committee does not recommend approval of Article 36 by a vote of 3-2-1**

**Article 37**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to prepare a plan laying out and defining Cove Road and accomplish said purpose and for expenses related thereto, the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$5,000 from revenue available for appropriation to the Cove Road Roadways Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

SEE MAP IN APPENDIX A

Submitted by Petition

**Explanation:** This article authorizes the Town to layout and define Cove Road and to appropriate funding for this purpose.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 37 by a vote of 5-0**

*FINCOM: This is a Road Taking Article to layout and define Cove Road, and to appropriate funding for that purpose.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 37 by a vote of 6-0**

**Article 38**

To see if Mashpee will join towns across Cape Cod in an effort to respond to a shared sense of climate emergency, based on data and warning from the scientific community. Across Cape Cod, many acknowledge that climate change is a dire threat to our well-being that demands immediate attention. Passage of the article will indicate that the residents and government of Mashpee are committed to expeditiously reducing net greenhouse gas emissions to zero by further reducing energy consumption as well as by supporting and instituting efforts to wisely manage our land, biodiversity, and natural resources to reduce the town's vulnerability to climate change, or take any other action thereto.

Submitted by Petition

**Explanation:** Because of threats to our health, safety, and economic security, Mashpee's communities, service organizations, government representatives, officers, and departments have already taken many leading steps toward mitigating the environmental conditions that cause decreasing biodiversity, global warming, melting ice sheets, rising sea levels, acidifying oceans, damaging storms, intensifying heat waves, and raging fires, but CO2 levels in Earth's atmosphere have already risen above the acceptable 350 ppm to 415 ppm. As a member of 350 Cape Cod, this petitioner urges Mashpee's residents, communities, elected representatives, and town employees to join in spirit and action with the residents of other Cape Cod towns to prudently facilitate this article's objectives.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 38 by a vote of 5-0**

*FINCOM: This Article seeks to encourage all Mashpee residents to support towns across Cape Cod by supporting all activities that will assist in responding to a shared sense of climate emergency.*

**The Finance Committee takes no position on Article 38 by a vote of 3-3**

**Article 39**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and empower the Board of Selectmen to prepare a plan laying out and defining Oldham Circle and accomplish said purpose and for expenses related thereto, the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$5,000 from revenue available for appropriation to the Oldham Circle Roadways Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

SEE MAP IN APPENDIX A

Submitted by Petition

**Explanation:** This article authorizes the Town to layout and define Oldham Circle and to appropriate funding for this purpose.

**The Board of Selectmen recommends approval of Article 39 by a vote of 5-0**

*FINCOM: This is a Road Taking Article to layout and define Oldham Circle and to appropriate funding for that purpose.*

**The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 39 by a vote of 6-0**

**THIS CONCLUDES THE BUSINESS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at the Post Office, and one each on the bulletin boards, thirty days at least before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 23rd day of March in the year two thousand and twenty.

Per Order of,  
**Board of Selectmen**

Andrew R. Gottlieb, *Chair*

John J. Cotton, *Vice Chair*

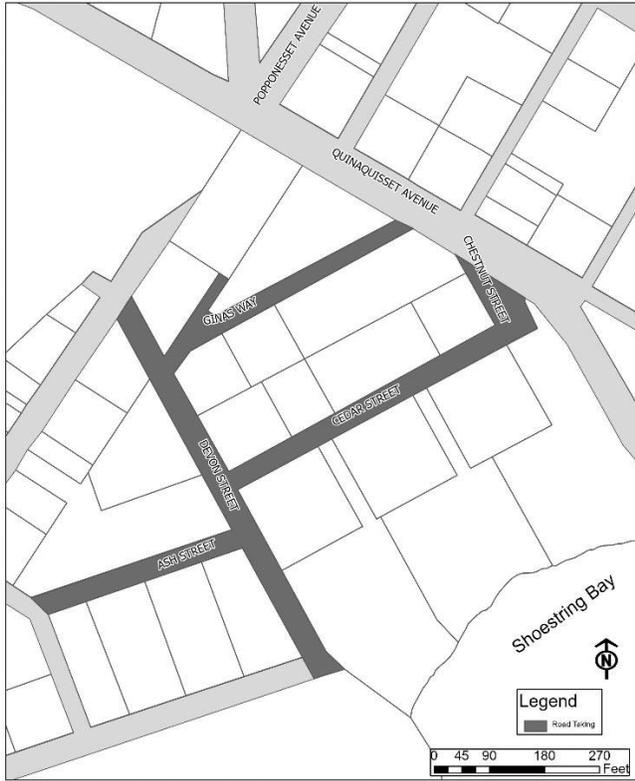
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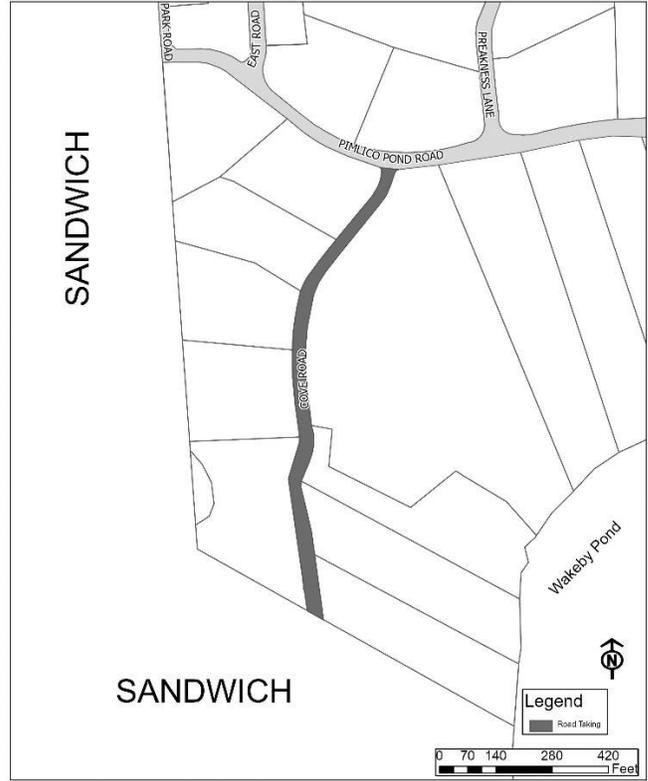
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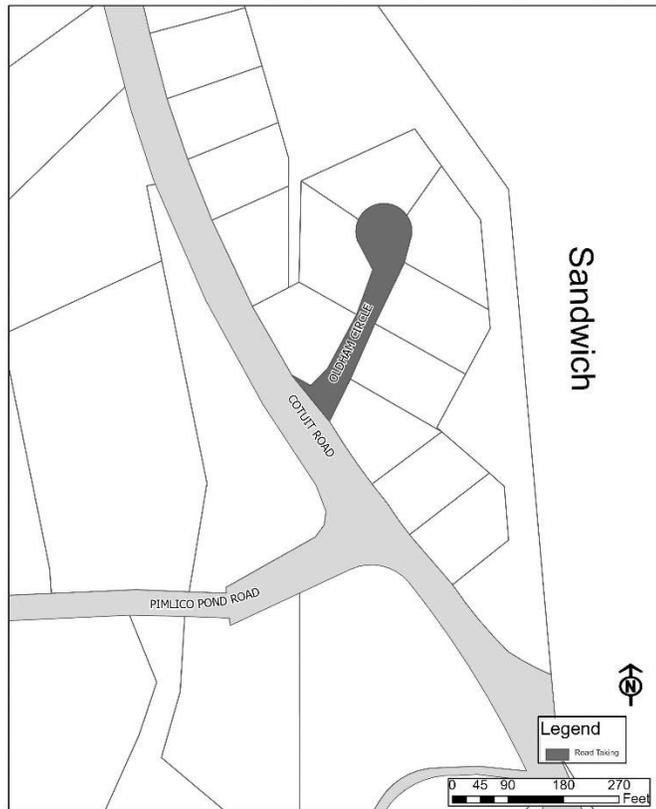
## Annual Town Meeting - Article 35



## Annual Town Meeting - Article 37



## Annual Town Meeting - Article 39



## **TOWN MEETING RULES AND DEFINITIONS**

1. The conduct of Mashpee's Town Meeting is governed by State Law, the Town's Charter, Bylaws and the publication **Town Meeting Time**.
2. Quorum. One hundred (100) registered voters shall constitute a quorum of a Special Town Meeting. Quorum for an Annual Meeting shall be zero (0).
3. The Moderator presides over the Town Meeting, decides all questions of order and procedure, and announces the results of all votes. The results of all votes are announced by the Moderator, shall be final except on a voice vote which may be questioned by any voter standing in his/her place and questions any oral "yea" or "nay" vote. In such case, a hand-counted vote shall be taken without debate.
4. The main body of the house shall be reserved for registered voters; non-voters will be seated in a special section.
5. Articles in the Warrant give notice of the issues subject to discussion at a Town Meeting and establish the parameters of matters that can be debated and acted on. Amendments, motions and/or debate determined by the Moderator, with the advice of Town Counsel, to be "beyond the scope" of the Articles may not be permitted.
6. In order for the Town Meeting to act on or discuss an Article, a motion must be made. The Moderator will call for a motion on each Article and, if no motion is made after the second call, the Moderator will "pass over" the Article and move on to the next Article. In order to bring back a "passed over" Article for a motion and discussion, there must be an approved "motion for reconsideration".
7. Articles may be postponed by a majority vote or advanced by a 2/3 vote.
8. To address the Town Meeting, a speaker must be recognized by the Moderator and once recognized, a speaker should first give his or her name and address for the record. No speaker will be recognized while another person is speaking except to raise "a point of order", which is used to question a ruling of the Moderator or the conduct of Town Meeting. Points of Order are not to address the subject matter being discussed.
9. All matters shall be decided by a majority vote unless a 2/3 or greater vote is required. If more than a majority vote is required, the Moderator shall announce the required percentage for passage before calling the vote.

10. The Moderator may set time limits on all presentations and may terminate debate on a motion when he deems it appropriate. Debate on a motion may also be terminated by a voter “moving the question” which, if accepted by the Moderator as not being premature, shall be voted on without discussion or debate. A motion to “move the question” requires a 2/3 vote for passage.
11. Only two (2) amendments to a motion may be on the floor at any particular time. Amendments over six (6) words must be submitted to the Moderator in writing and, of over fifty (50) words, sufficient copies must be available to those attending at the entrance of the hall before the start of that particular session.
12. Generally, amendments shall be voted on in the order made and prior to the vote on the motion to be amended. However, amendments relating to amounts to be appropriated shall be voted on in a descending order until an amount gains approval.
13. Reconsideration of Votes. No vote shall be reconsidered at the same meeting at which it is acted upon unless public notice of the intention to move such reconsideration is given within thirty (30) minutes of the declaration of the vote by the Moderator, and no notice of intent to move reconsideration on any vote shall be received by the Moderator more than two (2) times at the same meeting. The Town Clerk shall note, in writing, the action taken and time of such vote and also the time when the notice of reconsideration is given.
14. Majority Voting Requirement. No article within any Annual or Special Town Meeting Warrant shall be moved for consideration after 10:00 p.m. without a two-thirds vote of the Town Meeting.



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