

**Town of Mashpee
Mashpee High School
500 Old Barnstable Road
Mashpee, MA 02649
Special Town Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2024**

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 6th day of May 2024 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 the sum of \$864.05 from revenue available for appropriation to pay the previous fiscal year's unpaid bill as follows:

Algonquin Acquisition Company LLC/Boston Globe Media Partners, LLC \$864.05
,or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

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

This article requires a 9/10th vote to pass.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 1 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 1 by a vote of 7-0

Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$2,629,134 from revenue available for appropriation, to be deposited into the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Explanation: As per Select Board Policy #072, "Capital Improvement Policy", this article will set aside funds in the amount of fifteen percent (15%) of the "Certified Free Cash" 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 Select Board recommends approval of Article 2 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 2 by a vote of 7-0

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$370,000 from revenue available for appropriation to the Human Resources Accrued Benefit Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Human Resources Director

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

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 3 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 3 by a vote of 7-0

Article 4

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$1,400,000 from the Wastewater Stabilization Fund to the Temporary borrowing outside 2 ½, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Town Treasurer

Explanation: This article, along with the following article is for the purpose of paying the Phase 2 planning to avoid interest to be paid.

This article requires a 2/3rd vote to pass.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 4 by a vote of 4-0

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 \$1,600,000 from the Wastewater Infrastructure Investment Fund (WIIF) and the sum of \$500,000 from revenue available for appropriation to the Temporary borrowing outside 2 ½, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Town Treasurer

Explanation: This article, along with the previous article is for the purpose of paying the Phase 2 planning to avoid interest to be paid.

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

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 5 by a vote of 6-0

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authority to issue the following un-issued balance of the authorized bond or note pursuant to the vote adopted under the following article to the extent not previously exercised, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

<u>Town Meeting</u>	<u>Article #</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
October 16, 2023	1	\$4,500,000	Planning & Design Phase II Wastewater Initiatives

Explanation: This article seeks to rescind the borrowing authorization, approved at the October 16, 2023 Town Meeting, if the previous two articles pass for the purpose of paying the Phase 2 planning directly and avoid paying interest by using funds from the Wastewater Stabilization Fund, the Wastewater Infrastructure Investment Fund (WIIF), and from revenue available for appropriation.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 6 by a vote of 4-0
The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 6 by a vote of 7-0

Article 7

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

- \$1,096 10% Open Space/Recreation Purposes
- \$1,096 10% Historic Purposes
- \$1,096 10% Affordable Housing Purposes

or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: This is a “cleanup” article to meet the requirement of reserving funds from the CPA FY 2024 Trust Fund distribution. The amount of the FY 2024 state reimbursement received by the Town of Mashpee was higher than the initial estimate. The CPC is required to set aside 10% of those excess funds and deposit them into each of the CPA 10% reserves. Funding shall derive from the Community Preservation Budgeted for Appropriation Reserve.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of Article 7 by a vote of 7-0.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 7 by a vote of 4-0
The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 7 by a vote of 7-0

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum not to exceed \$100,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Budget for Appropriation Reserve in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, for the purpose of funding the Open Space and Recreation Plan 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

Explanation: The goal of this project is to update the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan (OSRP). The OSRP Plan has not been updated since 2009. With an approved OSRP, the Town would be eligible to receive and leverage grant funding that has not been previously available. The Plan is also essential for the success of conservation and recreation efforts supported by the Planning Department and approved Town plans as applicable. Broad-based support and collaboration in the planning process would provide the fundamental framework to identify the needs of open space, and recreational areas to ensure alignment with the community's vision. Unexpended funds would return to the coffers of the Community Preservation Committee.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of Article 8 by a vote of 7-0.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 8 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 8 by a vote of 6-1

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$550,000 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 Ashumet Pond Restoration & Rehabilitation project including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, and to apply for, accept and expend any reimbursement funds which are anticipated from Joint Base Cape Cod, through an Environmental Services Agreement, to defray the costs. All reimbursement funds would return to the coffers of the Community Preservation Committee. And further, to authorize the Select Board and/or Community Preservation Committee to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary to effect this project and obtain reimbursement funding in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

Explanation: The goal of this project is to reduce public health risks associated with cyanobacteria blooms by completing the third aluminum sulfate (alum) treatment to Ashumet Pond to reduce the phosphorus release from bottom sediments. This is three-year project and a strong initiative for clean waters. Phase I includes permitting, engineering, and monitoring by a hired consultant to conduct the aluminum sulfate dosage assessment. A structured work plan would be required in Phase II with a contractor conducting the treatment application with a buffer solution. In Year III an expanded monitoring program would be created to track improvements. The success of the treatment will be measured by future phosphorus release and the treatment longevity lasting 10-15 years, as well as best management practices.

Joint Base Cape Cod (JBCC) fully funded the alum treatment on Ashumet Pond in 2001 and in 2010. JBCC has shown a willingness to contribute 50% of the cost of this treatment, to include the permitting and monitoring. Cost sharing funds would be submitted to the Town and deposited into the coffers of the Community Preservation Committee.

Aluminum sulfate is a water-soluble salt used in the purification of drinking water and wastewater facilities. Alum has a high capacity to absorb phosphates and it is the recommended treatment by the federal government. Alum has been used in several Cape Ponds including Mystic Lake, Hamblin Pond, Lovells Pond, Long Pond, Cliff Pond, Lovers Lake, Stillwater Pond, Herring Pond and Great Pond.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of Article 9 by a vote of 7-0

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

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 a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, for the purpose of funding the Pickerel Cove Road/Pickerel Cove Circle project, including the acquisition of nine (9) parcels of land consisting of seventeen and twenty-seven-one-hundredths (17.27) acres, more or less, including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, designated on Mashpee Assessors Maps as follows:

9 Pickerel Cove Road, 1.84 acres; Map 13 Parcel 53
17 Pickerel Cove Road, 1.91 acres; Map 13 Parcel 54
25 Pickerel Cove Road, 1.92 acres; Map 13 Parcel 55
33 Pickerel Cove Road, 1.99 acres; Map 13 Parcel 56
87 Pickerel Cove Road, 2.5 acres; Map 13 Parcel 1
7 Pickerel Cove Circle, 2.03 acres; Map 13 Parcel 57
21 Pickerel Cove Circle, 2.20 acres; Map 14 Parcel 14
25 Pickerel Cove Circle, 2.02 acres; Map 14 Parcel 4
O-Rear Pickerel Cove Road, 0.86 acres; Map 14, Parcel 3

As more accurately described in deeds recorded in the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Book 17851 Page 164, Plan Book 127, Page 101 and Plan Book 186, Page 139 and ANR plan of land in Plan Book 577, Page 29 , including any interests which are appurtenant to any of said parcels and to authorize the acquisition of said parcels by purchase with the consent of the owners, under M.G.L. Chapter 79, or pursuant to any other enabling authority for open space, conservation and passive recreation purposes subject to a Conservation Restriction as required by the Community Preservation Act and further, to authorize the Select Board and/or Community Preservation Committee to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments on behalf of the Town as may be necessary to effect this purchase and obtain any available reimbursement funding, provided, that the Grantors be required to certify good and marketable title to the subject properties, free and clear of any liens, encumbrances, easements, clouds, and other third party rights or claims, upon such terms and conditions as are deemed to be in the best interest of the Town, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

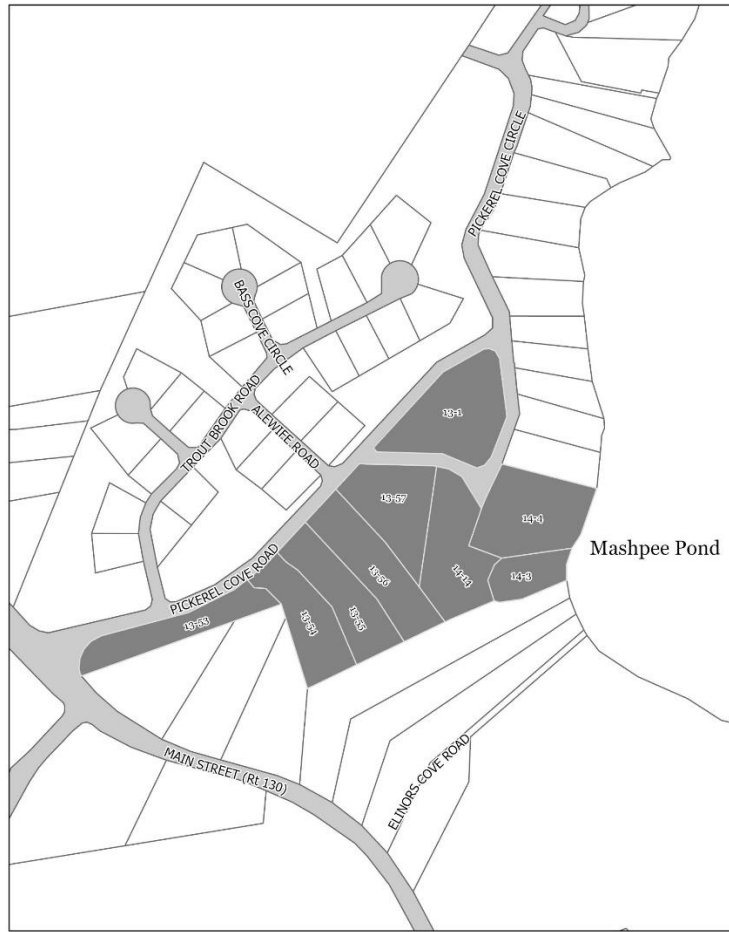
Explanation: The main goal of this project is to acquire a collection of contiguous parcels located between Main Street (Route 130) and the western shore of Mashpee-Wakeby Pond along Pickerel Cove Road and Pickerel Cove Circle maximizing publicly owned and protected lands within the acquisition boundaries of the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge (MNWR). The 2007 Open Space Plan identifies these parcels as privately held lands of conservation interest. The project would protect drinking water quantity and quality, permanently protect wildlife habitat including rare species on the shoreline and expand the opportunities for passive recreation.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of Article 10 by a vote of 8-0.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 10 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee will make a recommendation on Article 10 at Town Meeting by a vote of 7-0

MAP OF PICKEREL COVE ROAD/PICKEREL COVE CIRCLE PROJECT



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 18th day of March in the year two thousand and twenty-four.

Per Order of,
Select Board

John J. Cotton, Chair
Thomas F. O'Hara, Vice Chair
Carol A. Sherman, Clerk
David W. Weeden
Michaela Wyman-Colombo

**Town of Mashpee
Mashpee High School
500 Old Barnstable Road
Mashpee, MA 02649
Annual Town Meeting
Monday, May 6, 2024**

Barnstable, ss:

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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 6th day of May 2024 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 Select Board

Explanation: The 2023 Annual Town Report in which the reports of Town officers are presented is available at the Town Meeting and at the Town Hall.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 1 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 1 by a vote of 7-0

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, 2024 to June 30, 2025, 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 2025 Department Request" (see Omnibus Budget), or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT		FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2025 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 2025 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND	FY 2025 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMEND
MODERATOR					
SALARY	1	200	300	300	300
TOTAL		200	300	300	300
SELECTMEN					
SALARY-ELECTED	2	15,500	15,500	15,500	15,500
SALARY/WAGE	3	501,101	520,405	520,405	520,405
EXPENSE	4	38,500	38,500	38,500	38,500
LEG/ENG/CONSULTING	5	385,000	410,000	410,000	410,000
TOTAL		940,101	984,405	984,405	984,405
FINANCE COMMITTEE					
RESERVE FUND	6	198,556	275,000	275,000	275,000
EXPENSE	7	83,000	93,800	93,800	93,800
TOTAL		281,556	368,800	368,800	368,800
TOWN ACCOUNTANT					
SALARY/WAGE	8	346,839	362,730	356,718	356,718
EXPENSE	9	3,175	4,675	4,675	4,675
TOTAL		350,014	367,405	361,393	361,393
ASSESSORS					
SALARY-APPOINTED	10	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
SALARY/WAGE	11	276,485	295,155	295,155	295,155
EXPENSE	12	6,800	6,800	6,800	6,800
TOTAL		286,285	304,955	304,955	304,955
TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR					
SALARY/WAGE	13	281,520	302,208	302,208	302,208
EXPENSE	14	51,400	51,400	51,400	51,400
DEBT SERVICE	15	2,500	2,500	2,500	2,500
FORECLOSURE	16	12,000	12,000	12,000	12,000
TOTAL		347,420	368,108	368,108	368,108
HUMAN RESOURCES					
SALARY/WAGE	17	430,768	457,307	457,307	457,307
EXPENSE	18	100,685	112,173	112,173	112,173
TOTAL		531,453	569,480	569,480	569,480

DEPARTMENT		FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2025 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 2025 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND	FY 2025 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMEND
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY					
SALARY/WAGE	19	419,034	527,838	444,056	444,056
EXPENSE	20	335,862	376,579	376,579	376,579
EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT	21	27,000	27,000	27,000	27,000
TOTAL		781,896	931,417	847,635	847,635
TOWN CLERK					
SALARY-ELECTED	22	107,236	113,430	113,430	113,430
SALARY/WAGE	23	112,443	122,200	122,200	122,200
EXPENSE	24	13,925	10,550	10,550	10,550
TOTAL		233,604	246,180	246,180	246,180
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS					
SALARY/WAGE	25	71,261	80,431	80,431	80,431
EXPENSE	26	63,300	98,805	98,805	98,805
TOTAL		134,561	179,236	179,236	179,236
CONSERVATION					
SALARY/WAGE	27	225,128	246,973	246,973	246,973
EXPENSE	28	6,908	6,740	6,740	6,740
HERRING EXPENSE	29	500	500	500	500
TOTAL		232,536	254,213	254,213	254,213
NATURAL RESOURCES					
SALARY/WAGE	30	728,739	744,240	710,415	710,415
EXPENSE	31	181,910	185,710	175,210	175,210
PROPAGATION	32	203,500	204,450	204,450	204,450
TOTAL		1,114,149	1,134,400	1,090,075	1,090,075
PLANNING BOARD					
EXPENSE	33	21,125	21,125	21,125	21,125
TOTAL		21,125	21,125	21,125	21,125
PLANNING DEPARTMENT					
SALARY/WAGE	34	181,776	261,485	187,237	187,237
EXPENSE	35	4,125	4,125	4,125	4,125
TOTAL		185,901	265,610	191,362	191,362
TOWN HALL					
EXPENSE	36	302,000	357,000	357,000	357,000
TOTAL		302,000	357,000	357,000	357,000

DEPARTMENT			FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2025 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 2025 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND	FY 2025 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMEND
POLICE						
SALARY/WAGE	37		5,102,988	5,429,040	5,302,825	5,302,825
EXPENSE	38		317,681	325,315	325,315	325,315
DISPATCHERS SALARY/WAGE	39		599,025	624,280	624,280	624,280
TOTAL			6,019,694	6,378,635	6,252,420	6,252,420
FIRE						
SALARY/WAGE	40		5,281,767	5,327,038	5,228,538	5,228,538
EXPENSE	41		528,590	578,533	578,533	578,533
TOTAL			5,810,357	5,905,571	5,807,071	5,807,071
BUILDING INSPECTOR						
SALARY/WAGE	42		359,751	414,687	414,687	414,687
EXPENSE	43		31,148	33,994	33,994	33,994
TOTAL			390,899	448,681	448,681	448,681
TREE WARDEN						
EXPENSE	44		-			
TOTAL			-	-	-	-
SCHOOL						
BUDGET	44		24,354,179	25,134,353	25,134,353	25,134,353
TOTAL			24,354,179	25,134,353	25,134,353	25,134,353
DPW						
SALARY/WAGE	45		3,030,687	3,200,945	3,200,945	3,200,945
EXPENSE	46		1,149,350	1,348,290	1,348,290	1,348,290
BUILDINGS & GROUNDS	47		1,472,553	1,770,360	1,770,360	1,770,360
TOTAL			5,652,590	6,319,595	6,319,595	6,319,595
SNOW & ICE						
EXPENSE	48		116,570	116,570	116,570	116,570
TOTAL			116,570	116,570	116,570	116,570
STREET LIGHTING						
EXPENSE	49		22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
TOTAL			22,000	22,000	22,000	22,000
TRANSFER STATION						
EXPENSE	50		1,202,690	1,325,260	1,325,260	1,325,260
TOTAL			1,202,690	1,325,260	1,325,260	1,325,260

DEPARTMENT			FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2025 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 2025 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND	FY 2025 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMEND
WASTEWATER						
	SALARY	51	164,527	180,400	146,021	146,021
	EXPENSE	52	223,450	903,450	483,450	483,450
TOTAL			387,977	1,083,850	629,471	629,471
CEMETERY						
	EXPENSE	53	14,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL			14,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
HEALTH						
	SALARY-APPOINTED	54	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
	SALARY/WAGE	55	323,527	349,569	349,569	349,569
	EXPENSE	56	52,750	64,400	64,400	64,400
TOTAL			379,277	416,969	416,969	416,969
COUNCIL ON AGING						
	SALARY/WAGE	57	292,451	362,045	311,748	311,748
	EXPENSE	58	42,745	58,645	58,645	58,645
TOTAL			335,196	420,690	370,393	370,393
VETERANS						
	EXPENSE	59	132,000	145,200	145,200	145,200
	MEMBERSHIP	60	50,215	55,237	55,237	55,237
TOTAL			182,215	200,437	200,437	200,437
HUMAN SERVICES						
	SALARY/WAGE	61	99,033	104,421	104,421	104,421
	EXPENSE	62	53,410	53,410	53,410	53,410
TOTAL			152,443	157,831	157,831	157,831
LIBRARY						
	SALARY/WAGE	63	658,018	726,107	723,291	723,291
	EXPENSE	64	214,700	266,091	266,091	266,091
TOTAL			872,718	992,198	989,382	989,382
RECREATION						
	SALARY/WAGE	65	337,974	352,290	352,290	352,290
	EXPENSE	66	41,525	37,125	37,125	37,125
TOTAL			379,499	389,415	389,415	389,415

DEPARTMENT		FY 2024 BUDGET	FY 2025 DEPARTMENT REQUEST	FY 2025 FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMEND	FY 2025 TOWN MANAGER RECOMMEND
HISTORICAL					
TEMP WAGE	67	11,000	11,000	11,000	11,000
EXPENSE	68	6,830	6,830	6,830	6,830
TOTAL		17,830	17,830	17,830	17,830
CULTURAL COUNCIL					
EXPENSE	69	90	90	90	90
TOTAL		90	90	90	90
PRINCIPAL INSIDE 2 1/2					
	70	893,385	753,385	753,385	753,385
PRINCIPAL OUTSIDE 2 1/2					
	71	785,000	700,000	700,000	700,000
INTEREST INSIDE 2 1/2					
	72	134,338	102,338	102,338	102,338
INTEREST OUTSIDE 2 1/2					
	73	205,175	178,475	178,475	178,475
Principal & Interest					
TEMP BORROW INSIDE 2 1/2	74	70,400	91,750	132,173	132,173
Principal & Interest					
TEMP BORROW OUTSIDE 2 1/2	75	13,125	242,000	129,542	129,542
RETIREMENT EXPENSE					
	76	4,191,844	4,665,099	4,587,079	4,587,079
UNEMPLOYMENT					
	77	40,000	80,000	60,000	60,000
MEDICAL INSURANCE					
	78	8,696,587	9,317,535	9,085,535	9,085,535
GROUP INSURANCE					
	79	16,018	16,800	16,800	16,800
MEDICARE					
	80	596,953	668,587	668,587	668,587
TOWN INSURANCE					
	81	1,134,300	1,285,800	1,126,541	1,126,541
TOTAL		68,810,150	73,794,378	72,292,490	72,292,490

Article 3

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$4,526,634 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 Select Board, Finance Committee & the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee

<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AMOUNT</u>	<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AMOUNT</u>
<u>DPW:</u>		
Loader (Year 3 of 3)	\$ 90,127	\$ 90,127
2015 Int'l with 10 Wheel Dump (Year 2 of 3)	\$ 121,000	\$ 121,000
Purchase Mini Excavator	\$ 92,000	\$ 92,000
Replace 2015 International Lease (Year 1 of 3)	\$ 110,000	\$ 110,000
Replace 2016 Ford F550	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000
Replace 2016 Ford F550	\$ 145,000	\$ 145,000
Total DPW	\$ 703,127	\$ 703,127
<u>Transfer Station</u>		
Transfer Station Recycling Compactor Replacement	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000
Total Transfer Station	\$ 26,000	\$ 26,000
<u>Fire Dept:</u>		
Purchase of Ambulance	\$ 475,000	\$ 475,000
Replace Utility Vehicle 350	\$ 85,000	\$ 85,000
Replace E-351 Hurst Tools/Jaws of Life	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000
Total Fire	\$ 615,000	\$ 615,000
<u>I.T.:</u>		
Palo Alto Firewall Replacement	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Desktop PC Replacements (75/year)	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
Total I.T.	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000
<u>Department of Natural Resources:</u>		
Boat Motor Replacements	\$ 27,849	\$ 27,849
Boat Replacements	\$ 310,158	\$ 310,158
Total Department of Natural Resources	\$ 338,007	\$ 338,007

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<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>CIP COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AMOUNT</u>	<u>FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION AMOUNT</u>
<u>Planning & Construction:</u>		
School Window Film/Radio Repeaters	\$ 356,000	\$ 356,000
Flooring Replacement	\$ 47,500	\$ 47,500
Security Camera/DVR Replacement	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
DPW Facility Design/Engineering	\$ 1,600,000	\$ 1,600,000
Fire Alarm System Upgrades	\$ 128,000	\$ 128,000
DNR Shellfish Propagation Upgrades	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,000
Total Planning & Construction	\$ 2,226,500	\$ 2,226,500
<u>Police Dept:</u>		
Lease (9) Vehicles	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000
Police Vehicles	\$ 106,000	\$ 106,000
Tasers (10)	\$ 169,000	\$ 169,000
Total Police	\$ 443,000	\$ 443,000
<u>School</u>		
Kitchen Equipment Upgrades	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000
Chromebook Leases	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000
Total School	\$ 75,000	\$ 75,000
TOTAL CAPITAL (Article 3)	\$ 4,526,634	\$ 4,526,634

Explanation: This article seeks to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$4,526,634 as follows: Capital Stabilization Fund (\$2,932,634), Ambulance Receipts (\$475,000), DEP Grant (\$19,000), Mashpee Cable and Advanced Technology Funds (\$100,000) and from revenue available for appropriation ("Free Cash") (\$1,000,000) for the FY 2025 capital budget.

This article requires a 2/3rd vote to pass.

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

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

Article 4

To see if the town will appropriate the sum of \$96,100,000 to fund implementation and construction of Phase 2 of the Town's comprehensive nitrogen and wastewater management, treatment and disposal improvement plans, including expansion of the Water Resource Recovery Facility adjacent to the Town's solid waste Transfer Station, sewer mains, pump stations, and related sewer collection system improvements; and costs relating to the acquisition of necessary easements and other interests in real property conveying the right to locate, relocate, erect, construct, reconstruct, install, operate, maintain, patrol, inspect, repair, replace, alter, change the location of, extend or remove, piping, lift stations, low-pressure sewers, generators, odor controls, electrical and other necessary equipment and apparatus; including all costs incidental or related thereto and including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws (the "Project"); that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow such amount and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and, further, that the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust (the "Trust") and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP") with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Select Board is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the DEP, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project; provided that any grant, state or federal aid or other funds received for the Project shall be used to offset the total appropriation authorized herein; and provided, further, that this appropriation and debt authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½ debt exclusion ballot question pursuant to General Law Chapter 59, § 21C(k), or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board and the Sewer Commission

Explanation: This article would provide funding to implement and construct Phase 2 of the Town's comprehensive wastewater management, treatment, and disposal improvement plan, including expansion of the Water Resource Recovery Facility located adjacent to the Town's solid waste transfer station and related Phase 2 sewer collection system improvements to be connected to the existing wastewater treatment facility. This project is one of the initial essential steps in implementing the Town's Watershed Nitrogen Management Plan/CWMP.

This article will also require approval of a corresponding Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion ballot question at the May 11, 2024 Annual Town Election.

The Sewer Commission voted to recommend Article 4 by a vote of 6-0

This article requires a 2/3rd vote to pass.

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

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

Article 5

To see if the Town will vote to re-purpose a portion of the appropriation and borrowing authorization for capital improvements approved under article 11 at the May 1, 2023 Annual Town Meeting, and excluded from the limitation of Proposition 2 ½ (GL. C 59 section 21C) at the May 6, 2023 Annual Town Election, to the following purposes as recommended by the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee, including all costs incidental or related thereto, and to authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to issue bonds and notes for such purposes as follows:

DPW Masonry Wall Restoration	\$ 80,000
Police Station Design/Engineering	<u>\$2,700,000</u>

Total: \$2,780,000

, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Explanation: This article would re-purpose the appropriation and borrowing authorization for capital improvements previously approved for the Police Department HVAC and DPW Roof Replacement in order to fund the DPW Masonry Wall Restoration and the Police Station Design and Engineering.

This article will also require approval of a corresponding Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion ballot question at the May 11, 2024 Annual Town Election.

This article requires a 2/3rd vote to pass.

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

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 5 by a vote of 6-0

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to re-authorize and extend for an additional three years the appropriation and transfer of the sum of \$350,000 from the Capital Stabilization fund for the purpose of resurfacing the MMHS Parking Lot, as recommended by the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee and as previously approved at the May 3, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, by vote under Article 3 of the Warrant, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Explanation: This article would re-authorize and extend by three years the authority to use \$350,000 from the Capital Stabilization Fund for the resurfacing of the MMHS parking lot. The project has been delayed due to the solar canopy project that will be done before the parking lot is to be resurfaced.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 6 by a vote of 4-0

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

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to re-purpose the sum of \$130,000 from the Department of Natural Resources FY 2023 Capital Account to the Department of Natural Resources FY 2025 Capital Account as recommended by the Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Committee and approved at the May 2, 2022 Special Town Meeting, by vote under Article 5 of the Warrant, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Explanation: This article would re-purpose the remaining \$130,000 of the monies previously voted to fund the construction required to customize the Department of Natural Resources building on Mercantile Way, in order to the design and construct a yard off of Red Brook Road, next to Fire Station #2 to be used for exterior storage and maintenance of boats and other equipment owned by Department of Natural Resources.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 7 by a vote of 4-0

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

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$273,858 from revenue available for appropriation to the Loan Origination Fee Account or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Explanation: This article is for anticipated one time loan origination fees to be expended in FY2025 for the 54 million dollar SRF loans.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 8 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 8 by a vote of 7-0

Article 9

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, 2024, in the amount of \$12,694,000, and further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,142,273, 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, 2024, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Explanation: Mashpee's share of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School budget is \$1,142,273. There are currently 55 students from Mashpee at the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School, an increase of 5 students from the previous year.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 9 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 9 by a vote of 7-0

Article 10

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, 2024, in the amount of \$5,732,825, and further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$476,292, 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, 2024, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

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 2025 is \$476,292.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 10 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 10 by a vote of 6-1

Article 11

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 Select Board

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 Select Board recommends approval of Article 11 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 11 by a vote of 7-0

Article 12

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 Select Board recommends approval of Article 12 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 12 by a vote of 7-0

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to create a permanent full time employment position within the Department of Wastewater Management entitled Wastewater Executive Assistant, Grade 9, Step 3, pursuant to the Personnel Administrative Plan, General Bylaw Section 5-7 as recommended by the Town Manager, the duties and responsibilities of which shall include, without limitation, performing advanced administrative, technical, inspection and investigative work related to the operation of the Town's Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) and the collection system in accordance with federal, state, and local laws and regulation in the Town of Mashpee; and, further, to appropriate, raise and/or transfer the sum of \$127,711 from revenue available for appropriation, with said funds to be distributed as follows: \$77,591 to the Wastewater Management Department Salary/Wage account, \$30,113 to the Medical insurance account, \$35 to the Group Life Insurance account, \$1,126 to the Medicare expense account, and \$18,846 to the Barnstable County Retirement expense account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Wastewater Management Department

Explanation: This article will create and fund a full-time Wastewater Executive Assistant within the Department of Wastewater Management. This position is necessary in order to ensure accurate tracking of permits, regulation compliance, accurate billing of rate users, enforcement, and tracking of current and future capital projects as outlined in the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 13 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 13 by a vote of 7-0

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to create a permanent full time employment position within the Information Technology Department entitled Public Safety Technician, pursuant to the Personnel Administrative Plan, Grade 9, Step 3, General Bylaw Section 5-7 as recommended by the Town Manager, the duties and responsibilities of which shall include, without limitation, supporting public safety departments with their information technology needs, and, further, to appropriate, raise and/or transfer the sum of \$127,711 from revenue available for appropriation, with said funds to be distributed as follows: \$77,591 to the Information Technology Department Salary/Wage account, \$30,113 to the Medical insurance account, \$35 to the Group Life Insurance account, \$1,126 to the Medicare expense account, and \$18,846 to the Barnstable County Retirement expense account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Department of Information Technology

Explanation: This article will create and fund a full time Public Safety Technician within the Information Technology Department. This position is necessary for Information Technology support within the public safety departments.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 14 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 14 by a vote of 6-1

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to upgrade one part-time Administrative Clerk position (18 hours/week without benefits) to a full-time Administrative Secretary position within the Mashpee Police Department with said position to remain classified under the Personnel Administrative Plan Grade 6, Step 3, to be effective July 1, 2024, and to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$91,986 from revenue available for appropriation with said funds to be distributed as follows: \$45,058 to the Mashpee Police Department Police Full-Time Salary Account; \$946 to the Medicare Account; \$30,113 for the Town's portion of health insurance; \$35 for the Town's portion of life insurance; and \$15,834 to Barnstable County Retirement or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Police Department

Explanation: The existing and funded Part-Time Administrative Clerk position (18 hours per week) as listed above will be eliminated and replaced with one new Full-Time Administrative Secretary position (40 hours per week). This position is needed to assist with the Department's billing and invoicing, firearms licensing, payroll processing, administrative duties, and public affairs.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 15 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 15 by a vote of 7-0

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to create one full-time Maintainer I position at the Department of Public Works (40 hours per week) in SEIU Local 888 DPW Unit B, to be effective July 1, 2024, and to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$102,859 from revenue available for appropriation with said funds to be distributed as follows: \$57,190 to the DPW Full-Time Local Salary Account; \$800 to the DPW Operating (Uniform) Account; \$30,113 to Medical Insurance Account; \$35 to the Group Life Insurance Account; \$830 to the Medicare Account; \$13,891 to the Pension Reserve Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Department of Public Works

Explanation: The DPW is responsible for maintaining all of the Town infrastructure - roads, bike paths/sidewalks, athletic fields, Town buildings and grounds (including the schools), playgrounds, Transfer Station, Town beaches, cemeteries, parks, landscape areas, boat ramps, conservation lands, and dams. A new position has not been added since FY13. Since that time, the Town has accepted 11 more miles of road, constructed 5 more miles of bike paths/sidewalks, and built the new Community Park and Veterans Memorial, the Dog Park, the Pickleball Park, Splash Pad, and Community Gardens. Another laborer position is needed to help perform the essential functions required to maintain the Town's infrastructure to the expected level of service/condition.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 16 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 16 by a vote of 7-0

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to create a permanent full-time Police Officer position within the Mashpee Police Department (40 hours per week) with said position to be classified under the MASS C.O.P. Local 324, Unit A (Patrol Officers and Detectives) Step 1, to be effective July 1, 2024, and to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$132,544 from revenue available for appropriation with said funds to be distributed as follows: \$81,435 to the Mashpee Police Department Police Salaries Account; \$1,181 to the Medicare Account; \$30,113 for the Town's portion of health insurance; \$35 for the Town's portion of life insurance; and \$19,780 to Barnstable County Retirement or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Police Department

Explanation: This article will create and fund a full-time Police Officer within the Police Department. Due to increased population, increased call volume, and patrol workload, additional staffing is required.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 17 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 17 by a vote of 7-0

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise, borrow or transfer from available funds and appropriate the sum of \$596,056 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 FY25 Chapter 90 program.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 18 by a vote of 4-0

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

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$636,113 to establish a budget for the PEG Access and Cable Related fund for fiscal year 2025, 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 requires the Town to establish and appropriate 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 Select Board recommends approval of Article 19 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 19 by a vote of 7-0

Article 20

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the total expenditures for the following revolving funds pursuant G.L. c.44 Section 53E ½ for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, to be expended in accordance with the Bylaw establishing said revolving funds, heretofore approved, or take any other action relating thereto.

FUND	FY 2025 AUTHORIZATION
Recreation	\$625,000
Library	\$20,000
Senior Center	\$25,000
Historical Commission	\$2,500

Submitted by the Finance Director

Explanation: This article establishes the FY 2025 expenditure limits for departmental revolving funds.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 20 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 20 by a vote of 7-0

Article 21

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$532,125 for the operation of the Kids Klub Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2025; such sums to be raised from \$532,125 in receipts of the Enterprise, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Recreation Department

Estimated Revenues

Registration Fees	\$ 3,500
Tuition	\$ 528,000
Investment Income	\$ 625
Total Budgeted Revenue	\$ 532,125

Estimated Expenses

Salary (full-time; incl. long.)	\$ 338,375
Salary (part-time)	\$ 55,000
Benefits (Health, Life, Medicare)	\$ 70,000
Building Expenses	\$ 68,750
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$ 532,125
Net Profit/Loss	\$ 0

Explanation: The proposed Recreation Enterprise budget for fiscal year 2025 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 to be offset by the revenues of the program. Any monies in excess of the expenses are to remain in the account.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 21 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 21 by a vote of 7-0

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Budget for Appropriation Reserves, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B, §5 to the Community Preservation Committee Administrative and Operating Expense Account, 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

Explanation: To provide annual funding in FY 2025 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 Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of Article 22 by a vote of 7-0

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 22 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 22 by a vote of 7-0

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$74,160 from the Community Preservation Fund 10% Open Space/Recreation Reserves in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, for the purpose of funding the Heritage Park Improvements Phase II project; 520 Main Street, Parcel 27 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

Explanation: The proposed project at the Heritage Park recreational facility includes the renovation of a storage unit within the mid-section of the existing picnic/restroom pavilion into a concession area. There is a need to upgrade concessions with improvements including refrigeration. The former concession building is in poor condition and would be demolished. A new pre-manufactured storage/equipment building would be erected central to the Mashpee Youth Soccer, Baseball and Softball fields. Ancillary improvements include electrical service for a new batting cage, backstops, dugouts, and a new set of bleachers for Field 2. This project will directly benefit hundreds of children and their families and become a source of pride for the community. Additional funding for the \$110,710 project would derive through sponsors, concession sales and rental fees collected from other users of Heritage Park as well as the Building and Grounds Operational budget. This project is part of the CIP program. The DPW will provide labor for the project.

The Community Preservation Committee recommends approval of Article 23 by a vote of 7-0.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 23 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 23 by a vote of 7-0

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to continue participation in the Community Septic Management Program and the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust 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 Massachusetts Clean Water 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 Massachusetts Clean Water Trust as scheduled.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 24 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 24 by a vote of 7-0

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to grant to Eversource Energy, its respective successors and assigns, a non-exclusive easement conveying the right to locate, relocate, erect, construct, reconstruct, install, operate, maintain, patrol, inspect, repair, replace, alter, change the location of, extend or remove primary wires, transformers, poles and conduits, together with service conductors and other necessary equipment and apparatus along, upon, under, across and over a certain parcel of land situated at 380 Asher's Path, Mashpee, as further described and shown on Mashpee Assessors Maps, Map 61, and as "Lot 3" on a plan of land recorded at the Barnstable County Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 161, Plan 39 and Plan Book 172, Page 87, and to authorize the Select Board to execute all instruments and do all things necessary to carry out the provisions of this article, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Explanation: This article will grant an easement to Eversource Energy to provide the 380 Asher's Path property with electric utilities.

This article requires a 2/3rd vote to pass.

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

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

Article 26

To see if the Town of Mashpee will accept the provisions of Chapter 44, § 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing the Department of Wastewater Management as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2026, or take any action relating there to.

Submitted by the Select Board and Sewer Commission

Explanation: The proposed Utility Service Enterprise Fund will authorize the Department to operate a public utility as a self-sufficient, self-funded operation at the Water Resources Recovery Facility. All costs related to the operation of the utility are projected to be offset by revenues generated by user rates and service fees. All surpluses of this account at the end of the year will remain with the account as retained earnings.

The Sewer Commission voted to recommend Article 26 by a vote of 6-0

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 26 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 26 by a vote of 7-0

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to amend **Chapter 150, Streets and Sidewalks** of the Town of Mashpee General Bylaws by adding a new section as follows:

Article III Discharge of Water to Streets and Sidewalks Prohibited

§ 150- 11 Discharge of Water To Town Ways Prohibited.

No person, owner of property, or person controlling property shall discharge or permit to be discharged any water into or upon any street, sidewalk, court, lane, or public roadway over which the Town exercises care, custody or control and to which the public has a right of use so as to create a public safety hazard by freezing or flooding of the way.

§ 150- 12 Violations and Enforcement.

Any violation of said §150- 14 shall be subject to a fine not exceeding \$300 for each offense, each day representing an independent violation. The provisions of this Section shall be enforced by the Mashpee Police Department, the Director of Public Works, or his/her designee. The provisions of MGL C. 40, §21D, providing for noncriminal disposition of violations shall be applicable and the person taking cognizance of any violation hereof may issue to the offender a written notice as provided for in said §21D as an alternative to District Court criminal proceedings or other available enforcement remedies.

,or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Department of Public Works

Explanation: This article is consistent with the Stormwater Management Plan and will require property owners to capture and manage stormwater runoff from the impervious surfaces on their properties such as roofs, parking lots, driveways, and similar. The more intensive rain storms that are occurring on a greater frequency are overwhelming the Town’s road drainage infrastructure, resulting in isolated road flooding. The Town is responsible for addressing stormwater runoff from the road for a specific level of storm event and has been working to increase drainage capacity/install additional drainage infrastructure. But this capacity is not sufficient to also handle stormwater from adjacent properties. Property owners should be responsible for containing their own stormwater and not discharge or allow it to flow onto the Town roads.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 27 by a vote of 4-0
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 Section 174-25 (B)(18) of the Mashpee Zoning Bylaw Table of Use regulations by adding the letters “SP” in the column identified as I-1 as follows:

(18)	Indoor recreation facilities such as bowling alleys, miniature golf, batting cages, computerized golf or similar simulated sports, video games, billiards, aerobics, health clubs, dance or gymnastics studios, skating rinks, indoor go kart facilities, swimming pools, tennis or racquet clubs etc. by Special Permit from the Planning Board.	Residential		Commercial			Industrial
		R-3	R-5	C-1	C-2	C-3	I-1
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Submitted by the Planning Board

Explanation: This Article would authorize Indoor Recreational Facilities in the I-1 Zoning District by Special Permit. Currently, indoor recreation facilities are authorized in only the Commercial Zoning Districts.

This article requires a 2/3rd vote to pass.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 28 by a vote of 4-0
The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 28 by a vote of 7-0

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$150,000 from the Waterways Improvement Fund to the Engineering/Permitting/Dredging and Associated Expenses Account, or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Department of Natural Resources

Explanation: This Article provides funds to the Department of Natural Resources for projects such as the annual dredging of the Popponesset Approach Channel scheduled for next December/January (2024-2025) and other dredging projects currently in the permitting and design phase to include the Great River/Little River dredge project and any other dredge projects throughout Town. All dredging, permitting, and associated projects will be managed by the Harbormaster and the Department of Natural Resources.

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

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

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to extend for an additional three years the duration of the appropriation approved under Article 20 voted at the May 2, 2022 Special Town Meeting, for Santuit Pond Resiliency projects and stormwater improvements within the Santuit Pond watershed, and, further, to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$67,120 from revenue available for appropriation to fund a local match to the grant received for said projects, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Department of Natural Resources

Explanation: This article is necessary to continue efforts to address nutrient pollution and enhance reliance in Santuit Pond. These funds would provide local match to leverage additional grant funding available through the Massachusetts Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Program (MVP) for the design and construction of stormwater improvements within the Santuit Pond watershed.

Previously allocated funds have helped to bring in over \$650,000 in grant funding to address stormwater issues within the Santuit pond watershed. Phase 1 – Stormwater Assessment within the Santuit Pond Watershed: \$131,691.00 awarded, \$19,050.00 local cash match. Phase 2 - Design and construction of one high priority phosphorous loading location and concept design of Santuit Town Landing: \$267,607.34 awarded, \$60,400.38 local cash match. Phase 3 – Design and permitting stormwater improvements at the Santuit Town Landing, the abutting parcels (95, 105,111,117, and 125 Timberlane Drive), and roadway: \$228,000 awarded, \$65,000 local cash match. 604/b grant award – Stormwater design and permitting at one location within Santuit Town Landing parcel at 117 Timberlane Drive: \$50,000 awarded, \$16,000 local cash match.

The remaining funds from Article #20 voted at the May 2, 2022 Special Town Meeting (\$307,880) and the additional requested funds (\$67,120) will be used as a local match necessary to fund the final construction phase of the project on the parcels identified in phase 3 of design and permitting. The final construction costs are estimated to be \$1.5 million, with a local cash match minimum of 25% (\$1.125 million in grant requests though MVP and \$375,000 in local cash match).

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 30 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 30 by a vote of 7-0

Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town of Mashpee, acting through its School Committee, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Massachusetts Executive Office of Health and Human Services (EOHHS), Massachusetts Department of Children and Families (DCF), and the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) under the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), in order to permit the School Department to submit claims for reimbursement of the transportation expenses incurred by the School Department for transporting students in foster care, whereby children in foster care are required to remain in their School of Origin if it is deemed to be in the best interest of the child. The reimbursed funds shall be deposited to the Town of Mashpee's General Fund, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the School Committee

Explanation: The School of Origin is responsible for funding the cost of foster care transportation. EOHHS, in partnership with the DCF and DESE, have developed a methodology that could reimburse a share of these costs through Title IV-E. The MOU is an agreement between the Town of Mashpee, EOHHS, DESE, and DCF to comply with the accuracy of the information being reported, maintenance of record requirements, and audit implications.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 31 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 31 by a vote of 7-0

Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layout as public way of Christopher Lane, as shown on plans entitled "ROAD TAKING PLAN CHRISTOPHER LANE," in Mashpee, MA (Barnstable County), dated January 26, 2024 and prepared by Cape & Islands Engineering, which layouts shall have been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk not later than seven days prior to the date of vote hereunder, and to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain taking any land necessary for the purposes of such ways as so laid out, and to appropriate the sum of \$120,220 to the Christopher Lane Roadways Account, and to raise said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow at one time, or from time to time, under and pursuant to Chapter 44 Section 7 or 8, or any other enabling authority for such purchase or taking and layout, including costs of constructing such ways, and legal financing, and other costs incidental and related thereto, and further authorize the Select Board to assess betterments to the owners of the land abutting the ways. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

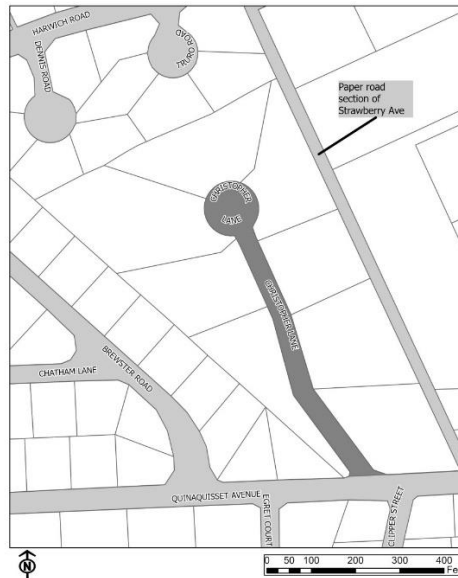
Explanation: This article authorizes the Select Board to acquire the fee ownership or an easement in the private road Christopher Lane by excise of eminent domain or by deed or, gift, and shall request authority to assess betterments, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 80. And any other applicable authority, to secure payment for the cost of the acquisition of the public ownership or easement and any improvements made to the road. This would also authorize the Select Board to accept the layout and complete the private to public road conversion of Christopher Lane.

This article requires a 2/3rd vote to pass.

The Select Board recommends approval of Article 32 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee recommends approval of Article 32 by a vote of 6-1

MAP OF CHRISTOPHER LANE



Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to accept the layouts as public ways of CHICKADEE ROAD, DEBBIE LANE, MANITOBA ROAD, METACOMET ROAD, NEHOIDEN ROAD, NESHOBIE ROAD, PONTIAC ROAD, SAMOSET ROAD, WAMESIT ROAD and WHIPPOORWILL CIRCLE, as shown on plans entitled "SOUTH CAPE ESTATES ROAD TAKING PLAN," in Mashpee, MA (Barnstable County), dated May 31, 2023 and prepared by Cape & Islands Engineering, which layouts shall have been filed in the Office of the Town Clerk not later than seven days prior to the date of vote hereunder, and to authorize the Select Board to acquire by gift, purchase, or eminent domain taking any land necessary for the purposes of such ways as so laid out, and to appropriate the sum of \$ 2,761,630.00 to the CHICKADEE ROAD, DEBBIE LANE, MANITOBA ROAD, METACOMET ROAD, NEHOIDEN ROAD, NESHOBIE ROAD, PONTIAC ROAD, SAMOSET ROAD, WAMESIT ROAD and WHIPPOORWILL CIRCLE Roadways Account, and to raise said appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow at one time, or from time to time, under and pursuant to Chapter 44 Section 7 or 8, or any other enabling authority for such purchase or taking and layout, including costs of constructing such ways, and legal financing, and other costs incidental and related thereto, and further authorize the Select Board to assess betterments to the owners of the land abutting the ways. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by Petition
(Lead Petitioner – Darien Homer)

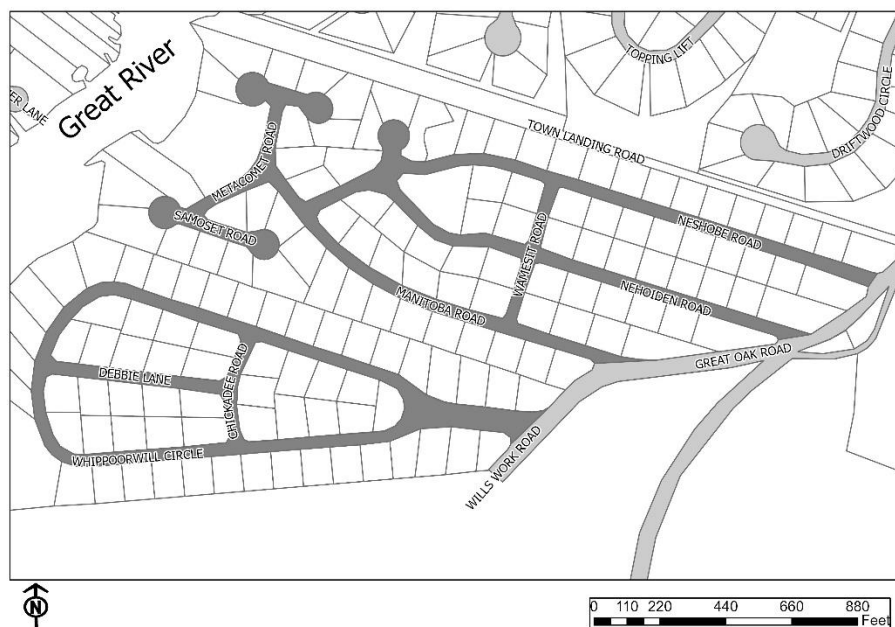
Explanation: This article authorizes the Town to complete the private to public road conversion process for CHICKADEE ROAD, DEBBIE LANE, MANITOBA ROAD, METACOMET ROAD, NEHOIDEN ROAD, NESHOBIE ROAD, PONTIAC ROAD, SAMOSET ROAD, WAMESIT ROAD and WHIPPOORWILL CIRCLE.

This article requires a 2/3rd vote to pass.

The Select Board does not recommend approval of Article 33 by a vote of 4-0

The Finance Committee does not recommend approval of Article 33 by a vote of 7-0

MAP OF CHICKADEE ROAD, DEBBIE LANE, MANITOBA ROAD, METACOMET ROAD, NEHOIDEN ROAD, NESHOBIE ROAD, PONTIAC ROAD, SAMOSET ROAD, WAMESIT ROAD and WHIPPOORWILL CIRCLE



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 18th day of March in the year two thousand and twenty-four.

Per Order of,
Select Board

John J. Cotton, Chair
Thomas F. O'Hara, Vice Chair
Carol A. Sherman, Clerk
David W. Weeden
Michaela Wyman-Colombo