

**Town of Mashpee  
Special Town Meeting Warrant  
Mashpee High School  
Monday, May 6, 2013**

Town Meeting convened at 7:14  
Voter Present 148  
Quorum 100

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 6<sup>th</sup> day of May 2013 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 \$55,000 from the Treasurer/Collector Consulting Account to the Treasurer/Collector Salary Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** This article is necessary due to the consultant leaving the Town and the hiring of a full-time Treasurer/Collector in October 2012.

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

**Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.**

**Motion made by Selectman Michael Richardson.**

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$55,000 from the Treasurer/Collector Consulting Account to the Treasurer/Collector Salary Account.

**Motion passes unanimously at 7:16 PM.**

**Article 2**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer \$24,000 from the Police Salary/Wage Account to the Police Expense Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**Explanation:** Contractual changes that took effect July 1, 2012 shifted Uniform allowance paid directly to the Police Officers to a Uniform replacement system paid through an expense voucher.

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

**Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.**

**Motion made by Selectman Carol Sherman.**

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$24,000 from the Police Salary/Wage Account to the Police Expense Account.

**Motion passes unanimously at 7:16 PM.**

### **Article 3**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds \$10,000 to the Human Resources Accrued Benefit Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

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

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

**Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.**

**Motion may be Selectman Wayne Taylor.**

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$10,000 from Revenue Available for Appropriation to the Human Resources Accrued Benefit Account.

**Motion passes unanimously at 7:17 PM.**

### **Article 4**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, as follows: \$117,500 from the 10% Historic Reserves and \$117,500 from the 10% Open Space Reserves a total of \$235,000, for the purpose of funding the Community Park Re-development project located at 13 Great Neck Road North, Mashpee, including any 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 the project is to create and encourage a greater use of the property by re-establishing the open space area located across from Town Hall and in the Historic District as a Community Park within the Mashpee Town Center. It is anticipated the Town would host weekly concerts, artisan fairs, a farmers market, movie nights, and recreational events such as the annual Oktoberfest and Easter egg hunt to promote a cohesive plan in re-establishing this area as the center of the Town of Mashpee. The expansion of the park and connection to the Veterans Garden, Archives and One Room Schoolhouse would allow for additional interest and activities. The project includes the construction of a bandstand with a stage, permanent handicap accessible restrooms, ornamental and LED site lighting at the park and parking lot, landscaping including native plants and the relocation of a horse watering trough and pump, an extension of the irrigation system, walkways, memorial markers to be installed in the Veterans Garden and site furnishings which include bike racks and additional benches. The applicant of this project is the Mashpee DPW. The co-applicant is the Memorial Park Committee.

**The Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously 6-0 in support of this article.**

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

**Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.**

**Motion made by Selectman John Cahalane**

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, as follows: \$117,500 from the Historic Reserves and \$117,500 from the Open Space Reserves for a total of \$235,000, for the purpose of funding the Community Park Re-development project located at 13 Great Neck Road North, Mashpee, including any necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

**Motion passes unanimously at 7:19 PM.**

## **Article 5**

To see is the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, \$146,000 for the purpose of funding Improvements to the Tiger Long Playground located at Heritage Park, 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:** This Recreation article seeks funding from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve to improve a popular and aging playground installed in 1996 by replacing several play structures and surface areas. Over the years several play structures have been removed due to safety issues. The CPA project would fund the remainder of the structures in need of replacement and allow for the expansion of the playground area to include a shade pavilion for the users of the playground and picnic area. The surface of the playground will be replaced with rubber or artificial grass, a selection that is similar in cost to be determined by the DPW Director.

The playground will be 100% handicap accessible. The application was submitted by the Department of Public Works. The co-applicant is the Recreation Department.

**The Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously 6-0 in support of this article.**

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

**Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.**

**Motion made by Selectman Thomas O'Hara.**

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, \$146,000 for the purpose of funding Improvements to the Tiger Long Playground located at Heritage Park, including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

**Motion passes unanimously at 7:20 PM.**

## **Article 6**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, \$105,000 for the purpose of funding the installation of a Splash Pad at Heritage Park, 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:** This Recreation article seeks funding from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve to improve Heritage Park by adding a Splash Pad. Aquatic amenities are used by all age groups and it is a 100% handicap accessible recreation facility. The aquatic play area will be fenced for safety and powered by town water through ground sprays and above ground features. The play products and ground features operating at different times and locations generate interest and interactivity within the splash pad zones. The low water usage elements would be controlled and discharged through an underground leaching field. The application was submitted by the Department of Public Works. The co-applicant is the Recreation Department.

**The Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously 6-0 to support this article.**

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

**Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 5-2.**

**Motion made by Selectman Michael Richardson.**

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund Budgeted Reserve, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, \$105,000

for the purpose of funding the installation of a Splash Pad at Heritage Park, including necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

**Motion passes at 7:22 PM.**

## **Article 7**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, as follows: \$41,000 from the 10% Open Space Reserves and \$54,140 from the Budgeted Reserves a total of \$95,140 for the purpose of funding the Shellfish Propagation/Estuary Restoration Project including any 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 goals of this project are to restore shellfish populations, and reduce eutrophication in the estuaries. Specifically, 2,000 bags of remote set oyster seed would be stocked in the Mashpee River, and 6 million quahog seed in the Great River. After growth and the recreational harvest of 70 tons of oysters and 275 tons of quahogs it is estimated that 0.25 tons of nitrogen would be removed from the Mashpee River and one ton of nitrogen would be removed from Great River. This objective of this project is to maintain and improve estuarine water quality and the health of our coastal ecosystems, and to preserve, restore and enhance shellfish and finfish production, shellfish beds and other coastal resources. The goals are consistent with the Town's Local Comprehensive Plan.

**The Community Preservation Committee voted unanimously 5-0 in support of this article.**

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

**Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.**

**Motion made by Selectman Carol Sherman.**

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation Fund, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44B §5, as follows: \$41,000 from the Open Space Reserves and \$54,140 from the Budgeted Reserves for a total of \$95,140 for the purpose of funding the Shellfish Propagation/Estuary Restoration Project including any necessary costs and expenses related thereto, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

**Motion passes unanimously at 7:23 PM.**

## **Article 8**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds \$80,000 to the Snow & Ice Account, or take any other action relating thereto.

Submitted by the Department of Public Works

**Explanation:** This article will fund the deficit in the Snow & Ice Account.

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

**Finance Committee recommends approval by a vote of 7-0.**

**Motion made by Selectman Wayne Taylor.**

**Motion:** I move the Town vote to appropriate and transfer \$80,000 from Revenue Available for Appropriation to the Snow & Ice Account.

**Motion passes unanimously at 7:24 PM.**

**Town meeting adjourned at 7:24 PM.**