

**WARRANT FOR
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 14, 2026**

County of Dukes County, ss:

To either of the Constables in the Town of Edgartown in the County of Dukes County, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Old Whaling Church (Methodist Church) on Main Street in said Edgartown on Tuesday, the fourteenth day of April, Two Thousand Twenty Six at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the Articles in the Special Town Meeting Warrant and the Articles in this Warrant, with the exception of Article One.

And to meet again in the Town Hall Meeting Room, entrance from South Summer Street parking lot, in said Edgartown on Thursday, the sixteenth day of April, Two Thousand Twenty Six at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at the polling place, then and there to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of Officers on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will be open at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and shall be closed at seven o'clock in the afternoon.

Answer **YES** or **NO** to the following question:

Question 1. Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$900,090.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding education costs, external assessments, and municipal operating expenses for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026?

Question 2. Shall the Town of Edgartown be allowed to assess an additional \$500,000.00 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of acquiring the property located at 4 M Daniels Lane, identified as Assessor's Parcel No. 20C-141.1, for municipal purposes, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026?

ARTICLE 1. To elect the following Officers and on the Official Ballot:

1. One Select Board Member for Three Years
2. One Assessor for Three Years
3. One Board of Health Member for Three Years
4. Two Financial Advisory Committee Members for Three Years
5. Two Library Trustees for Three Years
6. One Library Trustees for One Year
7. One Park Commissioner for Three Years
8. One Planning Board Member for Five Years
9. One Edgartown School Committee Member for Three Years
10. One Edgartown School Committee Member for Two Years
11. One Wastewater Treatment Commissioner for Three Years
12. One Wastewater Treatment Commissioner for One Year
13. One Water Commissioner for Three Years

ARTICLE 2. To hear reports of the Town Officers and Committees, and to act thereon and to choose all other necessary Town Officers who are elected from the floor of the Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend the annual salary scales of the Classification Plan of the Personnel By-law, so that they reflect a 3.2% increase, which is a cost of living adjustment (COLA) becoming effective July 1, 2026. (Column 2 of operating budget)

Submitted by Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Personnel By-Law Section 25.0 Edgartown Classification and Salary Plan as follows effective July 1, 2026:

Add the position of Planning and Zoning Administrator Grade I.

Submitted by Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Classification and Compensation Plan under Personnel By-Law Section 25.0 by adopting the schedules and classifications recommended by MGT Impact Solutions, LLC from the 2025 Classification and Compensation Study, effective July 1, 2026. (Link to final report: www.edgartown-ma.us/departments/personnel) (Column 3 of operating budget if Article 3 is voted in the affirmative)

Submitted by Personnel Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the necessary sums of money to defray the general expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2027, beginning July 1, 2026, and ending June 30, 2027, and to make appropriations therefor as set forth in the Fiscal Year 2027 operating budget; provided, however, that \$900,090.00 of said appropriations shall be contingent upon the passage of a ballot question under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C authorizing the Town to assess an additional \$900,090.00 for said fiscal year, and such contingent appropriations shall have no force or effect unless and until such question is approved by the voters. (Question 1).

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and set aside for later expenditure from the Community Preservation Fund establish pursuant to Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, Fiscal Year 2027 revenues in the following amounts to the following reserves.

\$165,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve Fund;

\$165,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund;

\$165,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve Fund;

\$815,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve;

\$40,000.00 to be appropriated to the Community Preservation Administrative Expenses Account.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$150,000.00 from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2026 Budgeted Reserve to be paid to The Dukes County Regional Housing Authority to fund the Rental Assistance Program for Edgartown Families for Fiscal Year 2027.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Reserve Fund the amount of \$166,710.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2026 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$74,040.00 for a total of \$240,750.00 to fund 50% of the predevelopment costs for the Edgartown

Affordable Housing Committee to develop 294 Chappaquiddick Rd. for Affordable Housing purposes.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the amount of \$114,400.00 to fund the PALS program through The Resource Inc. (TRI). The PALS program will provide interest-free loans to Edgartown families earning less than 100% median income to fund emergency needed structural home repairs to ensure safe and sanitary housing conditions.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2026 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$113,000.00 to be used for Phase 2 in the creation and support of community housing on a parcel of land owned by the Island Autism Group (IAG) located at 515 Lambert's Cove Rd. in West Tisbury. Phase 2 is the building of two 4-bedroom residential buildings for individuals with autism and autism related disorders, and is permanently deed restricted for affordable housing purposes. This is a regional project for qualifying individuals from all six (6) Island Towns who earn 100% or less of the area wide median income.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the amount of \$66,700.00 and the amount of \$46,300.00 for the total of \$113,000.00 to go toward the School Workforce Housing Project at 40 & 48 Old Courthouse Rd., West Tisbury, an 8-unit rental housing development for Island School Employees.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the sum of \$30,000.00 to Harbor Homes to assist in the renovation of their three properties for use as congregate housing. An affordable housing restriction for each property is required to obtain this funding.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund the amount of \$158,800.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2026 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$101,200.00 for the total of \$260,000.00 for the restoration of the Town Hall Windows, the installation of inside storm windows and restoration of the weathervane. The Town Hall was built in 1828 and is in the Historic District as well as on the National Registry of Historic Places. This will preserve the historic architecture of town hall and increase energy efficiency of the interior which is an acceptable use of CPA funding.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2026 Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$200,000.00 to go toward the restoration of part of Osborne's Wharf (finger pier area) in Edgartown Harbor. Osborne's Wharf is a part of the historic waterfront of Edgartown and was built in the 1840s.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2026 Budgeted Reserve the sum of \$41,300.00 to the Vineyard Preservation Trust for historic restoration to the front and side of the Gazette Building at 34 S. Summer Street. The Gazette Building was built in the late 1700s by Captain Benjamin Smith—a Revolutionary War militia officer, Town Clerk, and County Sheriff.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the amount of \$25,000.00 for the restoration of historic gravestones by the Town Cemetery Department.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Fund the amount of \$15,000.00 for the Conservation Commission and Parks Department to install “Mobi Mats” at Norton Point to create an area that is more accessible on Norton Point.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Fund the amount of \$25,000.00 for the Conservation Commission and Parks Department to install kayak racks and provide other improvements to various town landings.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the amount of \$212,275.00 for capital improvements to the Town’s floating docks including: North Wharf, Finger Piers, The Water Barge, Eel Pond and the Chappy Point Dock.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Fund the amount of \$151,880.00 and from the Community Preservation Fiscal Year 2026 Budgeted Reserve the amount of \$49,120.00 for the sum of \$201,000.00 to go toward funding the adult work out areas of the Robinson Road Recreation Area development.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Unbudgeted Reserve the amount of \$76,500.00 to Felix Neck Wildlife Sanctuary to assist in creating an ADA-compliant All Persons Trail which will provide more access to open space and passive recreation to more of the community.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to close the following Community Preservation Project Accounts and deposit the funds into the designated Community Preservation Funds. The total sum of this article is \$242,730.

Project Account #	Amount	Fund
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34106169	\$40,000.00	Historic Preservation
34106156	\$40,000.00	Historic Preservation
34106163	\$30,210.00	Affordable Housing
34106177	\$132,520.00	Affordable Housing
Total	\$242,730.00	

This Article funds the following one (1) CPC article. If it does not pass, that article will need to be indefinitely postponed.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee.

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund the amount of \$132,500.00 for the Island Housing Trust affordable housing project in conjunction with the Town of West Tisbury for 8 units at 401 State Rd. in West Tisbury. The funding includes preference for at least one unit be given to a qualifying Edgartown Resident.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$95,000.00 to pay the cost of the Fourth of July Fireworks.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2026, the sum of \$20,000.00 to provide funds for an integrated pest management program as needed by various departments.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$350,000.00 to the Town's General Purpose Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2027 beginning on July 1, 2026, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from Free Cash, the sum of \$80,000.00 to engage the University of Massachusetts Amherst Donahue Institute to conduct an analysis of the Short-Term Rental market in Edgartown, including housing and tourism data analysis and preparation of findings to inform municipal policy, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from Free Cash, the sum of \$100,000.00 for capital improvements at the Edgartown Lighthouse property, including site improvements and the removal and management of invasive plant species, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$120,000.00, to engage a firm for a comprehensive 20-year Capital Needs Assessment of

all town-owned buildings, providing a detailed evaluation of current conditions and a strategic plan for repairs, maintenance, and upgrades.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, from Free Cash, the sum of \$80,000.00 for HVAC improvements at Town Hall, including system upgrades and related work to improve efficiency, reliability, and building performance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$390,000.00 to fund the Town's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,000,000.00 for the purpose of acquiring the property known as the Martha's Vineyard Boys & Girls Club property, located at 4 M Daniels Lane, Edgartown, Massachusetts, identified as Assessor's Parcel No. 20C-141.1, together with any buildings and improvements thereon, and to pay costs incidental and related thereto, including but not limited to appraisal, survey, environmental review, legal, recording, and other real estate transaction costs, for municipal purposes; and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow said sum, or take any other action relative thereto. That \$2,000,000.00 of said sum be appropriated from the Town's Capital Stabilization Fund established pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B; That \$500,000.00 of said sum be appropriated from Certified Free Cash; And that \$500,000.00 of said sum be raised and appropriated; provided, however, that the appropriation of said \$500,000.00 shall be contingent upon the passage of a ballot question under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C authorizing an override in said amount, and this portion of the appropriation shall have no force or effect unless and until such ballot question is approved by the voters. (Question 2).

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$40,000.00 to be used for valuation updates of real and personal property, revaluations, and Department of Revenue Recertification.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Sold Fund (Fund 3001) the sum of \$30,000.00 for the purchase and installation of shade and screening trees in the New Westside Cemetery for Fiscal Year 2027; and further, to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from said Fund (3001) to a continued appropriation for the expansion of the New Westside Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Cemetery Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$51,000.00 for the annual rent and taxes for the property known as the "Hall Memorial Park" located at 50 Main Street.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the remaining balance of \$65,800.00 from Article #32 of the April 8, 2025 Town Meeting for the purpose of funding the Town's match or in-kind contribution toward planning and future coastal management efforts, including long-term resource protection, adaptation, and planning initiatives.

Submitted by the Conservation Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$285,000.00 for exterior capital repairs and improvements to the Council on Aging building, including interior repairs, siding replacement, related building envelope repairs, associated exterior work, professional design services, construction administration, and all incidental and related costs associated therewith.

Submitted by the Council on Aging

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$75,000.00 from Free Cash to fund permitting, engineering, and regulatory compliance costs associated with the Town's Comprehensive Dredging Permit.

Submitted by the Dredge Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available Free Cash the sum of \$554,256.00 to support regional human services programs in Fiscal Year 2027, with said funds to be distributed under the direction and control of the Selectboard, provided that this appropriation shall be contingent upon each of the other towns of Dukes County voting to fund their proportionate share of these programs for Fiscal Year 2027, with each of the following items to be considered a separate appropriation:

1. Dukes County Health & Human Services (including the Dukes County Health Care Access and Public Benefits Access programs) – \$234,428.00
2. Harbor Homes Martha's Vineyard – Homelessness Prevention Program – \$31,021.00
3. Martha's Vineyard Center for Living – \$213,362.00
4. Martha's Vineyard Community Services – CORE Program – \$31,641.00
5. Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard – \$43,804.00.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$49,705.00 to support transportation program for Chappaquiddick Older Adults (60+ years old) offered by Healthy Aging MV in collaboration with the Edgartown Council on Aging through Dukes County in accordance with an Inter-municipal Agreement, as the same may be amended from time to time, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$59,323.00 to support the Dukes County Veterans Services pursuant to Chapter 128 of the Acts of 1982.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$28,905.00 for a new handicap ramp at the

Dukes County Health Care Access Building at 114 New York Ave, Oak Bluffs, to support the planning, construction, and other related work as necessary.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$19,270.00 as the apportioned share of the County budget supplemental income revenue. The funding is contingent on all Island towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2027.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

**NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Unanimous)**

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$46,248.00 for the Dukes County Courthouse, 81 Main Street, Edgartown, to support roof repair, trim paint, and related activities as necessary. The funding is contingent on all Island towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2027.

Submitted by the Dukes County Commissioners

**NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Recommended by two members; not recommended by five members)**

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$55,579.41 to support the maintenance costs of the Martha's Vineyard Public Safety Communication System in accordance with the Cooperative Agreement for Emergency Communications and Dispatch Services. The funding is contingent on all Island Towns paying for such costs in Fiscal Year 2027 according to the agreed upon dispatch and fixed cost formula.

Submitted by Dukes County Sheriff

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$6,720.00, to purchase a Turbodraft fire educator and associated hose for its operation. This will allow for the Fire Department to access water in remote areas from sources previously not accessible.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$59,788.87, to replace two LUCAS CPR compression devices that are beyond their service life and are no longer supported by the manufacturer.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$100,000.00 to the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 5B, effective for Fiscal Year 2027 beginning on July 1, 2026, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$15,425.00 to fund the Town of Edgartown's share of the administrative expenses for the All Island School Committee's contract for Adult and Community Education.

Submitted by MV Superintendent's Office and MV Center for Education and Training (MVCET, formerly ACE MV)

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$87,000.00 for the maintenance and replacement of moorings, buoys, docks, spiles, tie-off stakes, floats, walkways, and equipment necessary for marine operations on Town owned docks and property.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate funds from Receipts Reserved for Waterways, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$10,000.00 for the disposal and associated cleanup of abandoned vessels, gear, and trailers from Town-owned properties and landings.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$400,000.00 for the rebuilding and resurfacing of various Town streets.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$30,000.00 to clean the catch basins, culverts and other storm water drainage systems.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted by the Commonwealth for the construction, reconstruction, and improvements of the Town infrastructure, and to authorize the Select Board to borrow in anticipation of the reimbursement of funds. (Chapter 303, Acts of 2008), in the amount of \$389,967.97.

Submitted by the Highway Superintendent

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 56. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$175,000.00 to fund additional per diem inspectors for gas, plumbing, electrical, fire, building, and short-term rental inspections. This appropriation is intended to supplement Line 49 of the operating budget.

Submitted by the Inspector of Buildings

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 57. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$85,000.00 to be used for the rental and maintenance of the portable toilets at South Beach, Robinson Road Recreation Area, and the Park and Ride lot.

Submitted by the Parks Commissioner

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 58. To see if the Town shall authorize a spending limit of \$500,000.00 to be expended from the Beach Management Revolving Fund for the Fiscal Year 2027 beginning on July 1, 2026 or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Parks Commission

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 59. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$161,358.00 to purchase and equip a new police cruiser, and an unmarked police cruiser, and further, to authorize the Chief of Police and Select Board to dispose of existing the cruisers in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Police Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 60. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$110,000.00 to remove invasive vegetation from the Mattakesett Herring Creek for Town Pond health, fish passage, and storm water drainage.

Submitted by the Shellfish Committee

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 61. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$70,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus to fund the replacement of aged water meters so as to improve conservation efforts and water accountability; and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 62. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$90,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus for improvements necessary for the town's water system in Fiscal Year 2027 including the installation, replacement, cleaning and relining of water mains and appurtenances; installation and replacement of water service lines and water meters; construction equipment; vehicles; construction and restoration of pump stations, wells, water treatment and quality processes; construction and restoration of the office, standpipe and other structures, buildings, grounds and facilities and operations and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 63. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$95,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus to cover the cost of inspecting, cleaning and repairs to a municipal well, and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 64. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$40,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus to cover the cost of water main / water service replacement prior to road reconstruction projects, and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water user's charges or the tax rate. Water surplus funds will finance this purpose.

Submitted by the Board of Water Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 65. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$28,118.00 to replace the current standard truck bed on the Wastewater Department's Chevrolet Silverado with a service truck bed, and to install emergency warning lights and a backup enunciator for a service vehicle.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 66. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$26,200.00 for the review and update of the Town's Wastewater Rules and Regulations.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 67. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$71,400.00 for the Wastewater Department's Equipment and Collection System Maintenance account.

Submitted by the Wastewater Commissioners

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 68. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 61-4 of the General By-laws (also known as the Edgartown Code) by deleting the existing provisions and replacing it with an amended provision, as follows:

Existing Provision: General Bylaws: 61-4. False alarms. Whoever owns a residence or building and has a burglar alarm or fire alarm shall not have more than two (2) false/trouble alarms per calendar year. False/trouble alarms caused by thunder storms, hurricanes, certain power outages and other valid situations, as determined by the Police Chief or Fire Chief, shall be exempt from this section. The Police Chief or Fire Chief will notify the owner and his caretaker (if known) by mail each at his place of residence for each offense. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) for the first offense, fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the second through fifth offenses and one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the sixth and subsequent offenses. Municipally owned buildings shall be exempt from this section

Amended Provision: General Bylaws: 61-4. Whoever owns a residence or building that has a reporting burglar alarm or fire alarm that initiates a Fire Department or Police Department dispatch shall not have more than two (2) non-emergency false/trouble alarms per calendar year. False/trouble alarms caused by thunder storms, hurricanes, certain power outages or other situations as determined by the Police Chief or Fire Chief, shall be exempt from this section. False alarms caused by construction, Fire protection system maintenance or systems deemed unreliable shall be addressed by fines issued concurrent with 527-CMR 1 and Chapter 148. The Police Chief or Fire Chief will notify the owner of offenses by mail at the address on file in the Town of Edgartown assessors office. Whoever violates this section shall be punished by a fine of two hundred and fifty dollars (\$250.00) for the first offense, two hundred and seventy five (\$275.00) for the second through fifth offenses and three hundred dollars (\$300.00) for the sixth and subsequent offenses. Each dispatch to non-emergency false/trouble alarms constitutes a separate offense. Municipally owned buildings are exempt from this section

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 69. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 55-7 of the General By-laws (also known as the Edgartown Code) by deleting the existing provisions and replacing it with an amended provision, as follows:

Existing Provision: General Bylaws: 55-7. Quorum requirements. At any meeting of the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in town affairs, the number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum shall consist of a number of voters equivalent to not less than five percent (5%) of the registered voters of the town as of the time of said meeting, but a number less than a quorum may from time to time adjourn such meetings. This chapter shall not apply to meetings or parts of meetings as are devoted exclusively to the election of town officers

Amended Provision: General Bylaws: 55-7. Quorum requirements. At any meeting of the inhabitants of the town qualified to vote in town affairs, the number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum shall consist of a number of voters equivalent to not less than two and one half percent (2.5%) of the registered voters of the town as of the time of said meeting, but a number less than a quorum may from time to time adjourn such meetings. This chapter shall not apply to meetings or parts of meetings as are devoted exclusively to the election of town officers.

Submitted by the Select Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 70. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1.3 of its Zoning Bylaw by changing the defined term “Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)” to “Protected Use Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU),” putting the new defined term in its correct alphabetic location in Section 1.3, deleting the term “Livable Floor Space,” changing “Livable Floor Space” to “Gross Floor Area” throughout the Bylaw, and making other changes to Section 1.3, as follows, striking the text that is shown as ~~struck through~~ and inserting new text that is shown as underlined, or take any other action relative thereto:

Protected Use Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) As defined in G. L. Ch 40A, § 1A, an Protected Use ADU is a self-contained housing unit, inclusive of sleeping, cooking and sanitary facilities on the same lot as a principal dwelling, subject to otherwise applicable dimensional and parking requirements, that: (i) maintains a separate entrance, either directly from the outside or through an entry hall or corridor shared with the principal dwelling sufficient to meet the requirements of the state building code for safe egress; (ii) is not larger in gross floor area than ½ the gross floor area of the principal dwelling or 900 square feet, whichever is smaller; and (iii) is subject to such additional restrictions as may be imposed by this Bylaw.

Cottage Dwelling A detached one-family dwelling that does not exceed 1,400 sq. ft. of livable gross floor area (meaning the heated floor area of the building above finished grade, excluding non-dwelling areas such as attic space or a garage).

Detached bedroom In any district in Edgartown, a detached bedroom is defined as either a freestanding structure or over or otherwise attached to a non-habitable accessory structure and all of the following:

- a. only one bedroom and bathroom(s) only
- b. no sitting rooms, no entrance alcoves, no hallways
- c. ~~the footprint, measured by the inside perimeter of the proposed livable space, is no larger than 400 square feet (includes bathroom and closets) — and including enclosed porches.~~ the footprint is no larger than 400 sq ft of gross floor area
- d. plumbing in the bathroom only and limited to one hand sink, one toilet, and one bathtub/shower
- e. no stove or refrigerator

Gross Floor Area The sum of the ~~horizontal~~ areas of all stories of a building, ~~or several buildings,~~ as measured from the exterior-interior face of exterior walls, or from the center line of a ~~party~~ walls separating two buildings on the same lot. Gross Floor Area for a single lot shall include basements connected by an interior stair, lofts, and intermediate floored tiers, but shall exclude crawl spaces, garage parking areas, attics, enclosed porches and similar spaces. ~~garages, sheds, gazebos, enclosed porches, screen porches, enclosed decks, guest buildings, and other accessory buildings; Gross Floor Area shall not include unfinished basements, crawl spaces, attics, open porches, or open decks.~~³⁰

Guest House is a subordinate dwelling to the principal dwelling on a lot that is not a Protected Use ADU.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Planning Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 71. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 5.1.C.1, Section 5.1.D.1, and the title of Section 5.1.E of its Zoning Bylaw as follows, striking the text that is shown as ~~struck through~~ and inserting new text that is shown as underlined, or take any other action relative thereto:

5.1.C. Permitted Uses

1. **Shore Zone:** Only those uses ~~permitted in Section 8.4.A. and~~ which are consistent with the fragile nature of the area such as: ~~outdoor recreation, agriculture, fishing, and conservation purposes.~~
 - a) Fishing and shellfishing, including the raising and cultivation of fish and shellfish.
 - b) Forestry, grazing and farming, nurseries, truck gardening and harvesting of crops including but not limited to such crops as cranberries, marsh hay, seaweed, berries and shrub fruits and trees, and work incidental thereto.
 - c) Conservation of soil, water, plants and wildlife.
 - d) Outdoor activities including hiking, swimming, boating, nature study, fishing, trapping, and hunting.
 - e) Drainage works which are part of local flood and mosquito control conducted by an authorized public agency.
 - f) Uses accessory to residential or other primary uses, such as flower or vegetable gardens, lawns, pastures, or forestry areas.
 - g) Public or publicly authorized beach stabilization projects.
 - h) Alterations, renovations, or repair to an existing structure, as defined in the Building Code (780 CMR, 10th Edition).

5.1.D. Conditionally Permitted Uses

The Planning Board may grant a Special Permit in accordance with Sec. 17.5.c.

1. **Shore Zone:** ~~The following uses: As in Section 8.4.b. of the Zoning Bylaw except that municipal uses must be associated with beach stabilization or drainage projects.~~
 - a) Non-residential buildings or structures to be used only in conjunction with fishing, shellfishing, the growing, harvesting and storage of crops raised on the premises, and the storage of boats and boat equipment.
 - b) Dams, changes in water courses, or other drainage works only as a part of an overall drainage plan constructed or authorized by a public agency.
 - c) The superficial clearing of areas of private beach and filling or replenishment thereof in conformity with the provisions of Chapter 782 and 784, Acts of 1972 and Chapter 91 of the General Laws.
 - d) Fabricated walks or trails, docks, and landings for private use.
 - e) Any relocation or reconstruction of an existing structure, provided the proposed work does not increase the gross floor area of any building by more than 10% of its size as of May 20, 1981.

5.1.E. Regulations and Restrictions of the Underlying District Development Regulations

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Planning Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 72. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2.1.B.11 of its Zoning Bylaw by adding the new text that is show as underlines, or take any other action relative thereto:

More than two, but fewer than six, separate commercial events per calendar year that comprise a gathering of 50 or more persons on a single lot *comprising* three or more acres

of land, including the service of food and/or beverages, such as rentals for wedding or graduation parties, other celebrations, or other congregations of persons.

This conditionally permitted use shall not apply to pre-existing nonconforming commercial uses, nor shall it be construed to permit the increase of a pre-existing nonconforming commercial use lawfully in existence.

A special permit shall be issued with any conditions imposed by the Board to minimize disruption to the neighborhood, and only upon a finding that the following criteria are satisfied:

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by Petition

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof in one newspaper having general circulation in said Edgartown, seven days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting or by posting it in six or more conspicuous places in Town at

least seven days before the time of said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 6th day of March in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty Six.

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Alex Morrison
SELECT BOARD/ Town of Edgartown