

**WARRANT FOR
SPECIAL 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 this Warrant:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$18,500.00 to supplement the Town's Fiscal Year 2026 Veterans' Benefits Account pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 115.

Submitted by Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$20,000.00 to be added to the Town's Fiscal Year 2026 Unemployment Insurance Account.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$38,500.00 to engage the Edward J. Collins, Jr. Center for Public Management at the University of Massachusetts Boston to conduct a comprehensive review of Part 1 (Administrative Legislation) of the Town Code, which governs the Town's executive branch and administrative framework, and to provide recommendations to modernize, clarify, and ensure consistency with best practices and applicable law, or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$127,693.55 for exterior preservation and renovation work at the Edgartown Lighthouse, including surface preparation, repairs, protective coatings, inspections, and all related materials, equipment, services, and incidental costs.

Submitted by the Select Board

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$13,323.00 from Free Cash, to fund the replacement of batteries and pads for the Town's Automated External Defibrillator (AED) program.

Submitted by the Fire Chief

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash, the sum of \$91,000.00 to purchase and equip a new town-owned vessel "Pointer" and, further, to authorize the Harbormaster and Select Board to dispose of the existing vessel "Pointer" in the best interest of the Town.

Submitted by the Harbormaster

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$172,500.00 to supplement the Town's Fiscal Year 2026 Snow and Ice Account due to a deficit resulting from the winter season, and to appropriate \$17,500.00 from Free Cash for tree removal resulting from storm damage, which amount is to be added to the Highway Department expense account.

Submitted by the Highway

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of \$39,505.00 to supplement the Edgartown Public Library expense account for Fiscal Year 2026, including costs associated with HVAC repairs and maintenance.

Submitted by the Library Trustees

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$130,000.00 from Free Cash for the repair and replacement of the alarm panel and gym electrical panel at the Edgartown School.

Submitted by the Edgartown School

RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$45,000.00 from the Water Department's surplus to cover the cost of anticipated overage in electrical expenses due to an unforeseen increase in utility rates, and for costs incidental and related thereto. This article will have no impact on water users' 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 11. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to grant an easement to NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy over or across certain Town-owned land located at or near 40 Robinson Road, for the purpose of installing, operating, maintaining, repairing, replacing, and accessing electric utility infrastructure, including but not limited to a riser pole (185/2.5), underground electric facilities (UG 10461), pull boxes (10461/010, 020, and 030), and pad (10461/040), and further to authorize the Select Board to execute any easement agreement and other documents necessary to effectuate the same, or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED

Submitted by the Select Board

NEITHER RECOMMENDED NOR NOT RECOMMENDED BY THE FINANCIAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by publishing an attested copy thereof in one newspaper having general circulation in said Edgartown, fourteen days, at least, before the time of holding said meeting or by posting it in six or more conspicuous places in Town at least fourteen 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 16th 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