

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF AQUINNAH
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2024

To either of the Constables in the Town of Aquinnah, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Aquinnah who are qualified to vote in Town affairs and elections, to assemble at the Aquinnah Town Hall, 957 State Road, Aquinnah on Tuesday November 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. in the evening, then and there to hear the reports and act upon the following articles.

ARTICLE ONE:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) as its share of costs for the replacement of seawater lines at the John T. Hughes Hatchery at 57 Shirley Avenue, Oak Bluffs.

ARTICLE TWO:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or transfer monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the following Community Housing and Historic Preservation purposes, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for costs related to the pre-development of affordable housing in Aquinnah, including for expenses related to Aquinnah's Town Center Corridor planning and analysis, and/or for Aquinnah Housing Production Plan (HPP) updates, and; Twenty Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$20,600.00) to be transferred from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve to the Historic Preservation Reserve, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE THREE:

To see if the Town will vote to increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under G.L. c. 59 § 5, Clause 41A from Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000) to 100% of the amount established annually by the Commissioner of

Revenue as the income limit for single seniors who are not heads of households to qualify for the “circuit breaker” state income tax credit for the preceding state tax year, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2025.

ARTICLE FOUR:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000.00) for the purpose of repairs to the Lighthouse to be reimbursed by the Massachusetts Office of Travel and Tourism grant, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE FIVE:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) to be used for the purpose of purchase of a new police cruiser, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE SIX:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) to be used for the purpose of purchase of a new dump truck to be used by the Highway Department.

ARTICLE SEVEN:

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars (\$22,000.00) to fund the cost of a Town grant-writer

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies at the Schoolhouse/ Library and Town Hall in said Town at least fourteen days prior to time of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due 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 22nd day of October, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

Julianne Vanderhoop, Chairperson

Gary Haley

Thomas Murphy

Christopher Manning, Constable

Posted October 22, 2024