

Town of Scituate  
Special Town Meeting  
April 11, 2022

**WARRANT**

**ARTICLE 1. Unpaid Bills**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$6,798.24**, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of paying prior fiscal year unpaid bills, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Sponsored By: Select Board*

**MOTION ARTICLE 1. Unpaid Bills (Consent Agenda)**

I move that the Town transfer the sum of **\$6,798.24** from Free Cash for the purpose of paying prior fiscal year unpaid bills.

*Quantum of vote: 9/10ths*

**VOTE- Passed by Consent Agenda-Declared Unanimous in favor**

**WARRANT**

**ARTICLE 2. FY 22 Budget Reconciliations**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of **\$425,205.00** or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of fully funding the following accounts established under Articles 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the April 12, 2021 Annual Town Meeting as follows:

Department	Line Item	To Amount	From Amount	Comment
Information Technology	Capital Outlay 1155580.585100	\$ 20,738.00		Replace batteries in uninterrupted power supplies (UPS) at Public Safety Building
Fire Department	Technical Services 1220520.530900	\$ 11,000.00		Consultant services to codify Standard Operating Procedures and Standard Operating Guidelines
Fire Department	Repair & Maintenance 1220520.524200	\$ 6,000.00		Repairs to Engine 3
Police & Fire Departments	Capital Outlay 1210580.585100	\$ 11,160.00		Installation of communication infrastructure improvements; CARES funds supported equipment of \$46,228; installation could not be scheduled by 12/31/21

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Department	Line Item	To Amount	From Amount	Comment
Police Department	Capital Outlay 1210580.585100	\$ 41,102.00		Equipment replacement
School Department	School Budget	\$ 90,000.00		Capital facility projects
Contributory Insurance			\$ 180,000.00	Active plan premium holiday given by insurance carrier in July 2021
Library	Capital Outlay 1210580.585100	\$ 7,543.00		Energy efficient LED lights in book sale room
Library	Capital Outlay 1210580.585100	\$ 37,730.00		Replace public computers, server and add digital displays to meeting rooms which were not approved for CARES funding
Library	Regular Salaries 1610510.511000		\$ 45,273.00	Vacancies
Board of Health	Part-time Salaries 1510510.518000	\$ 3,500.00		Additional hours for public health nurse due to pandemic not covered by CARES funds
Conservation	Regular Salaries 1171510.511000		\$ 3,500.00	Coastal Resources Manager vacancy
Water Department	Technical Services 65450520.530900	\$ 25,000.00		Consultant services for Water Offset Policy
Water Department	Vehicle Service 65450520.524500	\$ 24,432.00		Unexpected repair to dump truck
Water Department	Chemicals & Lab Supplies 65450540.550100	\$ 25,000.00		Rising chemical costs
Water Department	Fuels & Lubricants 65450540.548100	\$ 5,000.00		Rising fuel costs
Water Enterprise Retained Earnings			\$ 79,432.00	
Widows Walk Golf Course	Capital Outlay 61661580.585100	\$ 40,000.00		Additional site work and paving
Widows Walk Retained Earnings			\$ 40,000.00	
Transfer Station	Capital Outlay 63433580.585100	\$ 25,000.00		Repairs to scale
Transfer Station Retained Earnings			\$ 25,000.00	
Sewer Department	Chemicals & Lab Supplies 64440540.550100	\$ 50,000.00		Rising chemical costs
Sewer Department	Fuels & Lubricants 64440540.548100	\$ 2,000.00		Rising fuel costs
Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings			\$ 52,000.00	
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$425,205.00</b>	<b>\$ 425,205.00</b>	

or take any other action relative thereto.

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**MOTION ARTICLE 2. FY 22 Budget Reconciliations (Consent Agenda)**

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of **\$425,205.00** for the purpose of fully funding the following accounts established under Articles 4, 6, 7, 8 and 9 of the April 12, 2021 Annual Town Meeting and to meet such appropriation transfer funds as indicated in the printed warrant.

*Quantum of vote: Majority*

**VOTE- Passed by Consent Agenda-Declared Unanimous in favor**

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**ARTICLE 3. Emergency Storm/ Snow and Ice Removal Related Costs**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$50,000.00**, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of paying emergency storm related and/or snow and ice removal costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

*Sponsored By: Select Board*

**MOTION ARTICLE 3. Emergency Storm/ Snow and Ice Removal Related Costs  
(Consent Agenda)**

I move that the Town transfer the sum of **\$50,000.00 from Free Cash** for the purpose of paying emergency storm and snow and ice removal related costs.

*Quantum of vote: Majority.*

**VOTE- Passed by Consent Agenda-Declared Unanimous in favor**

**WARRANT**

**ARTICLE 4. Community Preservation Act**

To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to appropriate the sums of money as indicated below. Appropriations for the items below are to be expended from Community Preservation Undesignated Funds unless otherwise indicated. All such sums appropriated are further to be expended subject to all terms and conditions of the applications regarding such projects filed with the CPC and the votes of the CPC regarding approval of such items.

1. \$31,159 From Community Preservation fund balance, to be reserved for the creation and support of Community Housing consistent with the Act; FY22 previously voted set-asides were insufficient to meet the 10% requirement due to additional state match being received;
2. \$31,159 From Community Preservation fund balance, to be reserved for the acquisition and preservation of Historic Resources consistent with the Act; FY22 previously voted set-aside was insufficient to meet the 10% requirement due to additional state match being received;
3. \$5,000 From Historic Reserve, Historic survey and planning;
4. \$100,000 From Community Preservation fund balance, for the restoration of the historic Scituate Lighthouse;

Or take any other action relative thereto.

*Sponsored by: Community Preservation Committee*

**MOTION ARTICLE 4. Community Preservation Act (Consent Agenda)**

I move that the Town act on recommendations from the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) to appropriate the sums of money as indicated below. Appropriations for the items below are to be expended from Community Preservation Undesignated Funds unless otherwise indicated. All such sums appropriated are further to be expended subject to all terms and conditions of the applications regarding such projects filed with the CPC and the votes of the CPC regarding approval of such items.

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3. \$5,000 From Historic Reserve, Historic survey and planning;

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4. \$100,000      From Community Preservation fund balance, for the restoration of the historic  
Scituate Lighthouse;

*Quantum of vote: Majority*

**VOTE- Passed by Consent Agenda-Declared Unanimous in favor**

**WARRANT**

**ARTICLE 5: Construction of New Water Treatment Plant Facility and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$50,000,000.00, to demolish the existing water treatment plant facility, and design, construct and equip a new water treatment plant facility and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet such appropriation authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow up to \$50,000,000.00 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8(4) or any other enabling authority; and further that the Select Board are authorized to apply for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through Plymouth County and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, grants, gifts, or donations for the purposes of this vote from federal, state, or private sources, and the said Select Board were hereby authorized to accept such American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through Plymouth County and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, grants, gifts or donations on behalf of the Town and that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through Plymouth County and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, grants, gifts and donations received prior to any such borrowing; or take any other action relative thereto.

*Sponsored By: Select Board*

**MOTION ARTICLE 5: Construction of New Water Treatment Plant Facility and Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) System**

**Select Board-Andrew Goodrich**

I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$50,000,000.00, to demolish the existing water treatment plant facility, and design, construct and equip a new water treatment plant facility and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet such appropriation authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow up to \$50,000,000.00 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8(4) or any other enabling authority; and further that the Select Board is authorized to apply for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through Plymouth County and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, grants, gifts, or donations for the purposes of this vote from federal, state, or private sources, and the said Select Board is hereby authorized to accept such American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through Plymouth County and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, grants, gifts or donations on behalf of the Town and that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that may be received from Plymouth County and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and appropriated by the Select Board, which funds are estimated to be approximately \$5,296,240.00, grants, gifts and donations received prior to any such borrowing.

**Advisory Committee-Jerry Kelly**

*Quantum of vote: 2/3rds*

Motion made by William Ohrenberger to move the question.

The Moderator did not accept this motion for further discussion of the article.

Discussion



## **ARTICLE 5**

### **MOTION TO AMEND-** Abigail Arenstam - 142 Old Forge Road.

*The following to be added to the end of the main motion under Article Five of the Special Town Meeting Warrant:*

*"; and further the Select Board, Department of Public Works, Water Division, and their respective agents, shall have no authority to determine the site location of a new water treatment plant under this Article 5, without a formal presentation at Special Town Meeting and the approval by residents."*

Moved, seconded and voted by majority in favor to accept the amendment.

Discussion.

After no further discussion the Moderator asked for motion to move the question. Motion seconded and voted. Passed by a declared two-thirds vote.

**VOTED** that the Town appropriate the sum of \$50,000,000.00, to demolish the existing water treatment plant facility, and design, construct and equip a new water treatment plant facility and supervisory control and data acquisition (SCADA) system, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet such appropriation authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow up to \$50,000,000.00 under M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 8(4) or any other enabling authority; and further that the Select Board is authorized to apply for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through Plymouth County and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, grants, gifts, or donations for the purposes of this vote from federal, state, or private sources, and the said Select Board is hereby authorized to accept such American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds through Plymouth County and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, grants, gifts or donations on behalf of the Town and that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that may be received from Plymouth County and The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and appropriated by the Select Board, which funds are estimated to be approximately \$5,296,240.00, grants, gifts and donations received prior to any such borrowing; *and further the Select Board, Department of Public Works, Water Division, and their respective agents, shall have no authority to determine the site location of a new water treatment plant under this Article 5, without a formal presentation at Special Town Meeting and the approval by residents."*

**Passed by a declared two-thirds vote**

*I hereby certify the foregoing to be a True Copy Attest.*

  
Kathleen A. Gardner  
Town Clerk

