

**WARRANT FOR THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
JUNE 19, 2021  
TOWN OF AQUINNAH  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

County of Dukes County, ss.  
To either of the Constables of 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 the election and town affairs to meet on the tarmac in front of the Fire Station **in said Town on the Nineteenth day of June, 2021 at 3:00 P.M.** then and there to act upon the articles of this Warrant, with the exception of Article One. And to meet **again at the Aquinnah Town Office Building on the Twenty-fourth day of June, 2021 at twelve noon**, then and there to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of offices, ballot questions and any required override found on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will open at 12:00 P.M. and close at 8:00 P.M. on Thursday, June 24, 2021.

**ARTICLE ONE:** To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot

One member of the Board of Selectmen for three years

One member of the Planning Board for three years

One member of the Board of Health for three years

One School Committee Member for three years

One Land Bank Commissioner for three years

One Library Trustee for three years

One Constable for three years

**ARTICLE TWO:** To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

**ARTICLE THREE:** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money required to defray the general expenses of the Town as itemized in the FY 2022 operating budget and fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers and employees of the Town as itemized therein, and to fund said appropriations through the tax levy. (Recommended by FinCom)

**ARTICLE FOUR:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents (\$6,472.93) for the purpose of

further reducing the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District's Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) liability, such sum to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the total cost of this supplemental OPEB liability payment; if approved, these funds will be placed in, and result in an increase to, the budget line item Education--Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District Six Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Two Dollars and Ninety-Three Cents of the District's fiscal year 2022 budget for this purpose; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total supplemental OPEB liability payment of \$302,501.72; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Forty-One Dollars and Ninety-Four Cents (\$641.94) as the Town's share of the costs of a capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, and materials related to replacing exterior shingling at the Superintendent's Office Building located at 4 Pine Street, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, such sum to be paid to and used by the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District for such purpose; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE SIX: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Ninety-Six Dollars and Fifty-eight Cents (\$5,596.58) to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase of two electric school buses and any other costs incidental and relative thereto, including, if costs and funding permit, associated equipment and fueling infrastructure costs, provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Fourteen Thousand Forty-Eight Dollars and Ninety-Two Cents (\$14,048.92) to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, machinery, equipment and materials related to upgrading and replacing the technology infrastructure in or on the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School buildings, including without limitation, network, wiring and wireless infrastructure, voice infrastructure, physical security infrastructure, server and backup infrastructure, data cabling infrastructure, design, engineering, and installation, and any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE EIGHT: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Ninety Dollars (\$2,990.00) to fund the Town of Aquinnah share of the expenses of the All-Island School Committee's contract for adult and community education in Fiscal Year 2022. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE NINE: To see if the Town will vote to rescind votes taken on Article 6 of the Special Town Meeting held on May 11, 2004; Article 15 of the Special Town Meeting held on May 13, 2008; and Article 11; Article Eleven of the Special Town Meeting held on June 19, 2008; and further to declare that the property shown as Parcel 59 on Aquinnah Assessor's map 5 is available for disposition as required under G.L. c. 30B, sec. 16(a) and to sell said property for not less than Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00), on such terms and conditions as the Select Board determine are in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto. (Requires a 2/3 vote). (Approved by FinCom)

ARTICLE TEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred Seventy-Four Dollars and Ten Cents (\$13,474.10) for the first year of a four (4) year lease for a hybrid vehicle to be used by the police department, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE ELEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Eight Dollars and Forty Cents (\$23,248.40) to be paid to the Up-Island Regional School District as the Town's share of costs of the District's capital project for the installation of a roof at the West Tisbury School, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for the respective share of the total project costs, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWELVE: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Eight Hundred Five Dollars and Eighty-Five Cents (\$6,805.85) to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to replacing doors in or on the Chilmark School building, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE THIRTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,393.63 to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment, machinery and materials related to replacing a Walk-In Cafeteria Refrigerator/Freezer in or on the West Tisbury School facility, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided,

however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE FOURTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,996.41 to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to replacing Windows in or on the Chilmark School building, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE FIFTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,265.28 to be paid to the Up Island Regional School District as the Town's share of the costs of the District's capital project for the purchase and installation of services, supplies, equipment and materials related to replacing the elevator in the West Tisbury School building, including any other costs incidental and relative thereto; provided, however, that this appropriation shall not be effective unless each of the other member Towns of the District approve a corresponding appropriation for their respective share of the total project costs; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE SIXTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of Five Hundred Six Dollars and Twenty-Five Cents (\$506.25) to pay expenses of Film Truth Productions for Fiscal Year 2020 expenses relate to maintenance on the Town website, or take any other action thereto. (Requires 4/5 vote). (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE SEVENTEEN: To see if the Town will vote transfer from available funds the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars (\$11,200.00) to purchase a new mower and trailer for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto. (Approved by FinCom)

ARTICLE EIGHTEEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) as the Town share of salary and expenses to hire an Island-wide Emergency Management Coordinator, or take any other action relative thereto. This appropriation is contingent upon approval of all other towns in Dukes County. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE NINETEEN: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) for restroom maintenance during the FY 2022 season, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY: To see if the Town will vote to transfer Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from Buildings and Grounds Stabilization Fund and Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000.00) from the Capital Improvements Stabilization Fund for a total of Eighty Five

Thousand Dollars (\$85,000.00) to be used for planning and design of new restrooms at Aquinnah Circle and repair, renovations and addition to the Town Hall/Office, or take any other action relative thereto. (Requires 2/3 vote) (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY-ONE: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (\$20,000.00) from Article Eight at the Special Town Meeting on December 19, 2010 that called for parking improvements at the Town Hall and Library to an account for repair, renovations and addition to the Town Hall/Office, or take any other action relative thereto. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY-TWO: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, or reserve, monies for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, from projected Fiscal Year 2022 Community Preservation revenues of **Two Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars (\$270,000)**. Thirty percent of those funds shall be allotted in the following amounts as required by Community Preservation legislation:

*\$27,000 to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve; and,*

*\$27,000 to the Community Preservation Historic Reserve; and,*

*\$27,000 to the Community Preservation Housing Reserve.*

In addition, the remaining seventy percent of funds raised during the Fiscal Year 2022 shall be reserved for appropriation in the following manner as recommended by the Aquinnah Community Preservation Committee:

*\$75,000 to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve; and,*

*\$114,000 to the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve; or take any other action relative thereto. (No action by FinCom)*

ARTICLE TWENTY-THREE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the undertaking of the following **Historic Preservation** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

**\$21,300 (twenty-one thousand three hundred dollars)** from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the re-roofing of the MV Campgrounds Tabernacle, or take any other action relative thereto. (No action by FinCom).

ARTICLE TWENTY-FOUR: To see if the Town will vote to approve the use of land behind the Town Hall shown on Assessor's Map 5, Parcels 170.1 and 170.2 for development of four units of Affordable Rental Housing, a food forest, and playground as envisioned by the Conway School, or take any other action relative thereto. (Requires 2/3 vote.) (No action by FinCom.)

ARTICLE TWENTY-FIVE: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the undertaking of the following **Community Housing** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

**\$24,000 (twenty-four thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for the first payment on mortgage costs related to the borrowing of

\$200,000 for pre-development and development costs of 4 apartments behind the Town Center, and

**\$17,000 (seventeen thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for costs related to the development of affordable housing as proposed by Harbor Homes, and

**\$15,000 (fifteen thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for costs related to the development of affordable housing as proposed by the Island Autism Group, and

**\$22,000 (twenty-two thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve for the subsidy of affordable rents in Aquinnah through the DCRHA's Rental Assistance program, and

**\$24,000 (twenty-four thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve for the subsidy of affordable rents in Aquinnah through the emergency Covid 19 Rental Subsidy program, or take any other action relative thereto. (No action by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY-SIX: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the undertaking of the following **Open Space and Recreation and Administrative** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

**\$25,000 (twenty-five thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve for the Fencing of the perimeter for the Food Forest effort behind Aquinnah Town Hall, and

**\$55,000 (fifty-five thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve, \$50,000 of which for work related to the Manning Property, and \$5,000 of which for the construction of a pedestrian pathway to the Vanderhoop Homestead, and

**\$61,560 (sixty-one thousand five hundred and sixty dollars)** for ongoing mortgage costs related to capital improvements at the Aquinnah Circle and the Acquisition of #13 Aquinnah Circle; with \$49,000 of revenue to come from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve, and \$12,560 to come from the Community Preservation Undesignated Reserve, and

**\$4,000 (four thousand dollars)** from the Community Preservation undesignated Reserve for FY '22 CPA administrative expenses, or take any other action relative thereto. (No action by FinCom)

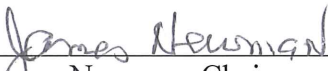
ARTICLE TWENTY-SEVEN: To see if the Town will vote to Raise and Appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00) toward Transportation Engineering services for design work and/or technical analyses on Town projects, with funds administered by the Martha's Vineyard Commission, for Fiscal Year 2022. Each town contributes the same amount to participate in the program. The Transportation Engineering Services program builds on a similar pilot project the Island towns participated in FY20. (Recommended by FinCom)

ARTICLE TWENTY-EIGHT:

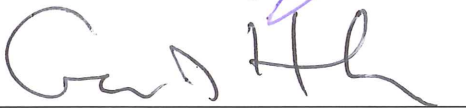
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Fifty-Four Dollars (\$35,354.00) or any other amount as determined by the State Departments of Transportation or State Legislature for highway construction or improvements from the 2020 Chapter 90 Local Transportation apportionment, said sum to be subject to State enactment of the bind bill and of new revenues to support that bill, and to allow the Treasurer to borrow against all expenditures in anticipation of reimbursement by the State, or take any other action relative thereto. (No action by FinCom)

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at the School House and Town Hall in said Town, at least seven days prior to 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 29 day of April, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Twenty-One.

  
James Newman, Chairman

  
Julianne Vanderhoop

  
Gary Haley

  
Heidi Vanderhoop, Constable

Posted: April 29, 2021