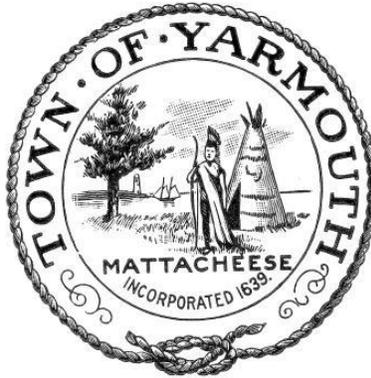


**TOWN OF YARMOUTH
WARRANT
and
RECOMMENDATIONS
of the
FINANCE COMMITTEE
For the Annual Town Meeting**



**June 22, 2020
6:00 P.M.
MATTACHEESE MIDDLE SCHOOL
WEST YARMOUTH**

**PLEASE BRING THIS REPORT TO TOWN
MEETING**

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Yarmouth Finance Committee continues to actively represent the interests of our town's citizens in working with town Administration and the Board of Selectmen. We are happy to report that working relationships with all town departments and leaders are excellent and that the financial status of the town is very healthy. In fact, Yarmouth has one of the lowest debt burdens of any municipality in the Commonwealth.

The Committee itself saw several changes this year. Two new members joined the Committee. Sara Kohls is a local attorney and George Perkins is a retired banking executive and University Professor. Joe Goldstein departed the Committee after many years of service including Chairman. His service was recognized and greatly appreciated. Robert Ciavarra was elected Vice Chairman, succeeding Nathan Ladley who voluntarily stepped down from that position but remains on the Committee.

At the October Special Town Meeting an Article passed unanimously expanding the membership of the Committee from its cap of 7 to a number from 7 to 9. There are currently eight members.

The Committee continues advancement made in 2018-19 by which certain departments were given a higher level of focus. In this fiscal year we have begun to form sub committees to become even more engaged while at the same time not impeding day to day activities of town department heads.

Chairman Ken Mudie was a member of the D-Y Regional School Agreement Committee which finally brought the dispute between Dennis and Yarmouth to a successful conclusion. Joe Goldstein was also on that Committee.

Major issues facing the Finance Committee include the D-H-Y wastewater project, overall continued financial management of the town, and potential solutions to "big ticket" items which seem to get caught in a financial limbo due to various budget processes and constraints. These include Coastal Infrastructure, Police Training Firing Range, and others. The Finance Committee is working closely with the Capital Budget Committee and Town leadership to address this problem.

Overall, members of the Finance Committee, all volunteers, are proud to serve our community and our town leaders.

Finance Committee

HOW DO I MAKE A MOTION?

TABLE OF BASIC POINTS OF MOTIONS

Rank	Type of Motion	2nd Req'd	May Debate	May Amend	Vote Req'd	May Recon.	May Interrupt
	Main Motions						
None	Main Motion	Yes	Yes	Yes	Varies	Yes	No
Same	Reconsider or Rescind	Yes	Same	No	Majority	No	No
None	Take from the Table	Yes	No	No	Majority	No	No
None	Advance an Article	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes	No
	Privileged Motions						
1	Dissolve or adjourn sine die	Yes	No	No	Majority	No	No
2	Adjourn to a fixed time or recess	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No	No
3	Point of no quorum	No	No	No	None	No	No
4	Fix the time to (or at) which to adjourn	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes	No
5	Question of privilege	No	No	No	None	No	Yes
	Subsidiary Motions						
6	Lay on the table	Yes	No	No	2/3	Yes	No
7	The previous question	Yes	No	No	2/3	No	No
8	Limit or extend debate	Yes	No	No	2/3	No	No
9	Postpone to a time certain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes	No
10	Commit or refer	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes	No
11	Amend (or substitute)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes	No
12	Postpone indefinitely	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes	No
	Incidental Motions						
Same	Point of Order	No	No	No	None	No	Yes
Same	Appeal	Yes	Yes	No	Majority	Yes	No
Same	Division of a question	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No	No
Same	Separate consideration	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	No	No
Same	Fix the method of voting	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority	Yes	No
Same	Nominations to committees	No	No	No	Plurality	No	No
Same	Withdraw or modify a motion	No	No	No	Majority	No	No
Same	Suspension of rules	Yes	No	No	2/3*	No	No

* UNANIMOUS IF RULE PROTECTS MINORITIES; OUT OF ORDER IF RULE PROTECTS ABSENTEES

SOURCE: TOWN MEETING TIME, 3RD EDITION

COMMON TOWN FINANCE TERMS

APPROPRIATION	An authorization granted by Town Meeting to expend money and incur obligations for specific public purposes.
AVAILABLE FUNDS	Balances remaining in various funds that are available for expenditure. Examples include Water Department special revenue account reserves, Fire Department ambulance account, and Free Cash.
ENTERPRISE FUND	A separate account for municipal services for which a fee is charged in exchange for goods or services. It allows a community to demonstrate the portion of total costs of a service that is recovered through user fees. This is a multi-year fund for which any end-of-year surplus is retained in the Enterprise Fund.
OFFSET ACCOUNT	An account set up to restrict fees collected by a particular department for expenditure by that department. Any surplus funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year are returned to the General Fund.
FISCAL YEAR	The Town's fiscal year begins July 1st and ends on June 30th.
FREE CASH	Remaining, unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year including actual receipts in excess of estimates and unspent amounts in budget line-items.
OVERLAY RESERVE	An account set up to pay for real estate exemptions and abatements.
RAISE & APPROPRIATE	A phrase used to identify a funding source for an expenditure which refers to money generated by the tax levy or other anticipated local receipts.
RESERVE FUND	An account appropriated within the operating budget to provide for unforeseen expenditures <i>during the fiscal year</i> . Expenditures of funds deposited to this account require approval of the Finance Committee. Funds remaining at the end of the fiscal year are returned to the General Fund.
STABILIZATION FUND	A multi-year fund established as a "rainy day" account to address extraordinary or unforeseen future expenditures during the current <i>or future fiscal years</i> . This account can also be used to accumulate funds for capital expenditures in a future year.

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
JUNE 22ND, 2020**

Barnstable, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Yarmouth in the County of Barnstable, 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 Town affairs to meet in the Mattacheese Middle School Building in said Town, Monday, the 22nd day of June 2020 at six o'clock (6:00 p.m.) in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles.

ARTICLE #1: To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate a sum of money to provide additional funds for the FY 2020 operating budget.

<u>Department</u>	<u>Request</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Source</u>
DPW	Construction & Demolition	\$ TBD	Free Cash
DPW – Septage Enterprise Fund	Septage Reserve - Waste Disposal	\$ TBD	Septage Retained Earnings
Golf	General Fund Subsidy	\$ TBD	Free Cash

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor

Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor

(Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE #2: To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise or transfer from available funds and appropriate such funds to defray the charges, expenses, salary, and payroll obligations of the Town, including debt and interest for the ensuing year, to provide for a reserve fund, and to fix the salaries and compensation for all elected officials of the Town or act on anything relative thereto.

EXPLANATION: *This article funds the Town's operating budget, which covers employee salaries, benefits, and other Town operating expenses. At the direction of the Board of Selectmen, this budget is balanced, affordable, within the parameters of proposition 2 1/2, and provides the best possible services and facilities to the Town. The Finance Committee has reviewed this budget in detail.*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor

Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor

(Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE #3: To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, or transfer from available funds to fund the operating budget of the Golf Enterprise, or take any action thereon:

	Actual FY19	Budget FY20	Request FY21
GOLF			
Wages (15 FTE + Seasonal)	1,440,521	1,511,845	1,573,535
Expense	2,286,208	2,172,973	2,262,785
Total Golf Enterprise Operating Budget	3,726,729	3,684,818	3,836,320
Funded from Golf Enterprise Revenues	3,645,364	3,535,692	3,611,320
Funded from General Fund – Free Cash	364,000		
Funded from Retained Earnings*		149,126	225,000
Total Golf Enterprise Funding	4,009,364	3,684,818	3,836,320

* *Golf Enterprise reserves/retained earnings is \$277,727 as of 7/1/2019*

EXPLANATION: *This article is the operating budget for the golf division and funds employee salaries, benefits, and other golf operating expenses. This year’s budget is funded entirely by golf fees and other revenue generated by the golf division.*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor

Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor

(Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE #4: To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer from available funds to fund the operating budget of the Water Department for the purpose set forth in the Acts of 1928, Chapter 146, or under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 69B, or to take any other action thereon:

	Actual FY19	Budget FY 20	Request FY21
WATER			
Wages (23.8 FTE)	1,557,863	1,574,477	1,482,268
Expense	1,702,728	2,465,615	2,402,743
Costs Appropriated in the General Fund	344,938	353,000	618,188
Total Water Department Operating Budget	3,300,653	4,393,092	4,503,199
Funded from Water Department Revenues	4,392,308	4,393,092	4,379,561
Funded from Water Surplus			123,638
Total Water Department Funding	4,392,308	4,393,092	4,503,199

* *Water Special Revenue Fund reserves is \$2,952,455 as of 7/1/2019.*

EXPLANATION: *This article is the operating budget for the water division, which funds employee salaries, benefits, and other water operating expenses. The water division operates as a distinct special revenue fund, much like the golf and septage operations, and is fully funded by water fees.*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor

Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor

(Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE #5: To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer from available funds to fund the operating budget of the Septage Enterprise, or take any other action thereon:

	Actual FY19	Budget FY 20	Request FY 21
SEPTAGE ENTERPRISE			
Wages	65,374	51,760	0
Expense	1,833,366	2,001,305	2,284,503
Costs Appropriated in the General Fund	114,101	114,101	190,300
Total Septage Enterprise Operating Budget	2,012,840	2,167,166	2,474,803
Funded from Septage Enterprise Revenues	3,152,769	2,167,166	2,474,803
Funded from Septage Retained Earnings*			
Total Septage Enterprise Funding	3,152,769	2,167,166	2,474,803

*Septage Enterprise retained earnings is \$3,296,218 at 7/1/2019.

EXPLANATION: This is the operating budget for the Septage Treatment Plant which is treated as an enterprise fund. The costs are fully covered by fees charged to contractors that dispose of septic waste at the plant. This enterprise fund, like golf and water, is fully supported by fee revenue.

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor

Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor

(Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE #6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money to fund the Town of Yarmouth’s share of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District budget for fiscal year 2021, or take any other action thereon.

Actual FY 19	Actual FY 20	Certified FY 21
\$33,973,474	\$35,298,335	\$35,874,453

EXPLANATION: This article funds the Town’s share of the Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District. The FY21 Assessment is based upon the revised regional agreement.

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor

(Dennis-Yarmouth Regional School District)

Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor

ARTICLE #7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money to fund the Town of Yarmouth’s share of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District budget for fiscal year 2021, or take any other action thereon.

Actual FY 19	Actual FY 20	Certified FY 21
\$2,341,152	\$2,292,475	\$4,090,207

EXPLANATION: *This article funds the Town’s share of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School District.*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor (Cape Cod Regional Technical High School)
 Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor

ARTICLE #8: To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise, or transfer from available funds, and appropriate to purchase and equip the following goods and services, or take any other action thereon:

Division/Department	Item/Project	Amount Recommended
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(N)=New, (R)=Replacement, (M)=Maintenance

Requests Funded from Other Available Funds

Town Hall Attic Insulation (FEMA Reimbursement Funds)	50,000
Bridgewater University Building – Roof Repair (FEMA Reimb. Funds)	200,000
Town-wide OSHA compliance and training	30,000
Town-wide Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance (Free Cash)	<u>100,000</u>
Total Appropriation Requests	380,000

EXPLANATION: *Each year the Capital Budget Committee (CBC), appointed by the Finance Committee, reviews and evaluates requests for capital projects and equipment submitted by all Town departments. This article contains lists of recommended expenditures for: routine capital projects, equipment and vehicles funded by taxes; roadway and storm water improvements funded by taxes; waste management capital funded by recycling revenue; Golf Course equipment funded by Golf revenues and retained earnings; and, fire department vehicles and life safety equipment funded by ambulance revenue. In addition to these amounts, supplemental funding for needed maintenance projects from other available town funds (FEMA Reimbursement and Free Cash) have also been consolidated into this article for consideration. The original proposed Capital Budget appropriation will be deferred to a future Town Meeting due to COVID19 budget concerns.*

ARTICLE #9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate an amount of money to pay for salary and wage adjustments for FY21 as a result of the settlement of collective bargaining agreements and for non-union personnel.

EXPLANATION: *This article provides funding for settled or to be settled collective bargaining agreements. The Town strives to settle contracts that are fair to the employees and allows the Town to stay within the constraints of proposition 2 ½.*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE #10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$379,279 to fund the Tourism Revenue Preservation Fund as authorized by Chapter 338 of the Acts of 2006, or take any other action relative thereto.

EXPLANATION: *The Tourism Revenue Preservation Fund was established by Special Legislation in 2006 and is funded by Rooms and Meals Tax receipts. Funding is overseen by the Community and Economic Development Committee and is used to stimulate the local tourism economy through physical improvements, marketing and special events.*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE #11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Five Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$5,250,000), for the purpose of design, engineering, permitting and construction related to coordinating with Massachusetts Department of Transportation road work projects and Phase 1 of the towns proposed wastewater collection system, including all expenses incidental and related thereto; provided that in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, the premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes thereunder, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bond or notes, may be applied to pay project costs and the amount authorized to be borrowed for each such project shall be reduced by the amount of any such premium so applied; and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow up to this amount under G.L. c.44 or any other enabling authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

EXPLANATION: *This article allows the Town to proceed with the design, engineering and permitting of Phase 1 of the proposed wastewater collection system. This authorization also allows the town to coordinate some construction activities with Route 28 road work projects being undertaken by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation. Coordinating these activities is an opportunity for the Town to save significantly by avoiding additional paving and associated costs that will be funded by the State as part of their overall project. Furthermore, working in conjunction with the MA DOT allows the Town to move forward with its Phase 1 collection system*

construction in a timely manner by avoiding a five year construction moratorium on parts of Route 28 that will be in place once the State completes work on their projects.

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE #12: To see if the Town will vote to rescind the following amounts of unissued borrowing:

Article 16, Annual Town Meeting of May 2016 - School Feasibility Study \$750,000

Requires Majority Vote

EXPLANATION: *This is a housekeeping article to remove debt authorization from the Town's books. The Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) requires that the municipality have borrowing authority for the full amount of the Feasibility Study even though the MSBA will reimburse a portion of the study.*

Instead of borrowing for the study, the Town used free cash for the portion that municipalities owed. The rest of the study was paid for by the MSBA. The borrowing authorization is no longer needed, cannot be used for another purpose and would be calculated in the outstanding debt the Town can issue by the rating agencies. Rescinding the borrowing is good for the Town's Bond Rating

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE #13: CPA FY21 Estimated Revenue

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the following sums of money from the FY 21 estimated annual revenues of the Yarmouth Community Preservation Act Fund as required by G.L. c.149, §298 of the Acts of 2004:

Appropriation	FY21
Community Housing Reserve	\$ 213,773
Historic Preservation Reserve	\$ 213,773
Open Space Reserve	\$ 213,773
Operating Expenses	\$ 106,886

EXPLANATION: *This article is a required housekeeping article that appears at every annual town meeting. As required under the Community Preservation Act, a minimum of 10% of CPA revenues must be set aside for each of the following purposes: community housing, historic preservation, and open space. Additionally, 5% of the total revenue is set aside for operating expenses.*

FY21 CPA Revenues are estimated at \$2.3 million (\$1.7 million) and are based on an estimated property tax levy of \$64 million. Figures include an estimated 20% match of \$384,000 (\$284,000) including supplemental match distributions made for Communities that have adopted the 3% surcharge.

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Community Preservation Committee)

ARTICLE #14: Municipal Affordable Housing Trust

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate for community housing purposes the sum of \$200,000 from the Community Preservation Act Housing Reserve Fund to the Town of Yarmouth Municipal Affordable Housing Trust created under G.L. c.44, §55C to create, preserve, and support affordable housing for households at or below 100% of the Area Median Income.

Requires 2/3rds vote

EXPLANATION: *This article appropriates CPA funds to the Yarmouth Municipal Affordable Housing Trust for community housing projects supported by the Housing Trust. To date, the Trust has created 137 housing units, preserved 7 more, and supported another 30. Yarmouth now has 599 affordable housing units, which is approximately 5% of the Town's year-round housing stock*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Community Preservation Committee)

ARTICLE 15: CPA Affordable Housing Project

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate for community housing purposes the sum of \$80,000 from the Community Preservation Act Housing Reserve Fund to the Harwich Ecumenical Council for Housing, Inc. to preserve homes with repairs for income-eligible homeowners.

EXPLANATION: *This article appropriates \$80,000 in CPA funds for community housing projects with the Harwich Ecumenical Council for Housing (HECH) Emergency Loan Program to preserve homes for low-income residents with both financial and technical assistance.*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Community Preservation Committee)

ARTICLE 16: CPA Historic Resource Projects

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate for historic preservation purposes the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Act Historic Reserve Fund:

Item	Appropriate To	Purpose	Amount and CPA Funding Source	Total
A	Historical Society of Old Yarmouth	To preserve and protect grave markers in Ancient Cemetery from deterioration or destruction	\$13,000 Historic Reserve	\$13,000
B	Yarmouth Historical Commission	To create a reconnaissance survey to identify potential archeological sites in Yarmouth.	\$26,000 Historic Reserve	\$26,000
C	Historic New England	To produce an archeological study that will support future construction work.	\$11,100 Historic Reserve	\$11,100
D	St. David's Episcopal Church	Completion of the historic preservation of the Amos Baker House by restoring second floor dormer, windows, trim, insulation, and siding.	\$15,500 Historic Reserve	\$15,500
TOTAL				\$65,600

EXPLANATION:

Project A would provide \$13,000 to the Historical Society of Old Yarmouth to preserve and protect grave markers at Ancient Cemetery from destruction and deterioration. CPC funds will be used to cover costs of field equipment and supplies utilized by trained volunteers as well as record storage and information to be made available online to the public. Efforts are coordinated with the Town's Cemetery Division.

Project B would provide \$26,000 to the Yarmouth Historical Commission to create a reconnaissance survey to identify potential archeological sites in Yarmouth. This project will provide the Town with a sensitivity maps showing relevant sites and surveyed areas as well as a written inventory of potential archaeological sites. Additionally, recommendations will be made regarding how archaeological resources may be preserved and how to mitigate impacts to resources from various development projects.

Project C would provide funds to produce an archeological study that will support future construction work that will include new museum space at the Winslow Crocker House as well as a Visitor Center for the northside of Town that will include additional parking and restrooms.

Project D would provide \$15,500 to the St. David’s Episcopal Church to complete the historic preservation of the Amos Baker House by restoring second floor dormer, windows, trim, insulation, and siding.

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Community Preservation Committee)

ARTICLE 17: CPA Recreation Project

To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate for recreational purposes the sum of \$28,000 from the Community Preservation Act Fund Undesignated Reserve to the Yarmouth Department of Public Works to fund removal and replacement of the existing north-side backstop fence at the Little League Field.

EXPLANATION: *This article appropriates \$28,000 in CPA funds for removal and replacement of the existing north-side backstop of the Little League field. This is the backstop closest to Sylvan Way. The project will be overseen by the Yarmouth DPW and is supported by the Yarmouth Little League.*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Community Preservation Committee)

ARTICLE 18: Land Disposition

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease for terms up to thirty (30) years, or to sell, transfer or otherwise convey a fee interest or easement, on terms and conditions acceptable to the Board of Selectmen, in up to 500 square feet of the land at 220 South Street (Assessor’s Parcel 26.116), as shown on a plan on file with the Board of Selectmen.

Requires 2/3rds vote

EXPLANATION: *This article would permit the Board of Selectmen to dispose by lease, easement or sale, a small portion of land currently part of Smugglers Beach. A disposition would potentially resolve a long-term encroachment in a mutually beneficial manner whereby use could continue, but with the Town receiving some compensation. This disposition is subject to MGL Chapter 30B in order to provide for fair and open process.*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to lease for terms up to thirty (30) years, on terms acceptable to the Board of Selectmen, portions of, one or more of the town-owned parcels listed below, such lease presently intended for solar facilities. Land use under any said lease is subject to approval of the appropriate Federal, State and Local land use regulatory agencies.

Line #	Assessors Map/Lot	Location	Street
1	86/11	Sanitation Drop-off Facility	597 Forest Road
3	45.88	Fire Station 3	92 Town Brook Road
6	45/90.1	New DPW Facility	507 Buck Island Road

Requires 2/3rds vote

EXPLANATION: *The Town is actively pursuing opportunities to implement solar pv installations, including ground mounted panels and solar canopies, where appropriate. The listed sites present opportunities on town-owned parcels that may be attractive for an installation. State law prohibits contract terms in excess of three (3) years, unless specifically authorized by Town Meeting. This article provides the Board of Selectmen with the flexibility to reach agreements with potential vendors who are often seeking long-term commitments (more than 3 years) given the level of investment involved in solar PV projects.*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor

Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor

(Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to authorize Assessors contracts with vendors for valuation services for a period of up to 5 years as authorized under Massachusetts General Law chapter 30B.

EXPLANATION: *With the passage of the “Act to Modernize Municipal Finance and Government,” in 2016, cities and towns in the Commonwealth have changed to a 5-year valuation cycle. However, to avoid DOR scheduling conflicts, Yarmouth’s scheduled FY 2019 valuation certification year was deferred until FY 2021. Prior to passage of the Municipal Modernization Act, the valuation cycle was 3 years and any valuation consulting contracts reflected this cycle.*

The MA DOR, Bureau of Local Assessment certification process consists of continuous, data quality review, statistical ratio studies review, and valuation review to ensure that proper appraisal methodology was utilized while uniformly and equitably applied to all property.

A valuation program is based on the mass appraisal process utilizing the components of an acceptable mass appraisal system. The mass appraisal system is comprised of data management, valuation, performance analysis, administration and appeals. It is these various statutory requirements of the valuation certification process that valuation consultants help guide cities and towns through.

For continuity, efficiency and economic reasons, the Assessor's office would like to continue to execute a contract pursuant the provisions of MA G.L chapter 30B to mirror the 5 year valuation cycle.

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Board of Selectmen)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a general by-law and to insert it into the Code of the Town of Yarmouth, Massachusetts.

Section 1. Sale of Single-use Plastic Water Bottles

Effective on September 1, 2021, it shall be unlawful to sell non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles of less than one gallon in the Town of Yarmouth. Enforcement of this regulation will begin September 1, 2021.

Section 2. Definitions

A single-use plastic bottle is a beverage container made from any type of plastic resin.

Section 3. Exemptions

Sales or distribution of non-carbonated, unflavored drinking water in single-use plastic bottles occurring subsequent to a declaration of emergency (by the Emergency Management Director or other duly authorized Town, County, Commonwealth or Federal official) affecting the availability and/or quality of drinking water to residents of the Town shall be exempt from this bylaw until seven days after the declaration has ended.

Section 4. Enforcement

Enforcement of this article shall be the responsibility of the Town Manager or his/her designee. The Town Manager shall determine the inspection process to be followed, incorporating the process into other Town duties as appropriate.

Any establishment conducting sales in violation of this article shall be subject to a non-criminal disposition fine as specified in G. L. c. 40 § 21D. The following penalties apply:

- First violation: Written warning
- Second violation: \$150 fine
- Third and subsequent violations: \$300
- Each day a violation continues constitutes a separate violation, incurring additional fines. Any such fines collected shall be payable to the Town of Yarmouth.

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor
Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor (Petitioner)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a general by-law and to insert it into the Code of the Town of Yarmouth, Massachusetts as chapter 74, §74-1:

The Town of Yarmouth recognizes that the climate emergency, driven by human activity including energy consumption and land use practices and leading to global warming, rising seas, deadly storms, dangerous heat waves, acidifying oceans, and melting ice sheets, poses an imminent threat to the health, safety and economic security of the residents of the Town. The Town of Yarmouth therefore adopts as its policy the objective of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions from human activity within and by the Town to zero at the earliest technically and economically feasible time, and directs that all officers and departments of the Town take such measures within the scope of their respective responsibilities and authority as may be necessary and prudent to facilitate such policy and objective.

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor

Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor

(Petitioner)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Town Administrator to investigate and report on the feasibility of the conversion and re-purposing of the Links Course, formerly the site of the Town Landfill, to a Solar Farm whose potential income would be applied to offsetting the capital expenditures of the Town, as applied to Capital projects including Golf, Wastewater System, New DY Middle School, , New Town Library, and other future Capital projects, as well as previously approved debt exclusions for the DPW Building and Cape Tech construction.

EXPLANATION: *The article is proposed in view of reports of little or minimal use of the Links Course as well as the recent report of the National Golf Association citing lowered conditions and needed infrastructure repairs. Agreements or special conditions which established the Links Course are administrative and as such may be altered from time to time as necessary. Any funds or financial obligations by the Town have the potential of being offset by the Solar Proposal. The principle benefit of establishing a Solar Farm at this site is the generation potential of an estimated 28 to 30 Megawatts. Conservative estimates have shown that benefit may exceed \$9 to \$10 million, annually. The Capital obligations facing the Town will, by necessity, fall upon property tax assessments for payment. The Solar Farm represents a different means of meeting those obligations.*

Selectmen Will Recommend from the Floor

Finance Committee Will Recommend from the Floor

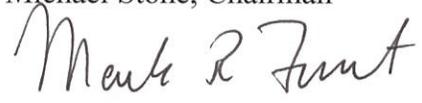
(Petitioner)

AND, also, in the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at four public places, one on the north side of Town and three on the south side and also by publication in the Yarmouth Register at least seven days before the time of holding said meeting, as aforesaid.

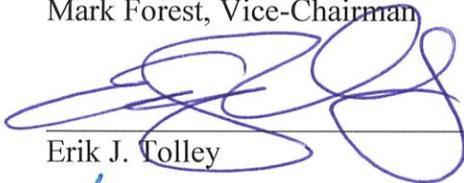
Hereof, fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time place of said meeting. Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Yarmouth, hereto affixed this 2nd of June 2020.



Michael Stone, Chairman



Mark Forest, Vice-Chairman



Erik J. Tolley



Tracy Post



Norman Holcomb

Town of Yarmouth Board of Selectmen