



Town of Tisbury  
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TO: Town Meeting

FROM: John Grande, Town Administrator

SUBJECT: Summary of October 15, 2019 Special Town Meeting Warrant Articles

DATE: October 8, 2019

Two warrant articles were submitted by the Board of Selectmen to address the emergency that has arisen with the Tisbury School and the immediate urgent need for financial resources to address it.

ARTICLE 1

Town Meeting is requested to approve the appropriation of \$1.5 million dollars for the purpose of providing readily accessible funds to address the priority of needs related to the acquisition of temporary classroom and office facilities and for environmental remediation to the existing school building.

ARTICLE 2

Town Meeting is requested to approve the appropriation of \$450,000 for the primary purpose of paying for unforeseen expenses related to temporarily relocating grades 5 through 8 to the regional high school and operating the Tisbury School in two locations.

The source of funding for both appropriation articles is the Town's stabilization fund. Town Meeting annually sets aside funds into the stabilization fund for future capital purchases and for unforeseen situations. No monies will need to be borrowed or bonded. Appropriating monies out of the stabilization fund requires a 2/3 vote of Town Meeting.

The approval of these warrant articles will facilitate the ability of our school leaders to finalize plans for school operations at their upcoming public meetings.

In the interest of beginning Town Meeting on time, you are encouraged to arrive early.