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**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

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Tisbury School Warrant Articles

The proposed Tisbury School Renovation and Addition Construction Project warrant article is as follows.

**ARTICLE \_\_\_\_ TO FUND RENOVATIONS, ADDITIONS, SITE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE TISBURY SCHOOL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the amount of Fifty-five Million Dollars (\$55,000,000.00) for the purpose of renovating the existing Tisbury School Elementary School and constructing new additions including site improvements at 40 West William Street, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, said amount to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; provided that any appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½ so-called), and that the amount of borrowing authorized pursuant to any vote hereunder shall be reduced by any grant amount the Town of Tisbury may receive; or take any action relative thereto.

On October 15, 2019, Town Meeting approved the following articles.

**ARTICLE 1 TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,500,000.00) to pay for the lease and/or purchase of modular classroom and office units and associated facilities and structures for the Tisbury School and including related site construction activity, and for environmental remediation work at the Tisbury School, including related professional OPM and consulting and design services, or take any action thereto.

**ARTICLE 2 TO FUND UNFORSEEN EXPENSES FOR TISBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Stabilization Fund the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$450,000.00) to fund unforeseen expenses related to locating grades five through eight at the high school and operating in two locations; cost to seal and begin remediation of portions of the elementary school; and to secure and prepare sites for temporary facilities, or to take any action relative thereto.

The remaining funds from Article 1 is in the amount of \$1,140,697.56. The remaining funds from Article 2 is in the amount of \$366,020.50.

The proposal is to utilize the remaining funds from the above approved warrant articles to offset the cost of the temporary school for the Tisbury School Renovation and Addition Construction Project to read as follows.

ARTICLE \_\_\_\_\_ To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the unexpended balance of Article #1 of the October 15, 2019 Special Town Meeting for modular units and for environmental remediation the sum of One Million One Hundred Forty Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-seven Dollars and Fifty-six Cents (\$1,140,697.56) and from the unexpended balance of Article #2 of the October 15, 2019 Special Town Meeting for unforeseen expenses the sum of Three Hundred Sixty-six Thousand Twenty Dollars and Fifty Cents (\$366,020.50) and from Unreserved Fund Balance the sum of Nine Hundred Ninety-three Thousand Two Hundred Eighty-one Dollars and Ninety-four Cents (\$993,281.94) for a total appropriation of Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$2,500,000.00) to be expended by the Select Board to fund the installation of a temporary school for the Tisbury School Renovation and Addition Construction Project, or take any action relative thereto.

The ability to raise the additional sum from unreserved fund or other source is still being evaluated and reviewed.

#### MassDOT Beach Road Project

As I previously reported the initial round of test pits revealed to the contractor conflicts between existing infrastructure and proposed subsurface improvements. These are primarily with the main waterline and services. At no less than eight locations there were relocation and changes proposed to existing water infrastructure. A second series of test pits was ordered by MassDOT, due to what was revealed in the first series. What was recently received by Waterworks as proposed revisions to the plan were found unsatisfactory. Concurrent with this review, potential conflicts and changes to wastewater have been identified for further address by MassDOT. I am coordinating an overall response with Water Superintendent, Wastewater Superintendent and Public Works Director and Consulting Engineers, Environmental Partners Group to the problems with the proposed subsurface infrastructure design for the MassDOT Beach Road Project that must be addressed before the project can commence construction in the Spring. Further, the installation of revised drainage plan is still being considered which proposes to redirect stormwater drainage to the Harbor versus Lagoon Pond. The continuing erosion of Beach Road where MassDOT has provided beach nourishment at least twice in the last two years is not holding up and poses a public safety hazard. To address these problems, design changes will be necessary. I have asked the Planning Board, Waterworks Commissioners and Sewer Advisory Board to continue to keep this project on their agenda and continue to work closely with you on this project.

#### Fiscal Year 22 Budget

Budgets are in from the departments. New positions need to come before the Select Board for approval since you are the Employer. These should be considered on February 23<sup>rd</sup> or March 9<sup>th</sup>. Other money related articles are still being compiled in addition to those that have already been submitted to you in January.

Outdoor Concert

Mr. Adam Epstein has indicated to us that the outdoor concert is to be postponed until the summer of 2022. He has requested approval of proposed dates for August 2022.

Respectfully Submitted

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Town Administrator