

2023 Town of Harwich Annual Town Meeting - Unofficial Results					
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Monday, May 1, 2023 - Night 1; Total Voters: 466 Meeting called to order: 7:01 PM, Night 1 adjourned at 10:38 PM					
1	Town Officers and Committees	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries</b>	N/A	
2	Reports of Town Officers and Committees	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries</b>	N/A	Report from the Finance Committee - presented by Peter Hughes, Chair Report from the Local Planning Committee - presented by Joyce McIntyre, Chair, and Jeffrey Handler, Vice Chair
3	Elected Officials' Salaries	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries</b>	N/A	
4	Town Operating Budget	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed and that the sum of \$43,325,662 be appropriated for the purposes listed in Appendix B under the column entitled “BOS Recommended FY 2024”; and further that the sum of \$41,694,505 be raised and appropriated and that the following amounts be transferred as follows:  Community Preservation Act FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue \$166,650 to fund Land Bank Debt Service, Overlay Surplus \$200,000, PEG Access and Cable Related Fund \$214,996, Golf Infrastructure & Improvement \$98,450, and various Betterments \$70,000 for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget for the purpose of funding the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget.  <b>Motion carries</b>	\$43,325,662	Report from Board of Selectmen - presented by Michael MacAskill, Chair
5	MRSD Budget	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed and that the sum of \$28,469,466 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of funding the Town of Harwich’s assessment for the FY 2024 annual operation of the Monomoy Regional School District.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$28,469,466	
6	CCRT Budget	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed and that the sum of \$2,014,200 be raised and appropriated to fund the annual operation of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$2,014,200	
7	Water Department Budget	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed and that the sum of \$4,552,834 be transferred from Water Department Receipts to operate the Water Enterprise Fund and further to transfer the sum of \$50,000 from the Water Department Budget to Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund created under Article 8 of the May 6, 2014 Special Town Meeting; and that the sum of \$818,913 be transferred to the General Fund to pay indirect costs for the Water Department.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$4,552,834	
8	Wastewater Department Budget	Majority	Accept and adopt and that that the following amounts be transferred as follows:  \$858,742 from Article 9 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting, \$15,000 from Sewer Receipts, \$105,181 from Wastewater Retained Earnings and further that the sum of \$1,015,050 be raised and appropriated for the following purposes; and that the sum of \$62,148 be transferred to the General Fund to pay indirect costs for the Wastewater Department. Total amount is \$1,993,973.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$1,993,973	

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9	Fund Cape Cod Community Media Center	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$157,037 be transferred from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for this purpose.  Motion carries unanimously	\$157,037	
10	Items Funded from the Cable Fund	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$47,222 be transferred from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for this purpose.  Motion carries unanimously	\$47,222	
11	Lease Purchase Agreements	2/3	Accept and adopt as printed - motion carries unanimously	N/A	
12	Preschool Family Support Program	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$250,000 be transferred from Free Cash for this purpose.  Motion carries	\$250,000	
13	Fund Technology Enhancements for BFL	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$25,000 be transferred from Free Cash for this purpose.  Motion carries	\$25,000	
14	Opioid Settlement Distributions	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$60,000 be transferred from Free Cash for this purpose.  Motion carries unanimously	\$60,000	
15	Adopt the Capital Plan	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - motion carries	N/A	
16	Capital Outlay Plan Items Funded from Free Cash	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$4,906,922 be transferred from Free Cash for this purpose.  Motion carries	\$4,906,922	
17	Capital Outlay Plan Items Funded from Water Retained Earnings	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$300,000 be transferred from Article 21 of the 2022 Annual Town Meeting and further that \$475,000 be transferred from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings for this purpose.  Motion carries unanimously	\$775,000	
18	Capital Outlay Plan Items Funded from Chapter 90 Funds	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$700,000 be appropriated from Chapter 90 Funds for this purpose.  Motion carries unanimously	\$700,000	
19	West Harwich Route 28 Sewer Main Installation	2/3	Accept and adopt and that the Town appropriate the sum of \$6,500,000... that to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said sum... any borrowing authorized hereunder shall be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 and 1/2 debt exclusion vote.  Motion carries - Moderator ruled vote got the necessary 2/3 majority	\$6,500,000	
20	West Harwich Route 28 Water Main Replacement	2/3	Accept and adopt and that the Town appropriate the sum of \$17,500,000... that to meet said appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectment is hereby authorized to borrow...  Motion carries unanimously	\$17,500,000	
21	East Harwich Wastewater Collection System Expansion	2/3	Accept and adopt and that the Town appropriate the sum of \$50,000,000... that to meet said appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said sum... any borrowing authorized hereunder shall be contingent on the passage of a Proposition 2 and 1/2 debt exclusion vote.  Motion carries - Moderator ruled vote got the necessary 2/3 majority	\$50,000,000	
22	Community Preservation Act - Land Bank Debt Service	Majority	Indefinitely Postponed	N/A	

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23	Community Preservation Act - Housekeeping Expenses	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated from FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$50,000	Report from the Community Preservation Committee - presented by Mary Maslowski
24	Community Preservation Act - Herring River Land Preservation Project	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$125,000 be appropriated from the Open Space Reserve for the purpose of this Article.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$125,000	
25	Community Preservation Act - Funding Harwich Affordable Housing Trust Fund	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$14,351.51 be appropriated from the Undesignated Fund Balance; that the sum of \$210,000 be appropriated from the Community Housing Reserve; that the sum of \$84,448.49 be appropriated from FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue; and that the sum of \$191,200 be appropriated from Estimated Annual Revenue Community Housing Reserve, for a total appropriation of \$500,000 for the purpose of this Article.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$500,000	
26	Community Preservation Act - Lower Cape Housing Institute	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$7,500 be appropriated from FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue for the purpose of this Article.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$7,500	
27	Community Preservation Act - Brooks Academy Renovations	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$250,000 be appropriated from the Historic Preservation Reserve; that the sum of \$198,700 be appropriated from FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue for Historic Preservation; that the sum of \$241,300 be appropriated from FY 2023 Estimated Annual Revenue, for a total appropriation of \$690,000, for the purpose of this Article.  <b>Motion carries</b>	\$690,000	
28	Community Preservation Act - War Memorials Project	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$256,282.40 be appropriated from FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue for the purpose of this Article.  <b>Motion carries</b>	\$256,282.40	
29	Community Preservation Act - Preservation of 203 Bank Street Old Fire Station	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$350,000 be appropriated from FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$350,000	
30	Community Preservation Act - Oak Street Bike Path Crossing Lights	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$13,000 be appropriated from FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue for the purpose of this Article.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$13,000	
31	Community Preservation Act - Senior Softball Fields Restrooms	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$150,000 be appropriated from FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue for the purpose of the Article.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$150,000	
32	Community Preservation Act - Resurface Courts at Brooks Park	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$110,000 be appropriated from FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue for the purpose of this Article.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$110,000	
33	Community Preservation Act - Additional Funding: Sand Pond Restroom Project	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$35,000 be appropriated from FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue for the purpose of this Article.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$35,000	
34	Community Preservation Act - Skinequit Pond Remediation Project	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$92,000 be appropriated from FY 2024 Estimated Annual Revenue for the purpose of this Article.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$92,000	
35	Accept MGL c. 41, § 110A	Majority	Accept and adopt - <b>motion carries unanimously</b>	N/A	

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36	Amend General Bylaws, Chapter 300 - Water	Majority	Accept and adopt that the Town amend the General Bylaws as printed.  Motion carries	N/A	
Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - Night 2; Total Voters: 274 Meeting called to order: 7:01 PM, 2023 Annual Town Meeting adjourned at 10:41 PM					
37	Amend Zoning Bylaw - Chapter 325, Article V Use Regulations	2/3	Accept and adopt and that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed.  Motion carries unanimously	N/A	Report from the Planning Board - presented by Duncan Berry, Chair
38	Amend Zoning Bylaw - Chapter 325, Article XVII Floodplain Regulations	2/3	Accept and adopt and that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed.  Motion carries unanimously	N/A	Report from the Planning Board - presented by Duncan Berry, Chair
39	Amend Zoning Bylaw - Chapter 325, Article XXII Large Scale Ground-Mounted Photovoltaic Arrays	2/3	Accept and adopt and that the Town amend the Zoning Bylaw as printed except that Article XXII be replaced with Article XXIII.  Motion carries unanimously	N/A	Report from the Planning Board - presented by Duncan Berry, Chair
40	Amendment to the Agreement Between the Towns of Chatham and Harwich with Respect to the Formation of a Regional School District	Majority	Indefinitely Postponed	N/A	
41	Amend Cemetery Regulations	Majority	Accept and adopt and to approve the Cemetery Regulations on file in the Town Clerk's Office.  Motion carries unanimously	N/A	
42	Acquisition of Easement at 129 Route 28 for Route 28 Water Main Project	2/3	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$10,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of the Article.  Motion carries unanimously	\$10,000	
43	Authorize Selectmen to Convey Parcel of Land at 276 Queen Anne Road	2/3	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$10,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of the Article.  Motion carries unanimously	\$10,000	
44	Acquisition of Forest Street Property	2/3	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$5,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of the Article.  Motion carries unanimously	\$5,000	
45	Authorization Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) Agreements	Majority	Accept and adopt - motion carries unanimously	N/A	
46	Annual Departmental Revolving Funds Authorization	Majority	Accept and adopt - motion carries unanimously	N/A	
47	Supplemental Funding for Brooks Academy Renovations	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$475,000 be transferred from the Sale of Land Sinking Fund for the purpose of this Article.  Motion carries unanimously	\$475,000	
48	Supplemental Appropriation for Judah Eldredge Property	2/3	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$400,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of this Article.  Motion carries unanimously	\$400,000	
49	Transfer Free Cash to the Stabilization Funds	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$400,000 be transferred from Free Cash to the General Stabilization Fund; that the sum of \$400,000 be transferred from Free Cash to the Affordable Housing Special Purpose Stabilization Fund; and that the sum of \$400,000 be transferred from Free Cash to the Wastewater Special Purpose Stabilization Fund.  Motion carries	\$1,200,000	
50	Fund Prior Year's Unpaid Bills	4/5	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$10,695.24 be transferred from free cash for this purpose.  Motion carries unanimously	\$10,695.24	



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51	Defray the Expenses of the Chase Library and Harwich Port Library	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$20,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purposes of the Article.  Motion carries unanimously	\$20,000	
52	Promote the Town of Harwich	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$50,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of the Article.  Motion carries unanimously	\$50,000	
53	Supplemental Annual Allocation of Mass Cultural Council For Local Cultural Council Grants	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$4,000 be transferred from Free Cash for the purpose of the Article.  Motion carries unanimously	\$4,000	
54	Reaffirm and Extend MGL Chapter 59, §5, Clause 56	Majority	Accept and adopt - motion carries unanimously	N/A	
Articles 55-61 brought by Citizen Petition					
55	Prohibit the Sale, Distribution, and Use of Balloons	Majority	Accept and adopt and to amend the Town's General Bylaw by inserting a new bylaw entitled Prohibition of the Sale, Distribution, and Use of Balloons... and that the Chapter references be inserted as follows: E. Enforcement Chapter 1 and F. Fines and Penalties Chapter 1...  Motion carries by standing count Yes: 125, No: 109	N/A	
56	Adopt a New General Bylaw - Plastic Reduction	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed with two changes: 1. the effective date shall be revised to read from September 1, 2024 to January 1, 2025, and 2. Under the heading "Prohibitions" the following statement is to be added: "This article excludes all beverages prepared at food establishments."  Motion carries by standing count Yes: 132, No: 107	N/A	
57	Seek Special Legislation Prohibiting the Application of Fertilizer	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - motion does not carry	N/A	
58	To Accept the Laying Out as a Town Way a Portion of Old Brewster Way	Majority	Indefinitely Postponed	N/A	
59	Petition the General Court to Amend MGL Governingthe Dispersal of School Choice Funds	Majority	Accept and adopt - motion does not carry	N/A	
60	Intermunicipal Agreement for an Agricultural/Environmental Educational Facility Located at 374 Main Street	Majority	Accept and adopt Article 60 and to add the following sentence at the end of the Article: “and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to file a home rule petition with the General Court to modify any Article 97 restriction that may exist on the property, if necessary.” And to authorize a 50 year lease for the purposes set forth in the article.  Motion carries	N/A	
61	Amend Action of Annual Meeting of 2000, Article 11 Purchase of 374 Main Street	2/3	Indefinitely Postponed	N/A	
62	Herring Fisheries	Majority	Accept and adopt - motion carries	N/A	