

**2024 Town of Harwich Annual Town Meeting - Unofficial Results**

Article Number	Article Title	Required Vote Quantum	Final Motion/Action (this unofficial record does not include procedural motions or failed amendments; motions are <u>not</u> captured verbatim)	Total Dollar Amount	Reports
<b>Monday, May 6, 2024 - Night 1; Total Voters: 450</b> <b>Meeting called to order: 7:02 PM, Night 1 adjourned at: 10:28 PM</b>					
1	Town Officers and Committees	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries</b>	N/A	Moderator made various appointments
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
3	Elected Official Salaries	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries</b>	N/A	
4	Town Operating Budget	Majority	<p>Accept and adopt as printed in the warrant and that the sum of \$45,732,309 be appropriated for the purposes listed in Appendix B under the column titled "2025 Select Board Recommend", and further that the sum of \$43,041,670 be raised and appropriated and the following amounts be transferred as follows:</p> <p>\$2,000 from Septic Loan Betterment Fund, \$15,000 from the Skinequit Road Betterment Fund, \$50,000 from the Ginger Plum Lane Betterment Fund, \$78,000 from the Allen Harbor Betterment Fund, \$226,964 from the Cable PEG Fund, \$95,200 from the Golf Improvement Receipts Reserved Fund, \$200,000 from the Waterways Receipts Reserved Fund, \$200,000 from the Harbor Improvement and Maintenance Receipts Reserved Fund, \$400,000 from Overlay Surplus, \$861,327 from the Water Enterprise Fund, \$62,148 from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund, and \$500,000 from the Wastewater Special Purpose Stabilization Fund for the purpose of funding the FY 2025 Operating Budget for a total budget appropriation of \$45,732,309.</p> <p align="center"><b>Motion carries</b></p>	\$45,732,309	Report from the Select Board presented by Julie Kavanagh, Chair
5	Monomoy Regional School District Budget	Majority	<p>Accept and adopt as printed and the sum of \$29,876,982 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.</p> <p align="center"><b>Motion carries unanimously</b></p>	\$29,876,982	
6	Cape Cod Technical School District Budget	Majority	<p>Accept and adopt as printed and that the sum of \$2,204,820 be raised and appropriated to fund the annual operation of the Cape Cod Regional Technical High School.</p> <p align="center"><b>Motion carries unanimously</b></p>	\$2,204,820	
7	Water Department Budget	Majority	<p>Accept and adopt as printed and that the sum of \$4,831,887 be transferred from the Water Department Receipts to fund the Water Enterprise Fund, and to transfer of said appropriation \$50,000 from the Water Department Operating Budget to Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund created under Article 8 of the May 6, 2014 Special Town Meeting.</p> <p align="center"><b>Motion carries unanimously</b></p>	\$4,831,887	
8	Wastewater Department Budget	Majority	<p>Accept and adopt as printed and that \$50,000 be transferred from the Wastewater Department Receipts, \$100,000 be transferred from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings, and \$550,432 be raised and appropriated to fund the Wastewater Enterprise Fund Operating Budget. Total appropriation of \$700,432.</p> <p align="center"><b>Motion carries unanimously</b></p>	\$700,432	

9	Monomoy Middle School Renovation Project	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the Town approve the \$2,500,000 debt authorized by the Monomoy Regional School District to pay costs of renovating and reconstructing the exterior siding of the Monomoy Regional Middle School... And contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2-1/2, so-called).  <b>Motion carries</b>	\$2,500,000	
10	Petitioned Article - Tree Preservation Bylaw	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed (with favorably voted amendments to section 175-3, paragraph A).  <b>Amended main motion does not carry</b>	N/A	
11	Fund Cape Cod Community Media Center	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed and that the sum of \$158,273 be transferred from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries</b>	\$158,273	
12	Lease Purchase Agreements	2/3	<b>Indefinitely Postponed</b>	N/A	
13	Petitioned Article - Home Rule Petition: Pesticides	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed (with favorably voted amendments to section 6).  <b>Amended main motion does not carry</b>	N/A	
14	Petitioned Article - Authorize Special Act to Enable Harwich to Regulate the Application of Fertilizers	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion does not carry</b>	N/A	
15	Petitioned Article - Affirm Support for a Public Access Olympic Swimming Pool and Facilities at the Harwich Community Center	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed, except the word "Olympic" in the "Now therefore" clause to be deleted.  <b>Motion does not carry</b>	N/A	
16	Adopt the Capital Plan	Majority	Accept and adopt with the following changes to the FY 2025 column as set forth in Appendix C of this warrant, under the FY 2025 column add \$1,160,000 to the Facility Maintenance 80 Parallel Street (Brooks Academy) project, add \$2,500,000 to the Golf Irrigation Update project, and add \$1,500,000 to the Public Works Road Maintenance/Improvements project.  <b>Motion carries</b>	N/A	
17	Capital Outlay Projects Funded from Various Sources	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$47,863 be transferred from the Cable PEG Fund, and \$240,000 be transferred from the Waterways Improvement Receipts Reserved Fund for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$287,863	
18	Capital Outlay Projects Funded from Free Cash	Majority	Accept and adopt and that the sum of \$2,892,000 be transferred from Free Cash for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries</b>	\$2,892,000	
19	Capital Outlay Projects Funded from Water Retained Earnings and Borrowing	2/3	Accept and adopt and that \$2,402,000 be appropriated for the purposes of this article and that to meet this appropriation, \$1,652,000 be transferred from the Water Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings and that the Town authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board to borrow \$750,000... for the purpose of painting the Pleasant Lake Avenue Water Tank.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$2,402,000	
20	Capital Outlay Projects Funded from Wastewater Retained Earnings	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$75,000 be transferred from Wastewater Retained Earnings for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$75,000	
21	Acquisition of a Conservation Restriction for 1039 Route 28	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries unanimously</b>	N/A	
22	Expenditure of Funds from the Sale of 276 Queen Anne Road	2/3	Accept and adopt as printed and that \$1,505,001 be transferred from the Sale of Land Receipt Reserved Fund (Sale of Land Sinking Fund) for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$1,505,001	

23	Correct Article 24 from the 2024 Annual Town Meeting	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries unanimously</b>	N/A	
24	Community Preservation Act - Housekeeping Expenses	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$199,500 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue to Open Space Reserve, that \$199,500 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue to Historic Preservation Reserve, that \$199,500 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue to Community Housing Reserve, and that \$75,000 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue for the purpose of Administrative Expenses of the Community Preservation Fund.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$75,000	Report from Community Preservation Committee presented by David Nixon, Chair, on Articles 24-36
25	Community Preservation Act - Beach Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Acquisition	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$39,000 be appropriated for this purpose and that \$17,300 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue and \$21,700 be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Undesignated Fund Balance.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$39,000	
26	Community Preservation Act - Cold Brook Trailhead and Public Access Project	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$250,000 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$250,000	
27	Community Preservation Act - Harwich Police Soccer Club Street Soccer Pitch	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$48,700 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$48,700	
28	Community Preservation Act - Affordable Housing Trust Funds	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$500,000 be appropriated for this purpose and that \$199,500 be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Community Housing Reserve Fund, and that \$300,500 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$500,000	
29	Community Preservation Act - Lower Cape Housing Institute	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$7,500 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$7,500	
30	Community Preservation Act - Monomoy Regional School District Press Box Project	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$100,000 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$100,000	
31	Community Preservation Act - North Woods and Water Supply Protection Project	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$100,000 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Open Space Reserve Fund for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$100,000	
32	Community Preservation Act - 203 Bank Street Firehouse Housing	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$400,000 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$400,000	
33	Community Preservation Act - Red River Valley Land and Water Protection Project	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$150,000 be appropriated for this purpose and that \$99,500 be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund Open Space Reserve Fund, and that \$50,500 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$150,000	
34	Community Preservation Act - Senior Memorial Softball Field Fencing	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$110,000 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries</b>	\$110,000	
35	Community Preservation Act - South Harwich Gravestone Conservation	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$23,000 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Community Preservation Historic Reserve Fund for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$23,000	

36	Community Preservation Act - Veterans Memorial Complex Electric Irrigation Replacement	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$37,000 be transferred from Community Preservation Fund FY 2025 Estimated Revenue for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$37,000	
<b>Tuesday, May 7, 2024 - Night 2; Total Voters: 176</b> <b>Meeting called to order: 7:05 PM, Night 2 adjourned at: 8:34 PM</b>					
37	Repurpose Article 31 of the 2013 Annual Town Meeting	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries</b>	\$25,000	
38	Fund Fiscal Year 2024 Wastewater Debt	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$858,742 be transferred from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings to the FY 2024 Wastewater Enterprise Fund operating budget for the purpose of debt payments.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$858,742	
39	Annual Departmental Revolving Funds Authorization	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries unanimously</b>	N/A	
40	Transfer 172 Queen Anne Road for Disposition	2/3	Accept and adopt as printed <b>Ruled to have gotten the necessary 2/3 vote</b>	N/A	
41	Transfer 178 Queen Anne Road for Disposition	2/3	Accept and adopt as printed <b>Ruled to have gotten the necessary 2/3 vote</b>	N/A	
42	Transfer 246 Queen Anne Road for Disposition	2/3	Accept and adopt as printed <b>Ruled to have gotten the necessary 2/3 vote</b>	N/A	
43	Amend Chapter 7 of the General Bylaws	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries unanimously</b>	N/A	
44	Amend Chapter 271 of the General Bylaws	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries unanimously</b>	N/A	
45	Amendments to the Harwich Charter	2/3	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries unanimously</b>	N/A	
46	Petitioned Article - Home Rule Petition - Attainable Housing	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries</b>	N/A	
47	Defray the Expenses of the Chase Library and Harwich Port Library	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$20,000 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$20,000	
48	Promote the Town of Harwich	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$50,000 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries</b>	\$50,000	
49	Annual Allocation for Local Cultural Council Grants	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$4,000 be raised and appropriated for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$4,000	
50	Fund Electronic Voting at Town Meetings	Majority	That Town Meeting vote to direct the Town Moderator and the Town Clerk to investigate the feasibility of utilizing electronic voting at Town Meeting and present their findings, including any draft article, to the Select Board and the Finance Committee prior to the next Town Meeting.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	N/A	
51	Supplemental Appropriation for Phase 3 Watershed Management Plan Construction Contracts	2/3	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries unanimously</b>	N/A	
52	Fund a Sewer Assistance Grant Program	Majority	Accept and adopt and that \$100,000 be transferred from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund Reserved for Special Purpose Fund for this purpose.  <b>Motion carries unanimously</b>	\$100,000	
53	Herring Fisheries	Majority	Accept and adopt as printed - <b>motion carries unanimously</b>	N/A	