

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

PLYMOUTH, SS

WAREHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

**WARRANT OF THE WAREHAM FIRE DISTRICT  
SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING**

To the Constables of the Town of Wareham:

**Greetings:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the legal voters of the Wareham Fire District, Wareham, Massachusetts, qualified to vote in Fire District affairs to meet at the Wareham Fire Department, Station 2, 2368 Cranberry Highway, West Wareham, Massachusetts on Wednesday evening, November 29, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. to act on the following articles:

**Article 1: Prior Year Bills Payment Appropriation (Requires 9/10 Vote)**

To see if the District will vote to transfer from available funds known as Free Cash the sum of \$112.50 to be expended for payment of the following invoice which is a prior year bill or to take action in relation thereto

<u>DATE</u>	<u>VENDOR</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
7/31/23	Margaret Ishihara	ADM Warrant Review	\$ 112.50

*Explanation: This invoice was received after the close of the fiscal year. This Article will appropriate funds from Free Cash.*

Inserted by the Prudential Committee  
Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 3-0-0

## **Article 2: Engine Pumper – REQUIRES 2/3 VOTE**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$735,000.00 to purchase a new Engine Pumper and related equipment, including all costs incidental, and related thereto or to act anything thereon or thereunto

*Explanation: This article will be for purchasing a new Engine Pumper to replace the current Engine 3. This engine is a 1999 Pierce saber with 47,569 miles on it and currently has been placed out of service permanently due to a cracked and rotted frame rail. The new engine will be designed with a galvanized frame as well as a aluminum body to withstand the elements and help prevent the rusting problems. The new engine would be an in stock demo fire apparatus that would be available for immediate delivery.*

Inserted by the Board of Engineers

Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 3-0-0

## **Article 3: Watershed Protection Land Purchase - REQUIRES 2/3 VOTE**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$1,200,000.00 for the purpose of Water Supply Protection the purchase of eight parcels of land equaling approximately 152 acres of land within the Maple Springs Wellfield recharge area, including all costs incidental, and related thereto, for water department use, or to act anything thereon or thereunto. The District intends to pursue a Drinking Water Supply Protection Grant DWSP through the Executive Office of Energy & Environmental Affairs (EEA). This vote will authorize the application to and acceptance of funds, the DWSP Grant Program (Chapter 312 of the Acts of 2008, Section 2A. 2200-7017 and Chapter 209 of the Acts of 2018, Section 2A, 2000-7072). See below for a list of the selected parcels.

1. Map/Lot 116/AB - Approximately 10.367 Acres
2. Map/Lot 116/1013 – Approximately 4.91 Acres
3. Map/Lot 116/1009 – Approximately 2.8 Acres
4. Map/Lot 116/1008 – Approximately 3.3 Acres
5. Map/Lot 116/1006 – Approximately 14.5 Acres
6. Map/Lot 116/1005 – Approximately 3.8 Acres
7. Map/Lot 116/1006 – Approximately 4.7 Acres
8. Map/Lot 116/1000 – Approximately 107.8 Acres

Approximate Total = 152.177 Acres

*Explanation: This Article will fund the purchase of approximately 152 acres of undeveloped agricultural land. Purchase of this land will greatly benefit the District. First, this land is within the District's Zone II Water Supply Protection Area. This land purchase will provide an important buffer to protect the aquifer supplying the District's Maple Springs Well sites. In addition to the benefits of conserving high quality open space, the District, by obtaining this land will allow and preserve it's right for future expansion of the Maple Springs Well field enhancing long-term prospects of siting either future additional supply sources or relocation of existing supply source locations.*

*If awarded the DWSP Grant from EEA, the District could be reimbursed for up to 40 percent of the total cost of the land purchase, at a maximum reimbursable amount of \$350,000.00. The Board of Water Commissioners as designated by the Wareham Fire District Bylaws shall hold and manage the property for water supply protection and land conservation purposes under M.G.L. Chapter 40 Sections 39B and 41 and Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution.*

Inserted by the Board of Water Commissioners  
Water Commissioners Voted Favorable Action: 3-0-0  
Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 3-0-0

#### **ARTICLE 4: Stabilization**

To see if the District will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$250,000.00 for the purpose of funding the District's Stabilization Fund or to act thereon, or thereunto.

Inserted by the Prudential Committee  
Prudential Committee Voted Favorable Action: 3-0-0

Hereof fail not and make due return of the Warrant with doings thereon to the District Clerk at the time and place of said meeting. Given into our hands at Wareham on this 2nd day of November in the year 2023.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE:

Att. True Copy

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Constable

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George T. Barrett, Chairman

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Dean Decas, Clerk

**A TRUE COPY ATTEST:**

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Wendy A. Lemieux  
District Clerk

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Ronald A. Enos

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Richard H. England, Jr.

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Brian M. Crocker