WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

County of Dukes County, ss

To either of the Constables in the Town of Oak Bluffs, **Greetings:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to warn the inhabitants of the Town of Oak Bluffs who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs and Elections, to assemble at the Oak Bluffs School, Tradewinds Road, Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To hear an update and report on the finances of the Town.
Town Administrator

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $3,475.03 to pay prior year bills as listed below, or to take any other action related thereto:

1.	Steamship Authority	$ 459.50
2.	Powers Electric	$1,732.04
3.	GOV Connection	$ 790.65
4.	Vineyard Net	$ 180.00
5.	Granite City Electric	$ 312.84
	Total:	$3,475.03

Town Accountant
Executive Summary: This article pays bills incurred in a prior fiscal year. Massachusetts law requires Town Meeting vote to pay this invoice by a 9/10ths vote.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 6 In Favor; 2 Against;

MOTION: I move the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $3,475.03 to pay prior year bills as presented in Article 2.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of full time elected officials of the Town as provided by M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, for the twelve month period from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013 as follows:

Town Clerk $75,773.52,

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of $1127.52 to the Town Clerk Personal Services Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen
Executive Summary: This Article corrects the compensation of the Town Clerk for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2012, and appropriates additional funding to provide a cost of living increase for this position.
Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8 In Favor; 0 Against;

MOTION: I move Article 3 be voted as printed in the warrant, with all funds to be raised and appropriated.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $250,000 to be raised to finance extraordinary repairs to municipal buildings as set forth in the Capital Improvement Program, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to, Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, or take any other action relating thereto.
Capital Program Committee
Executive Summary: This Article authorizes the Town to make repairs to various Town Buildings as recommended in the Town of Oak Bluffs Capital Improvement Program according to the following estimates:

Replace Police Department Roof $60,000

Replace Town Hall Roof $35,000

Police Exterior Painting and Repairs $25,000

Library Exterior Painting and Repairs $25,000

Library HVAC System $15,000

Replace Fire Station Boiler $10,000

Sailing Camp Structural $45,000

Replace Town Hall HVAC System $35,000

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 7 In Favor; 1 Against;

MOTION: I move Article 4 be voted as printed in the Warrant

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Town's Library Capital Building Account the sum of $30,700 and from the Town's Library Capital Campaign Account the sum of $29,300 to the Library HVAC account for the purpose of funding extraordinary repairs and/or replacement of the Library HVAC system, or take any other action related thereto.
Capital Program Committee

Executive Summary: This Article transfers existing library capital funds to make repairs to Library HVAC system. Total system costs are estimated to be $75,000, with $15,000 appropriated in Article 3 and $60,000 transferred in Article 4, as recommended in the Town of Oak Bluffs Capital Improvement Program.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8 In Favor; 0 Against;

MOTION: I move Article 5 be voted as printed in the Warrant

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $25,000 to be raised to finance a preliminary architectural study for a Fire, EMS, Public Safety Building and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to, Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, or take any other action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen
Executive Summary: This Article funds a preliminary architectural study for a Fire, EMS Public Safety Building to address major deficiencies in the existing Fire Station.
Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 5 In Favor; 2 Against; 1 Abstain.

MOTION: I move Article 6 be voted as printed in the Warrant

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $15,000 to be raised to finance a preliminary architectural study for renovations to the Town Hall Building and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to, Chapter 44, Section 7 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, or take any other action relating thereto.

Board of Selectmen
Executive Summary: This Article funds a preliminary architectural study for the Town Hall Building to address major deficiencies in the existing Town Hall.
Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 5 In Favor; 2 Against; 1 Abstain.

MOTION: I move Article 7 be voted as printed in the Warrant

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Waterways Improvement Fund account the sum of $25,000 to pay for design services for a harbor fuel facility and for repair and upgrades to docks and moorings, or take any action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen
Executive Summary: This article transfers funds from the Town's Waterways Improvement Fund the amounts needed for its stated purpose of developing final design plans and construction documents for a harbor fueling facility, estimated to cost $15,000, and upgrading moorings and docks in the harbor at a cost of $10,000.
Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8 In Favor; 0 Against;

MOTION: I move Article 8 be voted as printed in the Warrant

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer the sum of $25,000 to the Selectmen's Unclassified Professional and Technical Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Board of Selectmen
Executive Summary: This article seeks to replenish the Selectmen's Professional and Technical Account which has seen higher than normal demand for consulting services, which have included assisting in the preparation of major grant funding applications for coastal improvements, initiating a strategic planning process for the Town and conducting a modernization study for the fire department.
Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 6 In Favor; 2 Against;

MOTION: I move Town raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to the Selectmen's Unclassified Professional and Technical Account.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $15,000 to the Warwick Avenue Demolition Account for the purpose of demolishing a derelict structure located at 10 Warwick Avenue that has been determined to be a safety hazard by the Board of Health, with a lien to be filed on the property for the full recovery of all costs of the Town for this project, or take any action relative thereto.

Board of Health
Executive Summary: This article seeks to raise funds for the demolition of a derelict structure deemed to be a public safety hazard by the appropriate legal authorities of the Town. A lien will be placed on the property to recover all costs of the Town for the demolition.
Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 8 In Favor; 0 Against;

MOTION: I move Article 10 be voted as printed in the warrant, with all funds to be raised and appropriated.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Community Preservation Open Space/Recreation Reserve Account the sum of $25,000 for the purpose of developing a design program for improvements to Niantic Park and its related facilities, under the supervision of the Parks Commission, or to take any action relative thereto.

Executive Summary: With the new Community Preservation Act legislation, towns are now able to use CPA funds for rehabilitation and restoration of existing recreational land, for example, town parks. Because Niantic Park is a multi-use recreational facility, which includes parking and bathroom facilities, the CPC would like to see an overall plan for the Park before considering proposals to fund specific needs such as renovating the basketball court, which would include issues of fencing and parking.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 7 In Favor; 1 Against;

MOTION: I move Article 11 be voted as printed in the warrant

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Community Preservation Undesignated Account the sum of $12,325.75 for the purpose of funding deficits in the following Community Preservation project accounts: $11,761.84 to the Library Conversion Project Account and $563.91 to the Niantic Park Engineering Account, or to take any action relative thereto.

Executive Summary: The Community Preservation Committee is doing financial housekeeping on past CPA projects that have been finished for some time. Deficits occurred in these two projects because of inadequate oversight, a situation that has been remedied. This article seeks to eliminate all existing deficits for prior projects.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 7 In Favor; 1 Against;

MOTION: I move Article 12 be voted as printed in the warrant

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to elect a moderator for a period of three years, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 39, Section 14, or to take any other action related thereto.

Executive Summary: This article seeks to extend the elective term of the Town Moderator from one year to three years.

MOTION: I move Article 13 be voted as printed in the warrant

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote enter into an Intermunicipal agreement with the County of Dukes County to provide an Integrated Pest Management Program to include rodent control, under such terms and conditions as may be established by the Board of Selectmen, and further to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of $8,015.84 as the Town's proportionate share of the balance ($54,015.08) of the net cost of the program based on the equalized valuation as computed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Department of Revenue for the fiscal year starting July 1, 2011. The projected budget of the Pest Management program for the fiscal year 2013 is $88,016.76, less projected revenue of $28,000 for the net cost of $60,016.76. The County of Dukes will pay 10% ($6,001.67) of the net cost of the program.

Board of Selectmen
Executive Summary: This County program with an office at the County Administration Building provided towns with access to pest control management at no additional charge to the municipal buildings and a greatly discounted price for schools and other public buildings. All schools are mandated by the State to have an Integrated Pest Management Plan. If they were to go to a private contractor the cost would be significantly higher. At the County Advisory Board Meeting it was agreed that the Towns will fund 90% of the program's net cost based on the equalized valuation as computed by the Mass. Department of Revenue for fiscal year 2013.
Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 6 In Favor; 2 Against; Abstain.

MOTION: I move Article 14 be voted as printed in the Warrant, with all funds to be raised and appropriated.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following amendments to the Personnel Bylaw:

Section 9. Work Week

9.1 Regular Work Week

Additional item

9.1.4. Normal work week for CCT paramedic/shift supervisors who work on a 24 hour shift rotation will be 42 hours per week.

Section 12. Holiday pay
Additional Item

12.2.2 EMS employees who work on a designated holiday will be paid straight time plus time and one half for hours worked.

Section 13. Vacation

Amendment

13.3. Vacation time need not be taken all at once. A maximum of two weeks earned vacation may be carried over into the next fiscal year. The request to carry over must be submitted to and approved by **the Department head and/or Town Administrator.** *(Previously Personnel Board),*

or take any other action related thereto.

Personnel Board

Executive Summary: This Article updates and amends the Personnel Bylaw to address specific issues related to paramedic scheduling and to streamline procedures for administering vacation benefits.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 7 In Favor; 1 Against;

MOTION: I move Article 15 be voted as printed in the Warrant.

HEREIN FAIL NOT AND GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE BY CAUSING THIS NOTICE TO BE POSTED IN TWO(2) OR MORE PLACES IN THE TOWN AT LEAST FOURTEEN (14) DAYS BEFORE THE TIME OF SAID MEETING AND MAKE DUE RETURN OF THIS WARRANT WITH YOUR DOINGS TO THE TOWN CLERK AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS THIS ___ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2012

_____
Kathleen A. Burton, Chairman

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Walter W. Vail, Vice Chairman

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Gregory A. Coogan

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Michael J. Santoro

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Gail M. Barmakian

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS

PURSUANT TO THE FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS, I HEREBY NOTIFY AND WARN THE INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS, QUALIFIED TO VOTE AS EXPRESSED IN THIS WARRANT TO VOTE AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED.

Attest:

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Constable

OFFICER'S RETURN
COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY, SS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS, I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I DID ON THE _____ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2011 GIVE PUBLIC NOTICE BY CAUSING ATTESTED COPIES OF THIS WARRANT TO BE POSTED IN TWO (2) OR MORE PLACES IN THE TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS, AND I HEREBY MAKE RETURN OF THIS WARRANT THIS _____ DAY OF OCTOBER 2011.

Attest:

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Constable