

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING REPORT
OCTOBER 20, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at the Oak Bluffs School, Tradewinds Road, Oak Bluffs, on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at 7:15 pm in the evening. On opening, 163 of the 3275 registered voters were in attendance, burgeoning to 188 during the course of the meeting. Moderator David Richardson led the assemblage in the Pledge of Allegiance then asked each voter to greet their neighbor and shake hands. He then proceeded to lead the voters in acting upon the warrant articles as follows:

Article 1. Voted to adjust the **FY2010 budget** by the following amounts to the following line items.

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>FY2010 Original Budget</u>	<u>FY2010 Reduction</u>	<u>FY2010 Final</u>
Selectmen Expenses	\$92,000	\$4,450	\$87,550
Assessor Personal Services	\$140,278	\$26,481	\$113,797
Treasurer Fixed	\$2,982,914	\$139,000	\$2,843,914
Unclass. Selectmen Expenses	\$865,843	\$5,550	\$860,293
Police Department Personal Services	\$1,708,629	\$68,562	\$1,640,067
Shellfish Personal Services	\$131,165	\$35,563	\$95,602
Marina Personal Services	\$207,072	\$23,500	\$183,572
School Dept Personal Services	\$5,274,114	\$108,000	\$5,166,114
School Dept Expenses	\$727,016	\$52,485	\$674,531
Board of Health Personal Services	\$119,050	\$29,673	\$89,377
Library Personal Services	\$347,207	\$5,881	\$341,326

Totals	\$12,595,288	\$499,145	\$12,096,143
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<u>Dept.</u>	<u>FY2010 Original Budget</u>	<u>FY2010 Addition</u>	<u>FY2010 Final</u>
Selectmen	\$237,110	\$19,985	\$257,095
Personal Services			

Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Personnel Board

Article 2. Unanimously voted to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a five (5) year lease-purchase arrangement for one **ambulance**, to be funded from the Ambulance Reserve Account at a total cost of \$250,000 (Two hundred fifty thousand dollars).

Ambulance

Article 3. This article referring to the installation of monitoring equipment and making repairs to the leaching beds in Ocean Park was **withdrawn**.

Wastewater Commissioners

Article 4. Voted in excess of the required 2/3rds, as amended, to appropriate \$2,444,425 (Two million four hundred forty four thousand four hundred twenty five dollars) or some LESSER amount to pay costs of engineering and construction of improvements to the Oak Bluffs **Wastewater Treatment Facility**, including the installation of wastewater piping and pump stations to service the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School area organizations (such amount to be repaid by users of the piping pursuant to an agreement between the users and the Wastewater Commission), construction of leaching beds, and the construction of improvements to the wastewater facility to meet DEP water re-use standards, and all other costs incidental and relative thereto and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(17) of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and further, that the amount authorized to be borrowed hereunder shall be reduced to the extent of any grants or gifts received by the Town on account of this project.

Wastewater Commissioners

Executive Summary: This article provides authorization to complete a three phase project. The project includes tying the high school area facilities into the wastewater system, building additional leaching capacity, and making improvements to the plant to improve the quality of effluent discharge. The project substantially reduces the amount of nitrogen entering Sengekontacket and Lagoon Ponds and provides almost 250,000 gal/day of additional leaching capacity. It also improves the effluent discharge to meet DEP water re-use standards. Although this article asks for the total project cost, the users of the high school area pipe will be paying for the cost of that component (\$994,000) and their proportion of the other project components. The Town has applied for stimulus funds from the US Department of Agriculture which would result in a 40% to 50% grant for the entire project. Ultimately, the Town's actual financial obligation will be no more than \$746,599.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 6-0 in favor.

Article 5. There was no action on this article to accept G.L. c. 64L, § 2(a) to impose a local meals excise. It was presented for discussion purposes only.

Board of Selectmen

Article 6. There was no action on this article to impose the local room occupancy excise under G.L. c. 64G, § 3A at the rate of six (6) percent. It was presented for discussion purposes only.

Board of Selectmen

Article 7. Voted to transfer from the Resident Homesite Account the amount of \$225,000 for the purpose of completing the **renovation to the old library** into three affordable housing units and a commercial space.

Affordable Housing Committee

Article 8. Voted in excess of the required 2/3rds to amend the Oak Bluffs **Zoning Map** by adding Assessors Map 7, Parcel 2 (82 Eastville Avenue) to the Health Care District (HCD).

Petitioned Article

Following the vote of the last article at 9:45 pm a motion was made, duly seconded and so voted to end this meeting.

ATTEST:

Deborah deB. Ratcliff,
Oak Bluffs Town Clerk