

**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, October 20, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to adjust the FY2010 budget by the following amounts to the following line items, or take any other action relative thereto:

<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

<u>Dept.</u>	<u>FY2010 Original Budget</u>	<u>FY2010 Addition</u>	<u>FY2010 Final</u>
Selectmen Personal Services	\$237,110	\$19,985	\$257,095

Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee, Personnel Board

Executive Summary: This article reduces the budgets for the eleven budgets indicated, and adds funds to the Selectmen's Personal Services budget for the addition of a part-time Human Resources Coordinator.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 7-0 in favor.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote 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), or take any other action relative thereto.

Ambulance

Executive Summary: This article provides authorization for the Selectmen to enter into a lease-purchase agreement in order to purchase a new ambulance. The funds come from the Ambulance Reserve Fund which exists to make purchases of public safety equipment.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 7-0 in favor.

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Wastewater Retained Earnings Account the sum of \$50,000 for the purpose of installing monitoring equipment and making repairs to the leaching beds in Ocean Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

Wastewater Commissioners

Executive Summary: This article provides money to make certain repairs to the Ocean Park wastewater effluent leaching beds. The funds come from Wastewater Retained Earnings account.

Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 7-0 in favor.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$2,444,425 (Two million four hundred forty four thousand four hundred twenty five dollars) or some other 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; to determine whether this amount should be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise; or take any other action relative thereto.

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. To see if the Town will vote to accept G.L. c. 64L, § 2(a) to impose a local meals excise.

Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This article would add a ¾% tax to meals sold within the Town. The projected revenue to the Town could be at least \$137,000 per year.
Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation:

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to impose the local room occupancy excise under G.L. c. 64G, § 3A at the rate of six (6) percent.
Board of Selectmen

Executive Summary: This article would add a 2% tax to hotel/motel rooms rented within the Town. The projected additional revenue to the Town could be \$100,000.
Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation:

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote 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

Executive Summary: This article would provide funds to complete the old library conversion into affordable housing and a commercial space for a pharmacy.
Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: Unavailable at press time.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Oak Bluffs Zoning Map by adding Assessors Map 7, Parcel 2 (82 Eastville Avenue) to the Health Care District (HCD), or take any other action relative thereto.
Petitioned Article

Executive Summary: This petitioned article would add approximately a half acre to the Health Care District to allow for additional parking at the hospital. The lot is Map 7, parcel 2 on the Assessor’s map, and is situated on Eastville Avenue just east of the Emergency Room entrance.
Finance and Advisory Board Recommendation: 7-0 in favor.

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 SEVEN (7) 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 SEPTEMBER, 2009

Gregory A. Coogan, Chairman

Duncan Ross, Vice Chairman

Kathleen Burton

Ronald L. DiOrio

Kerry Scott

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:

Constable

OFFICER’S RETURN
COUNTY OF DUKES COUNTY, SS.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOREGOING INSTRUCTIONS, I HEREBY
CERTIFY THAT I DID ON THE ____TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2009 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 ____TH DAY OF
SEPTEMBER, 2009.

Attest:

Constable