

**WARRANT FOR THE  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 9, 2017  
TOWN OF AQUINNAH  
THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

County of Dukes County, ss  
To either of the Constables of the Town of Aquinnah:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Aquinnah who are qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the **Aquinnah Old Town Hall in said Town on the Ninth day of May 2017, at 7:00 PM**, then and there to act upon the articles of this Warrant, with the exception of Article One. And to meet **again at the Aquinnah Town Offices Building on the Tenth day of May 2017, at twelve noon**, then and there to act on Article One of the Warrant by the election of officers and override questions found on the Official Ballot.

The polls for voting on the Official Ballot will open at 12 PM on Wednesday, May 10, 2017, and will close at 7 PM.

**ARTICLE ONE  
Town Clerk**

To elect the following officers on the Official Ballot:  
One Selectman for Three Years  
One Town Clerk for Three Years  
Two Planning Board Members for Three Years  
One Planning Board Member for Two Years  
One Associate Planning Board Member for Three Years  
One Board of Health Member for Three Years  
One Library Trustee Members for Three Years  
One Board of Assessors Member for Three Years  
Two Constables for Three Years

ANSWER YES OR NO to the following questions:

NON-BINDING QUESTION # 1: "Are you in favor of eliminating rental mopeds from Martha's Vineyard? Yes or No"

NON-BINDING QUESTION # 2: "Are you in favor of establishing a regional housing bank, to address the critical housing needs on the Vineyard? Yes or No"

QUESTION # 3: "Shall the Town of Aquinnah be allowed to assess an additional \$110,000 (One hundred ten thousand dollars) in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the general operating budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017? Yes or No"

**ARTICLE TWO**  
**Moderator**

To hear the reports of the Town Officers and Committees and act thereon.

**ARTICLE THREE**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money required to defray the general expenses of the Town as itemized in the FY 2018 operating budget and to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers and employees of the Town as itemized therein, and to fund said appropriations through the tax levy, with the exception of certain public safety wages which will be defrayed in part by a transfer in the amount of **\$7,000.00** (Seven thousand dollars) from the Waterways Special Revenue Fund, shall be raised and appropriated only if the majority of voters casting ballots at the Annual Town Election to be held on Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, vote in the affirmative to override proposition 2 ½ by **\$110,000** (One hundred ten thousand dollars), or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE FOUR**  
**Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve for later appropriation monies for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, the payment of debt service, the undertaking of Community Preservation projects and all other necessary and proper expenses for the year, from projected fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation revenues of **\$175,000** (One-hundred and seventy five thousand dollars). Thirty percent of those funds shall be allotted in the following amounts as required by Community Preservation Act legislation:

**\$17,500** (Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars) to the Community Preservation Open Space Reserve, and

**\$17,500** (Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars) to the Community Preservation Historic Reserve, and

**\$17,500** (Seventeen thousand five hundred dollars) to the Community Preservation Housing Reserve.

In addition, the remaining seventy percent of funds raised during FY2018 shall be reserved for appropriation in the following manner as recommended by the Aquinnah Community Preservation Committee:

**\$17,020** (Seventeen thousand and twenty dollars) to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve, and

**\$29,890** (Twenty nine thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars) to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve, and

**\$66,824** (Sixty six thousand eight hundred and twenty four dollars) to the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve, and

**\$8,766** (Eight thousand seven hundred and sixty six dollars) to the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE FIVE**  
**Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the undertaking of the following **Historic Preservation and Administrative** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee: **\$32,500** (Thirty two thousand five hundred dollars) from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve for the continued restoration of the Gay Head Light, and **\$2,000** (Two thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve for CPA administrative expenses, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE SIX**  
**Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the undertaking of the following **Community Housing** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

**\$26,640** (Twenty six thousand six hundred and forty dollars) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for ongoing mortgage costs related to the purchase of property at 801 State Road for the purpose of creating affordable housing, and **\$11,500** (Eleven thousand five hundred dollars) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for the subsidy of affordable rents in Aquinnah through the DCRHA's Rental Assistance program, and **\$9,250** (Nine thousand two hundred and fifty dollars) from the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve for costs related to the development of 20 affordable rental apartments at Kuehn's Way in Tisbury, as proposed to all six Island Towns by the Island Housing Trust, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE SEVEN**  
**Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate monies, from currently reserved Community Preservation revenues, for the undertaking of the following **Open Space and Recreation** efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

**\$66,095** (Sixty six thousand ninety five dollars) from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve for ongoing mortgage costs related to capital improvements at the Aquinnah Circle and the acquisition of #13 Aquinnah Circle, and **\$13,229** (Thirteen thousand two hundred and twenty nine dollars) from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve for equipment purchase and use at the Field of Dreams Baseball Field at the high school, and **\$5,000** (Five thousand dollars) from the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve Fund to refurbish the West Tisbury School soccer field and basketball courts, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE EIGHT**  
**Community Preservation Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to re-assign monies, from previously appropriated Community Preservation revenues, to their corresponding reserve funds for future appropriation, or for direct re-appropriation, towards other qualified Community Preservation efforts, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee:

**\$875** (Eight hundred and seventy five dollars) remaindered from the Cliffs Hydrology Study, and **\$780** (Seven hundred and eighty dollars) remaindered from Vanderhoop Homestead debt payments, and **\$1,507** (One thousand five hundred and seven dollars) remaindered from window replacement at the County Courthouse, to the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Reserve, and

**\$997** (Nine hundred and ninety seven dollars) remaindered from mortgage payments for the purchase of 801 State Road, to the Community Preservation Community Housing Reserve, and

**\$835** (Eight hundred and thirty five dollars) remaindered from the Community Town Center Garden, and **\$1,000** (One thousand dollars) remaindered from the Cattle Pound title search, and **\$1,788** (One thousand seven hundred and eighty eight dollars) remaindered from the landscaping at the Library pond, and **\$839** (Eight hundred and thirty nine dollars) remaindered from the Moshup Trail Shoulders clearing, to the Community Preservation Open Space and Recreation Reserve, and

**\$15,000** (Fifteen thousand dollars) remaindered from Stone Wall construction at the Gay Head Light, to be used towards the burial of overhead wires at the Aquinnah Circle for the preservation of Open Space and vistas, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE NINE**  
**Department of Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$35,376** (Thirty five thousand three hundred seventy six dollars) as determined by the State Legislature and the State Department of Transportation for highway construction or improvements from the FY 2018 Chapter 90 Local Transportation apportionment, said sum to be subject to State enactment of the bond bill and of new revenues to support that bill, and to allow the Treasurer to borrow against all expenditures in anticipation of reimbursement by the State, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE TEN**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$50,000** (Fifty thousand dollars), to the Dukes County Pooled Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE ELEVEN**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$25,000** (Twenty five thousand dollars) to be put into the Compensated Absence Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE TWELVE**  
**Lighthouse Advisory Board**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$32,500** (Thirty two thousand five hundred dollars), as matching funds for a grant with the Mass Historic Commission Preservation Projects Fund for restoration work for the Gay Head Light, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE THIRTEEN**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the General Stabilization Fund the sum of **\$32,500** (Thirty two thousand five hundred dollars), as 25% cash flow reserve needed for the Massachusetts Historic Commission Preservation Projects application for a \$130,000 grant to do restoration work for the Gay Head Light, or take any other action relative thereto.

**(Requires 2/3rds majority vote)**

**ARTICLE FOURTEEN**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving funds pursuant to M.G.L. Chap. 44, Sec. 53E1/2, upon the recommendation of the Board of Selectmen, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, with the specific receipts credited to each fund, the purposes for which each fund may be spent and the maximum amount that may be spent from each fund for the fiscal year, and the disposition of the balance of each fund at the end of the current fiscal year, as follows:

Revolving Fund	Authorized to Spend	Revenue Source	Use of Fund	FY18 Spending Limit	Disposition of FY18 F/B
Wiring Inspections	Building Insp/ Selectmen	Wiring Inspection fees charged to homeowners	To pay wiring inspector	\$10,000	Balance available for expenditure
Plumbing Inspections	Building Insp./ Selectmen	Plumbing Inspection fees charged to homeowners	To pay plumb- ing inspector	\$ 4,000	Balance available for expenditure
Gas Inspections	Building Insp./ Selectmen	Gas Inspection fees charged to homeowners	To pay gas inspector	\$ 2,900	Balance available for expenditure
Fire Inspections	Fire Chief/ Selectmen	Fire Inspection fees charged to homeowners	To pay insp. & asst. inspector	\$ 1,900	Balance available for expenditure
Trench Inspections	Selectmen	Trench Inspection fees charged to landowners	To pay trench inspector	\$ 500	Balance available for expenditure
<b>TOTAL SPENDING</b>				<b>\$ 19,300</b>	

**ARTICLE FIFTEEN**  
**Police Department**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$44,000** (Forty four thousand dollars), for the purpose of purchasing and equipping a new police vehicle, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE SIXTEEN**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Ambulance Stabilization Fund for ambulance vehicle replacement and appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$20,000** (Twenty thousand dollars) to be put into this stabilization fund, or take any other action thereto.  
**(Requires 2/3rds majority vote)**

**ARTICLE SEVENTEEN**  
**Police Department**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Buildings & Grounds Stabilization Fund the sum of **\$6,900** (Six thousand nine hundred dollars) for a 16 Kilowatt Generator for the Police Station, or take any other action thereto.  
**(Requires 2/3rds majority vote)**

**ARTICLE EIGHTEEN**  
**Department of Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$23,000** (twenty three thousand dollars) to install a 315' telephone pole style guardrail system at the Aquinnah Circle, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE NINETEEN**  
**Board of Assessors**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$29,700** (twenty nine thousand seven hundred dollars) to be expended by the Board of Assessors for the fiscal year 2018 revaluation certification of real and personal property, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE TWENTY**  
**Board of Assessors**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$3,000** (three thousand dollars) for training and education of the elected assessors, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE TWENTY ONE**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$2,758** (Two thousand seven hundred and fifty eighty dollars) as the proportionate share of the fiscal year 2018 cost to fund the Healthy Aging Task Force **First Stop** operated by the MV Community services based on the "50/50" formula, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE TWENTY TWO**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$3,270** (Three thousand two hundred seventy dollars) as the proportionate share of the fiscal year 2018 cost to fund the All Island School Committee's contract for the Adult Community Education (ACE) program, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE TWENTY THREE**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$14,207.43** (Fourteen thousand two hundred seven dollars and forty three cents) as the proportionate share of the fiscal year 2018 cost to fund the Center For Living program, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE TWENTY FOUR**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$10,059** (Ten thousand fifty nine dollars) as the proportionate share of the fiscal year 2018 cost to fund the Vineyard Health Care Access Program, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE TWENTY FIVE**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$6,500** (Six thousand five hundred dollars) to fund the 2017 community swimming program, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE TWENTY SIX**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$9,500** (Nine thousand five hundred dollars) to fund the 2017 community sailing program, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE TWENTY SEVEN**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$1,680** (One thousand six hundred eighty dollars) to fund the CORE program at the MV Community services under the supervision of the Up-Island Council on Aging, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE TWENTY EIGHT**  
**Department of Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$3,000** (Three thousand dollars) for a cemetery brush clearing project at the town cemetery, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE TWENTY NINE**  
**Department of Public Works**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$6,500** (Six thousand five hundred dollars) to replace the linoleum tiling on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor fire station meeting room , or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE THIRTY**  
**Harbormaster**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$20,000** (Twenty thousand dollars) to do engineering studies necessary to obtain a state dredge permit for the entrance to West Basin, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE THIRTY ONE**  
**Superintendent's Office**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$20,121** (Twenty two thousand one hundred twenty one dollars) for the purpose of reducing the Up-Island Regional School District's Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability. If approved, these funds will be placed in the budget line item, "Education Expenses-Elementary School Assessment", of the fiscal year 2017 – 2018 budget for this purpose, provided however the other two member Towns of the District approve in their share of the requested total of \$208,286.00, or take any other action thereto.

**ARTICLE THIRTY TWO**  
**Personnel Committee/Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the annual salary scales of the Compensation Plan (Section 6.0) of the Personnel Bylaw, so that they reflect new grade and compensation pay scales recommended after review of the Collins Center Classification & Compensation Study, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE THIRTY THREE**  
**Personnel Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the personnel by-laws as follows:

**8.0 Holidays**

8-1 Coverage

Full-time employees

8-2 Recognized Holidays

The following holidays shall be recognized by the town on the day on which they are legally observed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and on these days employees, without loss of pay, shall be excused from all duty except in cases where the appointing authority determines that the employee is required to maintain essential town services. Holidays which fall on a Saturday will be observed on the preceding Friday and those falling on a Sunday will be observed on the following Monday. The following holidays are recognized: New Year's Day, Martin Luther King Day, President's Day, Patriots' Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day ~~and the Friday that follows it, and Christmas Day. Christmas Eve (1/2 Day).~~ In addition to the state recognized holidays, the Friday after Thanksgiving will be considered a holiday and Christmas Eve, if occurring Monday thru Friday will be a 1/2 day holiday.



**ARTICLE THIRTY FOUR**  
**Personnel Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the personnel by-laws as follows:

~~**17.0 Longevity Pay**~~

~~17-1 Coverage~~

~~Full-time employees:~~

~~17-2 Policy~~

~~Longevity pay shall be as follows:~~

- ~~(a) After seven (7) full years of continuous service to the Town, an employee shall be paid an additional 1% of their gross annual salary per year;~~
- ~~(b) After ten (10) full years of continuous service to the Town, an employee shall be paid an additional 2% of their gross annual salary per year;~~
- ~~(c) After fifteen (15) full years of continuous service to the Town, an employee shall be paid an additional 3% of their gross annual salary per year;~~
- ~~(d) After twenty (20) full years of continuous service to the Town, an employee shall be paid an additional 4% of their gross annual salary per year;~~
- ~~(e) Longevity pay shall be paid to an employee on their anniversary date.~~

**17.0 Longevity Pay**

17-1 Coverage

Full-time employees who have completed 10 years of service regardless of step placement in classification plan.

17-2 Policy

Fulltime employees hired prior to June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2007 are grandfathered to receive longevity pay as follows:

- (a) After ten (10) full years of continuous service to the Town, an employee shall be paid an additional 2% of their gross annual salary per year;
- (b) After fifteen (15) full years of continuous service to the Town, an employee shall be paid an additional 3% of their gross annual salary per year;
- (c) After twenty (20) full years of continuous service to the Town, an employee shall be paid an additional 4% of their gross annual salary per year;

Full time employee hired after July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2007 and before July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2010 are grandfathered as follows:

- (a) After ten (10) full years of continuous service to the Town, an employee shall be paid an additional 1% of their gross annual salary per year;
- (b) After fifteen (15) full years of continuous service to the Town, an employee shall be paid an additional 2% of their gross annual salary per year;
- (c) After twenty (20) full years of continuous service to the Town, an employee shall be paid an additional 3% of their gross annual salary per year;

17-3 Payment

Longevity pay shall be paid to an employee on their anniversary date.

**ARTICLE THIRTY FIVE**  
**Board of Assessors**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D, to become effective in Fiscal Year 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE THIRTY SIX**  
**Board of Assessors**

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41A, Subparagraph 2, Senior Tax deferral, to become effective in Fiscal Year 2018, in order to increase the income limits to the maximum allowed for senior, single taxpayers, who are not head of households, to qualify for the state “circuit breaker” tax credit, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE THIRTY SEVEN**  
**Board of Assessors**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 50, to become effective in Fiscal Year 2018, which exempts the value of the improvements to residential property made to provide housing for persons 60 or older who is not the owner, or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE THIRTY EIGHT**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary steps to effectuate a boundary line adjustment with the Town of Chilmark, as provided for by a special act of the Legislature entitled, “An Act Changing the Boundary Line Between the Towns of Aquinnah and Chilmark,” Chapter 452 of the Acts of 2016 (the “special act”), by i) conveying by deed Lot 2 shown on a “Plan of Land in Aquinnah and Chilmark, Mass. Showing a Town Line Change Scale 1” = 20’ April 5, 2016, Revised February 7, 2017 Vineyard Land Surveying & Engineering, Inc.” (the “Plan”), to the Town of Chilmark; and ii) accepting a conveyance by deed of Lot 1 shown on the plan from the Town of Chilmark. The Act provides for no other consideration and the conveyance authorized in part “i” of this Article is contingent upon the Town of Chilmark granting its Board of Selectmen reciprocal authority to effectuate the terms of the special act. The Plan is available for review in the office of the Town Administrator during the usual Town Hall hours.

**ARTICLE THIRTY NINE**  
**Board of Health**

To see if the Town will vote to approve a sum of up to **\$2,500,000** (two million five hundred thousand dollars) borrowing authorized by vote of the Martha’s Vineyard Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District for the purpose of financing the cost of capital improvements toward the restructuring of traffic flow and Residential Drop-Off at the Edgartown Transfer Station, or take any other action relative thereto

**ARTICLE FORTY**  
**Housing Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the transfer of the care, custody, management and control of a parcel of Town-owned land located on State Road, identified as Assessor's Map 9 lot 153, which is now held by the Board of Selectmen for general municipal purposes, to the Aquinnah Housing Committee, as agents for the Board of Selectmen, for the purpose of sale or lease for affordable housing, or take any other action relative thereto.  
**Vote Requires 2/3rds Majority**

**ARTICLE FORTY ONE**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to have the Assessing Board go from elected positions to appointed positions.

**ARTICLE FORTY TWO**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to have the Town Clerk go from an elected position to an appointed position.

**ARTICLE FORTY THREE**  
**Board of Selectmen**

To see if the Town will vote to request the Selectmen to authorize law enforcement and all town officials to refrain from using Town funds and/or resources to enforce federal immigration laws, in keeping with current practice, unless presented with a criminal warrant or other evidence of probable cause, as required by the Fourth Amendment of the United States Constitution.

**ARTICLE FORTY FOUR**  
**Board of Selectmen**

Should the Town move to have the Board of Selectmen invite the Martha's Vineyard Museum to display the Fresnel lens near the Gay Head Lighthouse on which it sat for nearly a century?

**ARTICLE FORTY FIVE**  
**Harbormaster/Town Accountant**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash the sum of **\$5,500** (Five thousand five hundred dollars) for a prior years bills related to shellfish seeding in Menemsha Pond, or take any other action relative thereto.  
**Vote Requires 4/5ths Majority**

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting up attested copies at the Schoolhouse Library and Town Hall in said Town, at least seven days prior to time of said meeting. Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 1<sup>st</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Seventeen, we the undersigned members of the Board of Selectmen.

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Julianne Vanderhoop, Chairman

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Jim Newman, Vice Chairman

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Gary Haley

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Heidi Vanderhoop  
Aquinnah Constable

*posted May 1st, 2017*

