



# TOWN OF YARMOUTH

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## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS September 29, 2009**

Barnstable, ss.

To the Constable of the Town of Yarmouth in the County of Barnstable,

Greetings,

In the name of the of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Mattacheese Middle School Building in said Town, Tuesday, the 29th day of September 2009 at seven o'clock (7:00 p.m.) in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles.

### **ARTICLE 1:**

To see if the Town of Yarmouth will vote to amend Article 5 of the Annual Town Meeting of 2009 (FY10) by adjusting the operating budgets and further transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money to resolve revenue deficits in FY10 to comply with limits of Proposition 2 ½.

### **ARTICLE 2:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds and appropriate a sum of money to eliminate revenue deficits from FY09.

### **ARTICLE 3:**

To see if the Town will vote to re-appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from funds borrowed under Article 24 of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting for renovations and improvements to the Bass River Club House and to re-appropriate \$98,371 representing the remaining balance of funds borrowed under Article 24 of the 2003 Annual Town Meeting for the purchase of Golf Division equipment.

### **ARTICLE 4:**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the vote of the 2007 Annual Town Meeting acting under Article 17, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit a Home Rule Petition to the Massachusetts Legislators to authorize a single bid to construct and operate the Parkers River Marina or as amended by the Legislature to accomplish the purposes intended.

### **ARTICLE 5:**

To see if the Town will authorize, on such terms as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, the sale of the John Simpkins School property as shown on Assessors Map 51 as Parcel 51 and to grant such easements over the property as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

### **ARTICLE 6:**

To see if the Town will vote to add a sum of money to Article 8 of the 2009 Annual Town Meeting Cape Cod Regional Technical High School to fund Yarmouth's share of the assessment for FY2010.

**ARTICLE 7:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend §47 of the Yarmouth Code by adding a new §47-7 as follows:

§47-7. Two-thirds votes.

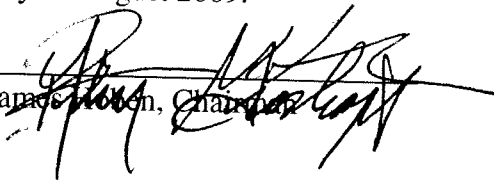
Whenever a two-thirds vote is required by statute, such vote may be declared as such by the moderator without a count and be recorded as such by the clerk upon such declaration, provided, however that seven or more members of a town meeting may challenge such declaration, all as provided by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39, Section 15, at which time a count shall be held.

**ARTICLE 8:**

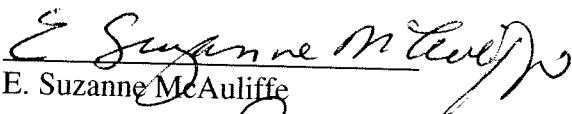
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new main building at the Flax Pond Recreation Area, including the cost of design, engineering and architectural fees and the cost of the demolition of the existing main building at such location; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend any federal and state aid and/or any private donations received for the project; or to take any other action relative thereto.

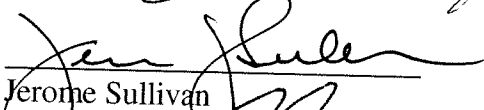
AND, also, in the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at four public places, one on the north side of Town and three on the south side and also by publication in the Yarmouth Register at least fourteen days before the time of holding said meeting, as aforesaid.

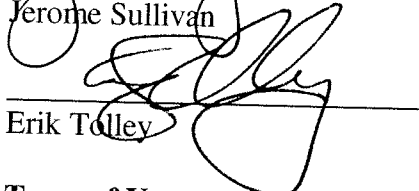
Hereof, fail not, and make return of this Warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands and the seal of the Town of Yarmouth, hereto affixed this twenty-fifth day of August 2009.

  
James Groves, Chairman

Aubrey Groskopf

  
E. Suzanne McAuliffe

  
Jerome Sullivan

  
Erik Tolley

**Town of Yarmouth Board of Selectmen**

## Summary of Budget Cuts FY2009 and FY2010

*Below is an overview of budget reductions made over the past two years including those proposed for the September 29, 2009 Special Town Meeting. This list attempts to highlight the more significant impacts but does not include every line-item or service affected by budget cuts.*

### Community Development:

- Overtime for meeting coverage eliminated;
- Dedicated funding for marketing (tourism promotion) eliminated;
- Funds for maintenance of historical properties eliminated.
- Total FY2010 budget is 2% less than FY2006 budget.

### Community Services/Library:

- Yarmouth Port Library funding eliminated effective 7/1/2009. The Yarmouth Port Library continues to operate and remains open to the public but is now privately operated and funded with only nominal support from the Town (\$500 grant for FY2010.)
- Assistant Library Director position eliminated.
- Two Part-Time positions eliminated.
- FY2010 Library budget is \$16,000 less than FY2003.

### Community Services/Natural Resources:

- The sole office support position was reduced to 33 hours per week. Office hours also reduced to 33 hours.
- Part-Time and Seasonal Wages for Harbormaster and Animal Control wages reduced 91% from \$61,973 to \$5,230.
- Overtime reduced 27%
- All Full-time staff, except office support position, now working weekend rotations.
- The result is fewer employees available to respond to calls for assistance relating to issues such waterways search and rescue, environmental hazard mitigation, domestic animals, nuisance wildlife and injured wildlife.

### Community Services/Senior Services:

- Approved budget includes a budget cut equal to a 4 day furlough and 4 day closure of the Senior Center. Private donations received to

offset lost of budgeted funds has allowed for actual furloughs and 4-day Senior Center closure to be avoided.

- Fees instituted for programs which were previously free with donation requested -- \$6,000 savings.

#### Community Services/Recreation:

- Lifeguard coverage eliminated at Seaview Beach and Bayview Beach.
- Full-Time Program Supervisor and a seasonal office support position now paid from program fees (Offset Account) rather than the tax-supported budget. A larger portion of Recreation Division costs is now self-funded through program fees.

#### Community Services/Information Technology:

- Funding for consulting support for emergencies and complex network issues reduced by 10%.
- Funding for equipment replacements cut 8%. Funding for digitization of paper permit records eliminated.

#### Community Services/Town Clerk & Elections:

- Seasonal position for census tabulation and election support eliminated.
- Public hours to be reduced by 1.5 hours per day for three month period to allow for census tabulation to be completed.
- Sole custodian reduced from 20 hours to 11 hours per week. Setup of tables and chairs now done by program participants, volunteers and program staff.

#### Police Department:

- FY2009 wages reduced by \$363,758 (6%).
- Effective FY2009, 4 Patrol Officer positions eliminated thru attrition and Overtime reduced \$12,866 (2%); Reserve Officers funding reduced.
- Prop. 2 ½ override of \$300,000 for Police prevents new cuts and loss of additional officers for original FY2010 budget approved May 2009.
- In June 2009, state aid figures were finalized which resulted in a loss of \$411,000 in police education incentive funding. FY2010 Police wages are being reduced \$260,000 to offset a portion of this revenue loss.

- 1 additional Patrol Officer and 1 Lieutenant position will be left vacant and overtime will be reduced in FY2010.
- The result is fewer officers on patrol, delayed investigations and reduced training. Prevention efforts have been curtailed and only higher priorities can be addressed promptly.
- Final FY2010 wage total is \$210,000 (4%) less than the total wages of three years ago (FY2007).

#### Fire Department:

- FY2009 wages reduced by \$352,134 (6%).
- West Yarmouth Fire Station closed Sept. 2008.
- Fire Override of \$250,000 and reductions in overtime allows West Yarmouth Station to be re-opened at start of FY2010 (7/1/2009).
- Reduced overtime results in fewer firefighters on duty and increased response times.
- \$200,000 increase in ambulance receipts applied to operating budget. This reduces the tax-supported funds applied to Fire wages and also reduces funds available for future replacement of Fire equipment.
- Final FY2010 wage total is \$40,000 less than FY2008 (1%).

#### Building Inspection:

- Effective FY2009, Part-time office support position eliminated. Alternate Plumbing/Gas and Electrical wages eliminated.
- Office is closed to the public at 2:00pm so that the digitizing and filing previously done by the part-time position can be accomplished.
- Effective FY2010, two full-time inspectors reduced to 33 hours per week. Reduced hours will result in delays for inspections and permit reviews depending on permit volume.
- Final FY2010 budget is \$23,164 (5%) less than FY2008.

#### Health Division:

- Reductions result in elimination of \$70,000 in grants to support non-profit human services agencies and elimination of hazardous waste collection program.

#### Public Works:

- Tree removal budget reduced by 75% (\$20,000); Cemetery seasonal wages reduced 60%; Seasonal Grounds wages reduced 20%; building maintenance expenses reduced 45% (\$60,000).

- Contract for Street Sweeping eliminated (\$99,657). As a result, only the main roads are swept with the one Town-owned sweeper. Residential roads are not swept.
- Full-time Highway Foreman position eliminated; Part-time wages for litter patrol eliminated.
- Full-time Civil Engineer eliminated resulting in delays and cost increases for municipal projects and news fees for developers.
- Full-time office support position eliminated.
- Recycling and Composting budget reduced \$24,543 (14%).
- Cash capital funding for road repairs was eliminated -- \$235,000.
- Total FY2010 tax-supported public works budget is \$462,000 (14%) less than FY2008 and \$170,000 lower than FY2007 (5%).

General Government:

- Town Administrator and Assistant Town Administrator take voluntary pay cuts; # annual reports printed reduced. Part-Time office support position in Town Administrator's Office eliminated.
- Energy budget reduced \$129,000 due to falling prices; General Insurance reduced \$60,000 (8%) due to loss control credits and prepayment.
- Total FY2010 budget \$51,000 (2%) less than FY2008.

Finance Department:

- Debt reduced \$172,245 due to re-financing of existing debt at lower interest rate and postponing authorized borrowing.
- Full-time position eliminated thru attrition. Receptionist now works part-time in the Collector's Office. Calls to Town Hall routed to automated voice message when reception is off-duty.

Budget & Staffing Changes: FY2008 to FY2010 Summary

	\$ Budget Increase / (Decrease)	% Budget Increase / (Decrease)	# of Full-Time Positions Eliminated	# of Part-Time Employees Increase / Decrease	# of Seasonal Employees Increase / Decrease
Community Development	(\$39,983)	-9.1%	0	0	0
Library	(\$96,348)	-12.7%	0	-2	-1
Natural Resources	(\$49,138)	-7.6%	1	-1	-4
Senior Services	(\$6,467)	-3.4%	0	0	0
Recreation	(\$49,138)	-20.2%	0	0	-5
Information Technology	\$8,982	3.0%	0	0	0
Town Clerk & Elections	(\$14,971)	-5.4%	0	0	-1
Police	(\$372,835)	-6.3%	6	0	TBD
Fire	(\$31,056)	-0.6%	0	0	0
Building Inspection	(\$25,164)	-5.8%	3	1	-2
Health Division	(\$36,844)	-11.6%	0	0	0
Public Works	(\$364,841)	-11.3%	3	0	-12
General Government	(\$51,161)	-1.9%	0	-1	NA
Municipal Finance	\$6,759	1.0%	2	1	0
Health Insurance & Medicare	\$286,516	15.0%	NA	NA	NA
Human Services	(\$75,043)	-87.8%	NA	NA	NA
Regular Debt	(\$255,571)	-13.7%	NA	NA	NA
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>(\$1,166,303)</b>	<b>-4.5%</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>-2</b>	<b>-25</b>

NOTES:

Enterprise Funds and Fee-Supported Offset accounts excluded  
 Cost of Living Wage Increase for FY2009 was 3%  
 Cost of Living Wage Increase budgeted for FY2010 is 0%