



## **Annual Town Meeting May 12, 2025 – “Doings”**

The Annual Town Meeting was opened at 6:03pm after a quorum of 200 was declared by Kelly Darling, Town Clerk. A total of 513 voters were in attendance. Tellers were: Patricia Bradley, Louise Brady, Brian Carney, Kris Nasinnyk, Marjorie Sparrow, Fred Boak, Joanne Patterson, Janine Corsano

### **Procedural Motion:**

To dispense with the reading of the warrant except the Preamble, Conclusion and Attestation thereof.

**Action:** Voice vote, motion carries unanimously

### **THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Barnstable SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Orleans in the County of Barnstable GREETINGS:

In the name 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 at the Nauset Middle School Gymnasium in said Orleans on MONDAY, the TWELFTH day of MAY in the year TWO THOUSAND TWENTY-FIVE at 6:00 P.M. to act on the following:

### **ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT ARTICLES**

#### **CONSENT CALENDAR ARTICLES**

- 1 Report of Select Board, Town Officers, & Special Committees
- 2 Fund Elected Officials' Compensation (FY26)
- 3 Accept Transportation Bond Bill Funds
- 4 Hold State Harmless for Work
- 5 Authorization to Sell Surplus Equipment and Accept Gifts
- 6 Departmental Revolving Funds - Spending Limit Authorizations
- 7 Continuation of Municipal Rental Revolving Accounts
- 8 Fund Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund
- 9 Appropriation from Water Quality Drainage Improvements Stabilization Fund
- 10 Appropriation from Town Pavement Management Program Stabilization Fund
- 11 Transfer Water Service Connection Funds

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- 18 Adopt Capital Improvements Plan (FY27-FY31)
- 19 Fund FY26 Capital Budget
  
- 20 Orleans Solar Development
- 21 Town Cove Bulkhead Replacement
- 22 Fund FY26 Community Preservation program budget
- 23 CWRMP Implementation Phase III Lakes and Ponds Sewer Area- Construction
- 24 CWRMP Implementation Phase II Meetinghouse Pond Area- Connection Engineering Services
- 25 Fund Water Quality Testing
- 26 Mill Pond Nitrogen Management Evaluation
- 27 Orleans Retail Cannabis Courier Services
- 28 Amend General Bylaw Chapter 104- Affordable Housing Trust Definition of Moderate Income Housing to 120% AMI
  
- 29 Amend General Bylaw Chapter 106- Demolition of Historical Structure - Appeals to Select Board
- 30 Amend General Bylaw Chapter 40- Personnel
- 31 Accept Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 59 § 5 Cl. 22I - Property, Exemptions- Increase Disabled Veteran Exemption
- 32 Acceptance of the Massachusetts General Law: Seasonal Community Designation
- 33 Establishment of the NRSD Special Education Stabilization Account
- 34 Grant Eversource Easement for 10 Old Colony Way
- 35 (Citizen Petition): Fund the Budget to Enable a Residential Exemption
- 36 Closing Article

**Procedural Motion:**

I move that all Town officials or departmental managers or their duly designated representative, required to attend town meeting pursuant to Section 2-7-3 of the Charter and Tim Harrison from AECOM who is not a resident of the Town of Orleans, be permitted to address the town meeting on matters affecting their office, department or organization, projects for which they have performed services for the Town or articles in which they have interest.

**Action:** Voice vote, motion carries unanimously

**CONSENT CALENDAR ARTICLES**

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**Article 1: Report of Select Board, Town Officers, & Special Committees**

**Article Language:**

To act upon the Annual Report of the Select Board, Town Officers, and other Special Committees. (Select Board)

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**Article 2: Fund Elected Officials' Compensation (FY26)**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of elected officials for the twelve-month period beginning July 1, 2025, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,250 for this purpose, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

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| 1) | Select Board (5) | \$3,000.00 |
| 2) | Board Chair      | \$ 500.00  |
| 3) | Moderator        | \$ 300.00  |
| 4) | Constables (3)   | \$ 150.00  |
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**Article 3: Accept Transportation Bond Bill Funds**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and enter into a contract for the expenditure of any funds allocated or to be allocated from year to year by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and/or Barnstable County for the construction, reconstruction, and improvements of roads and bikeways within the Town of Orleans, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

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**Article 4: Hold State Harmless for Work**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to assume liability in the manner provided by Section 29 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by Chapter 5 of the Acts of 1955, for all damages that may be incurred by work to be performed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the improvement, development, maintenance and protection of tidal and non-tidal rivers and streams, harbors, tidewaters, foreshores and shores along a public beach, in accordance with Section 11 of Chapter 91 of the General Laws and authorize the Select Board to execute and deliver a bond of indemnity therefor to the Commonwealth, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

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**Article 5: Authorization to Sell Surplus Equipment and Accept Gifts**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Manager to dispose of surplus supplies and equipment under such terms and conditions as the Town Manager deems advisable, provided all proceeds from any such disposition are returned to the General Fund, Water Surplus Fund, Enterprise Fund(s) or Reserve for Appropriation account where applicable and to accept any gift items that may be given to the Town on behalf of the citizens of Orleans, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

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**Article 6: Departmental Revolving Funds - Spending Limit Authorizations**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the FY25 revolving fund spending limits as shown below, for certain Town departments pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E½ and Chapter 82 of the Code of the Town of Orleans (Select Board)

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Spending Authority</b>	<b>FY26 Spending Limit</b>
Council on Aging	Department Manager and Town Manager	\$75,000
Council on Aging Transportation	Department Manager and Town Manager	\$30,000
Home Composting Bin/ Recycling	Department Manager and Town Manager	\$15,000
Cultural Council Awards	Cultural Council and Town Manager	\$2,000
Beach Store	Department Manager and Town Manager	\$75,000
H.K Cummings Collection	Department Manager and Town Manager	\$5,000
Recreation	Department Manager and Town Manager	\$100,000

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**Article 7: Continuation of Municipal Rental Revolving Accounts**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the following municipal building or property rental revolving accounts under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, §3 and, further, that any balance at the close of the fiscal year shall remain in the account and may be expended for the upkeep and maintenance of the building or property by the board, committee or department head in control of the building or property, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

<b>Revolving Fund</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Authority</b>
Conservation Properties	The Account will be used to pay utility bills and other necessary expenses associated with the rental of the Town-owned properties under the jurisdiction and control of the Conservation Commission.	funds to be spent under the direction of the Conservation Commission and the Town Manager
Seasonal Housing Properties	The Account will be used to pay utilities and other necessary expenses associated with the rental of the former Gavigan property located on Wildflower Lane and the former Hubler property located on Beach Road.	funds to be spent under the direction of the department manager and the Town Manager
Community Building	The Account will be used to pay utility bills and other necessary expenses associated with the rental of the property at 44 Main Street.	funds to be spent under the direction of the department manager and the Town Manager

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**Article 8: Fund Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$450,000 to be deposited in the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Liability Trust Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

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**Article 9: Appropriation from Water Quality Drainage Improvements Stabilization Fund**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$211,930 from the Water Quality Drainage Improvements Stabilization Fund, for the design, engineering, and construction of stormwater drainage improvements aimed at protecting and improving water quality in Orleans, including all incidental and related costs; or take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

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**Article 10: Appropriation from Town Pavement Management Program Stabilization Fund**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$423,880, from the Pavement Management Stabilization Fund, for road resurfacing, pavement rehabilitation, and related improvements as part of the Town's Pavement Management Plan, including all incidental and related costs; or take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

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**Article 11: Transfer Water Service Connection Funds****Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Water Special Revenue Fund, the sum of \$35,000 to the Water Special Revenue Fund-Water Service Connection Account for the purpose of maintaining water service connections or take any other action relative thereto. (Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners)

**Consent Calendar Articles Motion:**

I move that Articles 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant and that the sums set forth in the articles be raised and appropriated or transferred for the purposes set forth therein.

(Simple Majority Vote Required)

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes unanimously

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**Article 12: Fund the Design of a New Fire-Rescue Station****Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,500,000, or any other sum, for the purpose of designing a new Fire-Rescue Station, including all expenses incidental and related thereto; provided however that such vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations of total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 § 21 C (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of the borrowing approved by such vote and further authorize the Select Board and/or Town Manager to apply for and accept any Federal, State, County or other funds that may be available for this purpose and to enter into Intermunicipal Agreements for acceptance of any such grants or funds which shall be used to offset the total appropriation authorized herein, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant and that the sum of \$4,500,000 be appropriated for this purpose and for costs incidental and related thereto, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$4,500,000 pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44 §§ 7 and 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, provided however that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations on total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½ so-called) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing approved by such vote.

(2/3 Vote)

**Motion:**

To call the question

**Action:**

Counted Vote 352 in favor to 134 opposed motion passes by the necessary 2/3 majority

**Action on the Main Motion:**

Counted vote 414 in favor to 66 opposed, motion call the question passes by the necessary majority

**Article 13: Bills of a Prior Year**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purposes of paying prior year unpaid bills, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board).

DEPARTMENT	VENDOR NAME	AMOUNT	YEAR
DPW & NR	NAPA AUTOPARTS	\$47.98	FY24
DPW & NR	NAPA AUTOPARTS	\$7.98	FY24
		<b>\$55.96</b>	
BEACHES	CAPE ELECTRONICS	\$227.76	FY24
		<b>\$227.76</b>	
WATER	ALL AMERICAN GASKET	\$311.10	FY24
WATER	JOHN ANDERSON	\$242.93	FY24
WATER	NAPA AUTOPARTS	\$93.93	FY24
		<b>\$647.96</b>	
FACILITIES	CVEC	\$8,568.47	FY24
FACILITIES	FIRE EQUIPMENT, INC.	\$99.00	FY24
		<b>\$8,568.47</b>	
TRANSFER STATION	UNITED CONSTUCTION & FORESTRY	\$2,160.96	FY24
		<b>\$2,160.96</b>	
DPW	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	\$2,497.44	FY24
DPW	SHI INTERNATIONAL CORP	\$3,240.30	FY20
		<b>\$5,737.74</b>	
FIRE	STRYKER	\$115.75	FY24
FIRE	MCKESSON (26 INVOICES)	\$12,245.51	FY24
		<b>\$12,361.26</b>	
	<b>TOTAL DUE:</b>	<b>\$29,760.11</b>	

(4/5 Vote required)

**Motion:**

I move the article be accepted and adopted I move this article to be accepted and adopted and the sum of \$29,760.11 be paid be transferred to these accounts.

**Action:**

Counted vote, 461 in favor to 11 opposed, motion passes by the necessary 4/5 majority

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**Article 14: FY26 Town of Orleans Operational Budget**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund and pay departmental expenses for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted and that the Town Meeting adopt the Select Board’s proposed FY 2026 budget as printed in the warrant, and as funding therefore, to:

(Simple Majority Vote Required)

<b>Raise and Appropriate</b>	\$47,610,561
<b>Appropriate from Water Fees</b>	\$3,090,498
<b>Transfer from :</b>	
Ambulance Receipts reserved for appropriation	\$950,000
Cable Fees Receipts reserved for appropriation	\$140,000
Water Pollution Abatement Trust	\$5,000
Wetland Protection Fund	\$15,000
Waterways Improvement Account	\$10,000
Debt Premiums Reserved for Debt Exclusion	\$200,154
Assessors Overlay	\$200,000
Beaches Enterprise Fund	\$596,074
Transfer Station Enterprise Fund	\$265,535
Sewer Enterprise Fund	\$386,070
Free Cash	\$150,000

for a total appropriation of \$53,618,892 provided however that the sum of \$989,627 appropriated to pay a portion of the total costs of Orleans Elementary School- Retirement and Benefits (\$85,986), Fire Department (\$297,873), Town of Orleans Retirement (\$377,360), Town of Orleans Benefits (\$228,408) shall be a contingent appropriation subject to a proposition 2 ½ general override ballot question under the provisions of Massachusetts General Law Ch. 59 Sec. 21C paragraphs (g) and (m).

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes unanimously

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FY26 TOWN OF ORLEANS PROPOSED BUDGET								
		FY26 Budget	Personnel	Operating	Capital	FY25 Budget	% CHANGE	\$ Change
<b>Dept # GENERAL GOVERNMENT</b>								
122 A	Select Board/Town Manager	1,506,135	772,115	734,020		932,531	62%	573,604
122 B	Reserve for Negotiations	150,000	150,000	-		460,000	-67%	(310,000)
122 C	Legal	220,000	-	220,000		220,000	0%	-
124	Media & Communications	283,980	178,390	105,590		239,634	19%	44,346
131	Finance Committee	3,600	3,000	600		3,600	0%	-
131A	Finance Committee Reserve	150,000	-	150,000		488,614	-69%	(338,614)
135	Finance/Accounting	385,455	290,275	95,180		340,767	13%	44,688
141	Assessing	257,930	193,680	64,250		242,369	6%	15,561
145	Treasurer/Collector	385,729	329,709	56,020	-	330,560	17%	55,169
152	Human Resources	238,299	214,049	24,250		230,249	3%	8,050
155	MIS	519,017	232,807	286,210		456,043	14%	62,974
161	Town Clerk	292,675	223,975	68,700		285,250	3%	7,425
171	Conservation	200,628	178,068	22,560	-	186,469	8%	14,159
175	Planning & Community Development	413,845	370,465	43,380		509,390	-19%	(95,545)
176	Zoning Board of Appeals	7,050	-	7,050		4,485	57%	2,565
195	Town Reports	13,000	-	13,000		12,976	0%	24
<b>Total General Government</b>		<b>5,027,343</b>	<b>3,136,533</b>	<b>1,890,810</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4,942,936</b>	<b>2%</b>	<b>84,407</b>
<b>Dept # Public Safety</b>								
210	Police Department	3,616,722	3,198,092	418,630		3,252,171	11%	364,551
213	Fuel	160,000	-	160,000		158,933	1%	1,067
220	Fire Department	5,408,895	4,794,715	614,180	-	4,463,606	21%	945,289
241	Building Department	539,655	526,835	12,820		500,954	8%	38,701
291	Emerg. Mgt.	29,200	13,990	15,210		29,164	0%	36
<b>Total Public Safety</b>		<b>9,754,472</b>	<b>8,533,632</b>	<b>1,220,840</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,404,828</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>1,349,644</b>
<b>Dept # Public Works</b>								
420	Public Works	3,301,571	2,436,229	662,142	203,200	2,788,545	18%	513,026
421	Snow & Ice	172,020	47,030	124,990		172,000	0%	20
545	Water	1,794,272	897,462	801,810	95,000	1,800,680	0%	(6,407)
<b>Total Public Works</b>		<b>5,267,863</b>	<b>3,380,721</b>	<b>1,588,942</b>	<b>298,200</b>	<b>4,761,225</b>	<b>11%</b>	<b>506,639</b>
<b>Dept # Community Services</b>								
510	Health Dept.	521,030	461,980	59,050	-	435,921	20%	85,109
541	Council on Aging	1,008,727	883,197	125,530		947,338	6%	61,389
543	Veterans Services	52,600	37,100	15,500		47,478	11%	5,122
590	Human & Community Service Contracts	565,000	-	565,000	-	493,160	15%	71,840
610	Library	877,586	669,026	208,560	-	814,959	8%	62,627
615	Historic Commission	3,280	1,630	1,650		3,203	2%	77
630	Recreation	492,975	433,735	59,240	-	466,144	6%	26,831
690	Old King's Highway	3,560	2,090	1,470	-	3,472	3%	88
699	Community Celebrations	27,500	-	27,500		8,450	225%	19,050
<b>Total Community Services</b>		<b>3,552,258</b>	<b>2,488,758</b>	<b>1,063,500</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>3,220,125</b>	<b>10%</b>	<b>332,133</b>
<b>Dept # Debt Service</b>								

		FY26 Budget	Personnel	Operating	Capital	FY25 Budget	% CHANGE	\$ Change
751	Debt Service	6,427,899	-	6,427,899	-	8,015,869	-20%	(1,587,970)
	<b>Total Debt Service</b>	<b>6,427,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>6,427,899</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,015,869</b>	<b>-20%</b>	<b>(1,587,970)</b>
<b>Dept # Insurance and Assessments</b>								
820 A	State and County Assessments	\$ 728,430	-	728,430	-	695,939	5%	32,491
820 B	Retirement	\$ 2,948,580	-	2,948,580	-	2,571,220	15%	377,360
912	Liability Insurance	\$ 670,530	-	670,530	-	630,836	6%	39,694
913	Unemployment	\$ 18,170	-	18,170	-	17,723	3%	447
914	Employee Benefits	\$ 3,928,410	-	3,928,410	-	3,693,916	6%	234,494
	<b>Total Insurance and Assessments</b>	<b>8,294,120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,294,120</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>7,609,633</b>	<b>9%</b>	<b>684,487</b>
<b>Total Town Operating Budget</b>		<b>38,323,956</b>	<b>17,539,645</b>	<b>20,486,111</b>	<b>298,200</b>	<b>36,954,616</b>	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>1,369,340</b>
<b>Dept # Orleans Elementary School</b>								
	Orleans Elementary School Operating	4,854,861	4,017,114	837,747	-	4,585,343	6%	269,518
	OES Retirement and Benefits	1,506,597	1,530,197	-	-	1,431,900	5%	74,697
	OES Capital	27,000	-	-	27,000	30,000	-10%	(3,000)
	OES Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	<b>Total Orleans Elementary School</b>	<b>6,388,458</b>	<b>5,547,311</b>	<b>837,747</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>6,047,243</b>	<b>6%</b>	<b>341,215</b>
<b>310 Nauset Regional School District</b>								
	Minimum Local Contribution	3,208,620	-	-	-	3,135,298	2%	73,322
	Operational Additional	3,121,993	-	-	-	2,941,634	6%	180,359
	Transportation	380,023	-	-	-	367,584	3%	12,439
	NRSD Capital	135,822	-	-	-	Now in Assessment	-	-
	NRSD Debt Service	1,677,843	-	-	-	1,674,249	0%	3,594
	<b>Total Nauset Regional School District</b>	<b>8,524,301</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>8,118,765</b>	<b>5%</b>	<b>405,536</b>
<b>330 Cape Cod Tech</b>								
	Cape Cod Tech	276,057	-	382,168	-	301,712	-8.50%	(25,655)
	CCT Debt Service	106,111	-	-	-	129,898	-18%	(23,787)
	<b>Total Cape Cod Technical School</b>	<b>382,168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>382,168</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>431,610</b>	<b>-11%</b>	<b>(49,442)</b>
<b>Total Education Budgets</b>		<b>15,294,927</b>	<b>5,547,311</b>	<b>1,219,915</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>14,597,618</b>	<b>4.78%</b>	<b>697,309</b>
<b>Total Combined Budget</b>		<b>53,618,892</b>				<b>51,552,234</b>	<b>4.01%</b>	<b>2,066,658</b>

**Article 15: FY26 Beaches Enterprise Fund Budget**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate/ or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Beaches enterprise fund for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

<u>Estimated Revenues:</u>	
User Fees	\$ 2,152,760
Other Revenues	\$ 111,020
Investment Income	\$ -
Subtotal	\$ 2,263,780
Retained Earnings	\$ 532,674
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$ 2,796,454</b>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	
Salaries	\$896,160
Expenses	\$519,270
Capital Outlay	\$265,000
Debt Service	\$332,700
Budgeted Surplus	\$187,250
Subtotal	\$2,200,380
<b>Indirect Expenses</b>	
General Fund Allocated Expenses	\$442,575
Fringe Benefits	\$153,499
Subtotal	\$596,074
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$2,796,454</b>
<u>Surplus/(Deficit)</u>	<b>\$0</b>
<u>Budgeted Tax Levy Subsidy</u>	<b>(\$0)</b>

**Motion:**

I move this article be accepted and adopted and that the Town Meeting adopt the Select Board’s proposed FY 2026 Beaches Enterprise Fund budget as printed in the warrant, and as funding, therefore, to:

1. raise and appropriate from Beaches enterprise revenues the sum of \$2,263,780
2. transfer from the Beaches Enterprise Fund Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$532,674
3. and recognize that the indirect expenses of \$596,074 will be raised and appropriate in the General Fund operating budget, and funding for such will be a transfer from the Beaches enterprise.

(Simple Majority Vote Required)

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes unanimously

**Article 16: FY26 Sewer Enterprise Fund Budget**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate/ and or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Sewer enterprise for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

<u>Estimated Revenues:</u>	
User Fees	\$1,000,000
Betterments	\$331,000
Other Revenues	\$0
Investment Income	\$0
Subtotal	\$1,331,000
Retained Earnings	\$499,740
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$1,830,740</b>
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	
Salaries	\$ -
Expenses	\$ 2,149,510
Capital Outlay	\$ 23,000
Debt Service 20 % for Betterments	\$ 177,765
Debt Service	\$ 989,804
Budgeted Surplus	\$ 226,190
Subtotal	\$ 3,866,269
<b>Indirect Expenses</b>	
General Fund Allocated Expenses	\$353,250
Fringe Benefits	\$32,820
Subtotal	\$386,070
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$4,252,340</b>
Surplus/(Deficit)	(2,421,600)
Transfer from Waste Water Stabilization Fund	\$2,421,600

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted and that the Town Meeting adopt the Select Board’s proposed FY 2026 Sewer Enterprise Fund budget as printed in the warrant, and as funding, therefore, to:

1. raise and appropriate from Sewer Enterprise Revenues the sum \$1,331,000
2. transfer from the Sewer Enterprise Fund Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$499,740
3. transfer from the Wastewater Special Purpose Stabilization Fund the sum of \$2,421,600
4. and recognize that the indirect expenses of \$386,070 will be raised and appropriated in the General Fund operating budget, and funding for such will be a transfer from the Sewer Enterprise.

(Simple Majority Vote Required)

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes unanimously

**Article 17: FY26 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Budget**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate/ and or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to operate the Transfer Station enterprise for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2025, and ending June 30, 2026, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

<b>Estimated Revenues:</b>	
User Fees	\$657,100
Other Revenues	\$110,000
Investment Income	\$0
Subtotal	\$787,400
Retained Earnings	\$445,320
<b>Total Revenues:</b>	<b>\$1,232,720</b>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
<b>Direct Expenses</b>	
Salaries	\$273,840
Expenses	\$629,910
Capital Outlay	\$110,000
Hazardous Waste	\$34,000
Debt Service	\$61,150
Budgeted Surplus	\$0
Subtotal	\$1,108,900
<b>Indirect Expenses</b>	
General Fund Allocated Expenses	\$210,875
Fringe Benefits	\$34,660
Subtotal	\$265,535
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,374,435</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>(\$141,715)</b>
<b>Budgeted Tax Levy Subsidy</b>	<b>\$141,715</b>

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted and that the Town Meeting adopt the Select Board’s proposed FY 2025 Transfer Station Enterprise Fund budget as printed in the warrant, and as funding therefore, to:

1. raise and appropriate from Transfer Station enterprise revenues the sum of \$787,400
2. transfer from the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund Undesignated Fund Balance the sum of \$445,320
3. raise and appropriate from the tax levy the sum of \$141,715
4. and recognize that the indirect expenses of \$265,535 will be raised and appropriated in the General Fund operating budget, and funding for such will be a transfer from the Transfer Station enterprise.

(Simple Majority Vote Required)

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes unanimously

**Article 18: Adopt Capital Improvements Plan (FY27-FY31)**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 8 Financial Provisions and Procedures, Section 7, Action of Town Meeting, Subsection 8-7-1 of the Orleans Home Rule Charter, to act on the Capital Improvements Plan as published in the Warrant, by adopting said Plan with or without amendments thereto, which amendments may include an increase or decrease in the amount of money allocated to any particular line item contained therein, the addition of new line items or the deletion of line items contained therein, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

(Simple Majority Vote)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant.

**Motion to Amend the Main Motion: (David Burnham)**

I move that the article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant except that the Snow Library Facility Design and Construction of \$41,700,000 be moved in the plan from FY 27 to FY 28.

**Action:**

Counted vote on amendment to the main motion passes 247 in favor to 217 opposed

**Action on the Amended Motion:**

Voice voted, passes by the simple majority required

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**Article 19: Fund FY26 Capital Budget**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds various sums to defray the costs of the FY26 capital budget as set forth in the warrant letters A-Y, in accordance with the Section 2-5-1 of the Town of Orleans Charter, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

**Motion:**

I move that the article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant and that \$450,000 be transferred from free cash to fund projects A-F, \$654,100 be raised and appropriated to fund projects G-P, \$509,000 be transferred from the water special revenue fund to fund projects Q-T, \$265,000 be transferred from beaches retained earnings to fund projects U-W, \$110,000 be transferred from transfer station retained earnings to fund project X, and \$500,000 be transferred from the ambulance reserve account for the purpose of funding Project Y.

(3/4 Vote Required)

**Motion:**

To move the question

**Action:**

Counted Vote, 412 in favor to 40 opposed motion passes by the 2/3 majority required

**Action on the Main Motion:** Counted Vote 337 in favor to 114 opposed, motion fails to get the ¾ majority vote required

	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Capital Projects Funded with Free Cash</b>	<b>Amount</b>
A	COA	COA Parking Lot Repairs	\$60,000
B	COA	Replace Kitchen Equipment	\$20,000
C	COA	Replace Kitchen and Mtg Rm HVAC	\$100,000
D	COA	Replace Septic Pump	\$30,000
E	GOV	Town Hall Air Handlers & Phone System	\$140,000
F	DPW/NR	Main Street Reconstruction	\$100,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>450,000</b>
	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Capital Projects Funded by Tax Levy</b>	<b>Amount</b>
G	Health	Replace 2011 Ford Focus Health Vehicle	\$35,000
H	IT	IT Computer Equipment and Services	\$33,000
I	Fire	Fire- Rescue Vehicle Replacement	\$110,000
J	Fire	Fire- Rescue UTV Polaris (605)	\$33,000
K	Police	Police Cruiser Replacement	\$142,000
L	DPW/NR	Parks- Replace Mowers	\$38,000
M	DPW/NR	Parks- Vehicle Replacement	\$60,000
N	DPW/NR	DPW Capital Outlay- Town Building & Facilities Improvements	\$153,100
O	DPW/NR	Municipal Irrigation Infrastructure Repairs	\$25,000
P	DPW/NR	Pilgrim Lake Infrastructure Improvements	\$25,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$654,100</b>
	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Capital Projects Funded by WSRF Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Q	WATER	Replace 2006 Air Compressor and 2008 Trailer	\$40,000
R	WATER	WTP Pre-Filter Replacement	\$150,000
S	WATER	WTP Compressed Air System	\$250,000
T	WATER	Engineering and Bidding Services for replacement of the mixer at Tank 2	69,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$509,000</b>
	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Capital Projects Funded by Beaches Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Amount</b>
U	DPW/NR	Skaket Beach-Gavigan Cottages	\$100,000
V	DPW/NR	Nauset Beach Lifeguard Housing	\$100,000
W	DPW/NR	Nauset Beach Administration Building	\$65,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$265,000</b>
	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Capital Projects Funded by Transfer Station Retained Earnings</b>	<b>Amount</b>
X	TRSF	(2) 40yd Roll Off Containers	\$110,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$110,000</b>
	<b>Dept.</b>	<b>Capital Projects Funded by Ambulance Reserve Funds</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Y	Fire	Replace Ambulance 173	\$500,000
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

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**Article 20: Orleans Solar Development****Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of Five Million and 00/100 Dollars, or any other sum, for the purpose of funding the design and construction of municipally owned solar projects at the following three (3) locations in the town, The Wastewater Treatment Facility on Overland Way, The Water Treatment Facility off Route 28, and the DPW Facility on Giddiah Hill Road, including all costs and expenses incidental and related thereto, provided however that such vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations of total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 § 21 C (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of the borrowing approved by such vote and further to authorize the Select Board and/or the Town Manager to apply for and accept any Federal, State, County or other funds that may be available for this purpose and to enter into intermunicipal Agreements for the acceptance of any such grants or funds which shall be used to offset the total appropriation authorized herein, or to take any other action related thereto. (Select Board)

(3/4 Vote)

**Motion:**

I move this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant and that the sum of Five Million and 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) be appropriated for this purpose and for costs incidental and related thereto, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow the sum of Five Million 00/100 Dollars (\$5,000,000.00) pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Sections 7 and 8, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore. provided however that such vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations of total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 § 21 C (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of the borrowing approved by such vote.

**Action:**

Counted vote, 372 in favor to 72 opposed, motion passes by the required  $\frac{3}{4}$  majority

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## **Article 21: Town Cove Bulkhead Replacement**

### **Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow and/or transfer from available funds the sum of One Million Six Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,600,000.00), or any other sum, for the purpose of funding the construction of the Town Cove Bulkhead Project including all expenses incidental and related thereto; provided however that such vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations of total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 § 21 C (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of the borrowing approved by such vote and to authorize the Select Board and/or the Town Manager to apply for and accept any Federal, State, County or other funds that may be available for this purpose and to enter into intermunicipal Agreements for the acceptance of any such grants or funds which shall be used to offset the total appropriation authorized herein, or to take any other action related thereto. (Select Board)

### **Motion:**

I move this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant and that the sum of One Million Six Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,600,000.00) be appropriated for this purpose and for costs incidental and related thereto, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow the sum of One Million Six Hundred Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$1,600,000.00) pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 7 and 8, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, provided however that such vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations of total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 § 21 C (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of the borrowing approved by such vote.

(2/3 Vote Required)

### **Action:**

Counted vote 403 in favor to 11 opposed, motion passes by the required 2/3 majority

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### **Procedural Motion:**

#### **To reconsider Article 19 (Ken Heritage)**

#### **Action on the Reconsideration:**

Counted vote, 373 in favor to 42 opposed, motion passes by the necessary majority

### **Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds various sums to defray the costs of the FY26 capital budget as set forth in the warrant letters A-Y, in accordance with the Section 2-5-1 of the Town of Orleans Charter, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

### **Motion:**

I move that the article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant except that

Item F be deleted and that \$350,000 be transferred from free cash to fund projects A-E, \$654,100 be raised and appropriated to fund projects G-P, \$509,000 be transferred from the water special revenue fund to fund projects Q-T, \$265,000 be transferred from beaches retained earnings to fund projects U-W, \$110,000 be transferred from transfer station retained earnings to fund project X, and \$500,000 be transferred from the ambulance reserve account for the purpose of funding Project Y.

(3/4 Vote Required)

**Action:**

Counted vote, 370 to 41 opposed, motion passes by the required ¾ majority

**Article 22: Fund FY26 Community Preservation Program Budget**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee for the Fiscal Year 2026 Community Preservation budget and to appropriate or reserve for

later appropriation monies from the Community Preservation Fund’s Annual Revenues and/or available funds for the payment of Debt Service, undertaking of Community Preservation projects, the Administrative Expenses of the Community Preservation Committee and other necessary and proper expenses for FY26, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Community Preservation Committee).

Project Title	Project Description	Funding
<b>FY 26 Debt Service</b>	This figure represents the cost of servicing borrowings made by the CPC for projects including, but not limited to, the affordable housing projects at West Road and at 107 Main Street.	\$379,425
<b>Historic – Center for Culture and History in Orleans- Protective Structure for the CG 36500</b>	Contribute toward the costs of building a protective structure for the historic Coast Guard vessel 36500 to be used only when site approval and full funding for the project is secured from other sources.	\$245,000
<b>Historic – Orleans Historical Commission Form B Documentation Update continued</b>	Continue to update and add detailed Form Bs to the historic record for Orleans	\$25,000
<b>Historic – Orleans Historical Commission Public Education</b>	Support public awareness of historic Orleans through signage and print material to help the community understand and appreciate the unique value of historic homes, artifacts and landscapes.	\$15,000

<b>Historic – French Cable Museum – Protective Shades</b>	Assist the French Cable Museum to protect historic objects from sun and UV light with appropriate shades.	\$1,250
<b>Historic – Academy Playhouse, Phase IV</b>	Enable the Academy Playhouse to conclude efforts to preserve and restore the Mansard roof, rear siding and exterior features of the building dating to approximately 1873.	\$142,000
<b>Historic – NW Schoolhouse First Floor</b>	Support the NW Schoolhouse to meet Health Department standards for the hall’s kitchen including repairing rotted floors, walls and installing certain essential equipment.	\$95,030
<b>Recreation – Sipson Island Signage</b>	Help fund comprehensive and resilient signage to enable protection, conservation and safety efforts in the fragile landscape.	\$15,500
<b>Housing – Community Development Partnership(CDP) LCHI Workshops</b>	Support the CDP to provide a range of regional programs which share information and skills about affordable housing among municipal employees seeking various solutions.	\$10,000
<b>Housing – Affordable Housing Trust</b>	To enable the Orleans Affordable Housing Trust to act opportunely to assess, acquire or renovate housing to meet the need for affordable housing solutions in our town.	\$400,000
<b>Committee Administrative Expenses</b>	The Community Preservation Act permits the Committee to allocate up to 5 percent of annual revenues (surtax and state share) for operating administrative expenses. The CPC is recommending that only \$35,000 be used for regular expenses including legal consultation, historic consultancy, administrative assistance, maintaining records and, if funding permits, additional studies directed toward realizing the Town’s possibilities in the areas of recreation, open space, community housing and historic resources. Any and all unused funds at the end of the fiscal year revert to the fund balance for future projects.	\$35,000

**Motion:** I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant and that the sum of \$1,363,232 be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund for the purposes and amounts set forth in this article except that the FY 26 Debt Service amount be revised from \$379,425 to \$379,452.

(Simple Majority Vote Required)

**Motion to Amend (Jon Fuller):**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant and that the sum of \$1,338,232 be transferred from the Community Preservation Fund for the purposes and amounts set forth in this article except that the FY 26 Debt Service amount be revised from \$379,425 to \$354,452 and that Project 3, Orleans Historical Commission Form B Documentation be deleted.

**Action on Amendment:**

Counted vote, 120 in favor to 267 opposed, motion fails to get the simple majority required

**Action on Main Motion:**

Voice vote, motion passes unanimously

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**Article 23: CWRMP Implementation Phase III Lakes and Ponds Sewer Area-Construction**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow the sum of \$40,500,000, or any other sum, for the purpose of funding the construction of the Lakes and Ponds Area Collection System and Pumping Station Project, including all expenses incidental and related thereto; and within the limits of the Lakes and Ponds Area Collection System and Pumping Station Project, funding for improvements to the Town's drainage and water main networks and the replacement of water services as necessary, including all expenses incidental and related thereto; and further to authorize the Select Board to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise, easements or such other interests in land as may be necessary to undertake the Lakes and Ponds Area Collection System and Pumping Station Project; provided however that such vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations of total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 § 21C (Proposition 2 ½ so called) amounts required to pay the principal and interest of the borrowing approved by such vote and further authorize the Select Board and/or Town Manager to apply for and accept any Federal, State, County or other funds that may be available for this purpose and to enter into Intermunicipal Agreements for acceptance of any such grants or funds which shall be used to offset the total appropriation authorized herein, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board and Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners)

**Motion:**

I move this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant and that the sum of Forty Million Five Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$40,500,000.00) be appropriated for this purpose and for costs incidental and related thereto, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow the sum of Forty Million Five Hundred Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$40,500,000.00) pursuant to

Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §§ 7 and 8, and/or Chapter 29C, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, provided however that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations of total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 § 21 C (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of the borrowing approved by such vote; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Select Board is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a financing agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Select Board, Board of Public Works or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out the project.

(2/3 Vote Required)

**Action:**

Counted vote, 343 in favor to 34 opposed, motion passes by the required 2/3 majority

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**Article 24: CWRMP Implementation Phase II Meetinghouse Pond Area- Connection Engineering Services**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or borrow the sum of \$600,000, or any other sum, for the purpose of funding connection engineering services in the phase II Meetinghouse Pond Area, including all expenses incidental and related thereto; provided however that such vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations of total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 § 21C (Proposition 2 ½ so called) amounts required to pay the principal and interest of the borrowing approved by such vote and further authorize the Select Board and/or Town Manager to apply for and accept any Federal, State, County or other funds that may be available for this purpose and to enter into Intermunicipal Agreements for acceptance of any such grants or funds which shall be used to offset the total appropriation authorized herein, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board and Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners)

**Motion:**

I move this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant and that the sum of Six Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$600,000.00) be appropriated for this purpose and for costs incidental and related thereto, and that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, is authorized to borrow the sum of Six Hundred Thousand 00/100 Dollars (\$600,000.00) pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, §§ 7 and 8, or any other enabling

authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, provided however that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations of total taxes imposed by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 § 21 C (Proposition 2 1/2) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of the borrowing approved by such vote.

(2/3 Vote Required)

**Action:**

Counted vote, 303 in favor to 46 opposed, motion passes by required 2/3 majority

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**Article 25: Fund Water Quality Testing Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and or transfer from available funds the sum of \$122,500 or any other sum, for water quality testing and monitoring, the completion of a management plan for Boland Pond, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant and that the sum of \$122,500 be transferred from free cash for this purpose.

(3/4 Vote Required)

**Action:**

Counted vote, 309 in favor to 23 opposed, motion passes by the necessary ¾ majority

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**Article 26: Mill Pond Nitrogen Management Evaluation**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and or transfer from available funds the sum of \$125,000 or any other sum, for the purpose of funding the Mill Pond nitrogen management evaluation including all expenses incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

(3/4 Vote Required)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant and that the sum of \$125,000 be transferred from the Wastewater Stabilization Fund for this purpose.

**Action:**

Counted Vote, 305 in favor to 24 opposed, article passes by the required ¾ majority

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**Article 27: Orleans Retail Cannabis Courier Services**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 164-40.4 Section A. Definitions to read as follows:

(**Bold underline** = new language    ~~strikethrough~~ = language removed)

**MARIJUANA COURIER**

**An entity licensed to deliver Finished Marijuana Products, Marijuana Accessories and Branded Goods directly to Consumers from a Marijuana Retailer, or directly to Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers from an MTC, but is not authorized to sell Marijuana or Marijuana Products directly to Consumers, Registered Qualifying Patients or Caregivers and is not authorized to Wholesale, Warehouse, Process, Repackage, or White Label. A Marijuana Courier is an additional license type under M.G.L. c. 94G, § 4(b)(1) that allows for limited delivery of Marijuana or Marijuana Products to Consumers; and shall not be considered to be a Marijuana Retailer under 935 CMR 500.002 or 500.050 and shall be subject to 935 CMR 500.050(1)(b).**

**MARIJUANA RETAILER**

~~An entity licensed to purchase and transport cannabis or marijuana product from marijuana establishments and to sell or otherwise transfer this product to marijuana establishments and to consumers. Retailers are prohibited from delivering cannabis or marijuana products to consumers; and from offering cannabis or marijuana products for the purposes of on-site social consumption on the premises of a marijuana establishment.~~

**MARIJUANA RETAILER**

**An entity licensed to purchase, Repackage, White Label, and transport Marijuana or Marijuana Product from Marijuana Establishments and to Transfer or otherwise Transfer this product to Marijuana Establishments and to sell to Consumers. Unless licensed, retailers are prohibited from offering Marijuana or Marijuana Products for the purposes of on-site social consumption on the Premises of a Marijuana Establishment.**

And further to amend the Section 164-13 Schedule of Use Regulations, to add the following new language, as follows:

(**Bold underline** = new language    ~~strikethrough~~ = language removed)

COMMERCIAL	R	RB	LB	GB	VC <sup>5</sup>	I	CD <sup>6</sup>	SC	MB
<b><u>Marijuana Couriers</u></b>	<b><u>O</u></b>	<b><u>O</u></b>	<b><u>P</u></b>	<b><u>P</u></b>	<b><u>O</u></b>	<b><u>P</u></b>	<b><u>O</u></b>	<b><u>O</u></b>	<b><u>O</u></b>

Or to take any other action relative thereto. (Planning Board)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant.  
(2/3 Vote Required)

**Action:**

Counted vote, 215 to 90 opposed, motion passes by the necessary 2/3 majority

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**Article 28: Amend General Bylaw Chapter 104- Affordable Housing Trust  
Definition of Moderate Income Housing to 120% AMI**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaw Amend Chapter 104 Affordable Housing Trust, under Section 104-1 Purpose by adding the phrase:

"The Trust is authorized to provide for, fund and support low- and moderate-income individuals and households with a total annual income that does not exceed 120% of the Area Median Income for the Town of Orleans as determined annually by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development." (Select Board)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant.  
(Simple Majority Vote)

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes unanimously

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**Article 29: Amend General Bylaw Chapter 106- Demolition of Historical  
Structure- Appeals to Select Board**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend General Bylaw Chapter 106 Demolition of Historical Structures by deleting Section 106-8 Appeals to Board of Selectmen which provides as follows:

Any person aggrieved by a decision of the Orleans Historical Commission acting under this bylaw, shall have a right to appeal to the Board of Selectmen filed within seven (7) days of the date any such decision. The Board of Selectman shall hold a hearing within ten (10) days of receipt of any such appeal and shall have a right to issue any decision which the Orleans Historical Commission could have issued in the first instance.

Any further by renumbering Sections 106-9 and 106-10, Sections 106-8 and 106-9 accordingly. Or take any other action related thereto. (Select Board)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant.  
(Simple Majority Vote)

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes unanimously

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**Article 30: Amend General Bylaw Chapter 40- Personnel**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 40 Personnel Classification and Compensation Plans under Chapter 8 Compensation and Classification Plan, Chapter 12 Vacation Policy, Chapter 13 Other Leave, Chapter 14 Group Hospital, Medical, Surgical, & Life Insurance, and Chapter 27 Child Care Reimbursement/Recreational and Personal Development Class Reimbursement all as set forth in more detail in an Amendment on file with the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto. (Select Board)  
(Simple Majority Vote)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant.

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes by the simple majority required

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**Article 31: Accept Massachusetts General Law Ch. 59 § 5 Cl. 22I - Property, Exemptions- Increase Disabled Veteran Exemption**

**Article Language:**

To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 59 § 5, Clause 22I, which increases the real estate tax exemption awarded to disabled veterans by 100% of the current award. Said increases to be effective for exemptions granted for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025. (Select Board)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant.  
(Simple Majority Vote)

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes by the simple majority required

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**Article 32: Acceptance of the Massachusetts General Law: Seasonal Community Designation**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to accept on behalf of the Town of Orleans, the Seasonal Community Designation as provided for in General Laws Chapter 23B, Section 32(b); or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant.  
(Simple Majority Vote Required)

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes unanimously

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**Article 33: Establishment of the NRSD SPED Stabilization Account**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to create a Special Education Stabilization Fund, consistent with Section 24 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, for unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education, out of district tuition, and related transportation expenses at the Nauset Regional Schools, or to take any other action relative thereto. (Select Board)  
(Simple Majority Vote Required)

**Motion:**

I move that this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant.

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes by the simple majority required

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**Article 34: Grant Eversource Easement for 10 Old Colony Way**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to grant an easement to Eversource Energy for utility purposes over the property owned by the Town of Orleans and located at 10 Old Colony Way, Orleans, MA shown as Parcel 22 on Orleans Assessors' Map 33 and described in deed filed as Document No. 105588, being Certificate of Title No. 37899 filed with the Barnstable Registry District of the Land Court, and further shown as Lot 1 on Land Court Plan 26068-B, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board may determine, and to further authorize the Select Board to execute any and all instruments and to take such action as may be necessary on behalf of the Town to effectuate this Vote; or to take any action relative thereto. (Select Board)

**Motion:**

I move this article be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant.

(Simple Majority Vote)

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes by the simple majority required

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**Article 35 (Citizen Petition): Fund the Budget to Enable a Residential Exemption**

**Article Language:**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to increase the Assessors overtime budget by \$13,270 and fund CAMA bridge software customization for \$6,000. (Tim Counihan)

(A statement from Town Counsel was made that since the budget had been voted upon already by the body, this vote will be an “expression of the intent of the meeting but cannot authorize the transfer of funds”)

**Motion:**

I move that Article 35 be accepted and adopted as printed in the warrant. Funding to be transferred from the Finance Committees Reserve Budget to the Assessors budget.

**Motion:**

To call the question

**Action:**

Counted vote 223 in favor to 22 opposed

**Action on main motion:**

Counted vote, 153 in favor, 88 opposed, motion passes by the simple majority required

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**Article 36: Closing Article**

**Closing Article**

And to act on any other business that may legally come before the meeting. (Select Board)

**Motion:**

I move that this meeting be adjourned at 9:52 pm

**Action:**

Voice voted, motion passes by the necessary simple majority

**A True Copy, Attest**

**Kelly L. Darling, Town Clerk**