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# *Town of Chatham*



## **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 7, 2020**

**3:00 P.M.**

With Recommendations of  
Chatham Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee

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**MONOMOY REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
GYMNASIUM**  
*(Formerly the Chatham High School Gymnasium)*  
**425 CROWELL ROAD**

*Free childcare is available for this Special Town Meeting from 2:30 p.m. in the Library of the Monomoy Regional Middle School. For more information, please call (508)945-5158.*

*Transportation to Special Town Meeting is available by reservation through the Council on Aging. To make a reservation, please call (508)945-5190.*

**Resolution:** Resolved that the Town vote to adopt the following rules of procedure for the Special Town Meeting of March 7, 2020.

- A) The Moderator shall have the option of reading each Article in the Warrant verbatim or summarizing the subject matter therein in general terms, at his discretion.
- B) Upon an Article having been disposed of by vote, the Moderator shall entertain a motion to reconsider said Article or to accept a Resolution pertaining to said Article only during the same session during which said vote was acted upon.
- C) A motion to move the previous question shall require a two-thirds vote and may not be debated.
- D) The Moderator shall not accept a motion to move the previous question by any person discussing the Article until after an intervening speaker has discussed the Article.
- E) A non-voter may request the privilege of addressing the meeting on a motion made under any Article or Resolution offered, the request to be granted by the Moderator unless there is an objection by a voter. Upon objection, the Moderator shall poll the meeting by voice or count, at his discretion, and a majority vote in favor shall entitle said non-voter to address the meeting. However, the Moderator may grant the privilege of the floor to any non-resident Town Department Head without necessity of a vote.
- F) The Moderator shall not entertain the question of the presence of a quorum at any point at which a motion to move the previous question has already been voted.
- G) Speakers addressing the meeting shall be limited to five (5) minutes within which to present their remarks. The Moderator will not recognize anyone who has previously spoken on the Article until all persons wishing to address the meeting have had an opportunity to speak. The Moderator may exercise reasonable discretion in enforcement of this rule.

The foregoing rules are not intended to alter or change the traditional conduct of the Town Meetings in Chatham except as specifically stated above.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

**TOWN OF CHATHAM  
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MARCH 7, 2020  
3:00 PM**

**THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

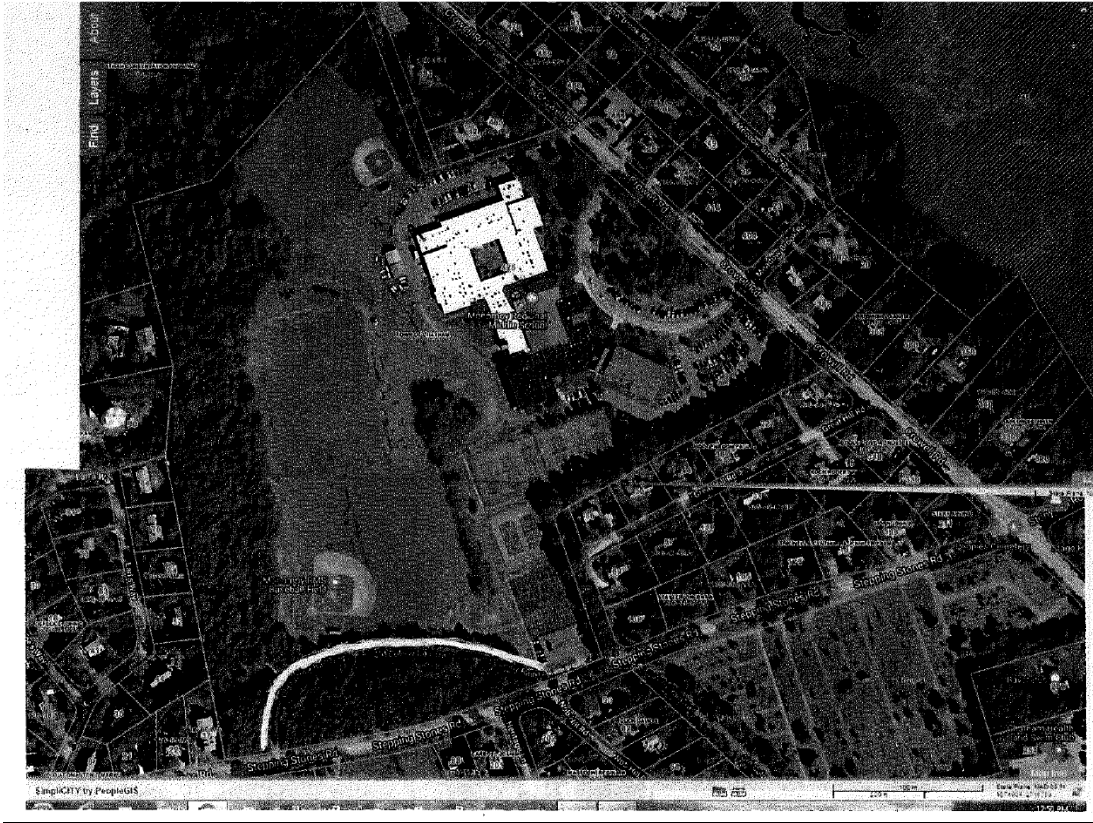
Barnstable, ss.

**GREETINGS:**

To any of the Constables of the Town of Chatham in the County of Barnstable.

IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS, you are hereby directed to NOTIFY and WARN the INHABITANTS OF THE TOWN OF CHATHAM qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet in the gymnasium of the Monomoy Regional Middle School Gymnasium at 425 Crowell Road in said Chatham on the 7th day of March 2020 at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on any business that may legally come before said meeting.

**ARTICLE 1 – By Petition**  
**New Council on Aging (COA) Facility/Project Feasibility Study,**  
**Conceptual Design and Cost Estimate: Stepping Stones Road**



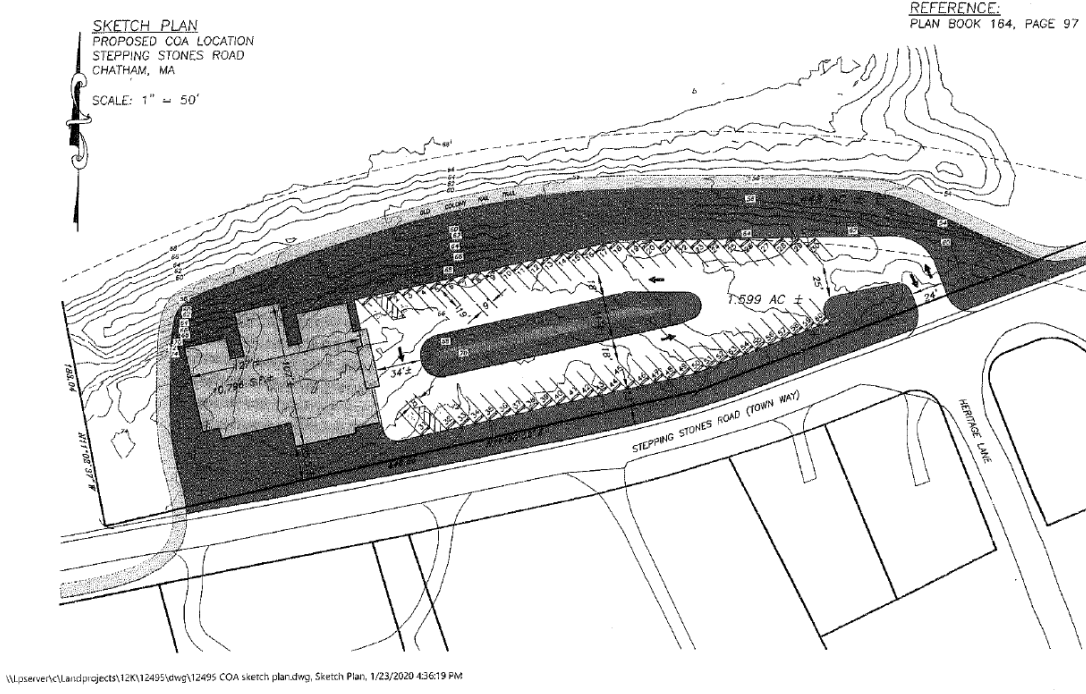
*Site location. Graphic provided by petitioner.*

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the treasury a sum of money as it deems necessary for a comprehensive study of the feasibility of locating a Council on Aging building on a parcel of Town-owned land consisting of not less than 1.599 acres located south of the Chatham Bike Path on Stepping Stones Road now leased to the Monomoy Regional School District, inclusive of an Owner's Project Manager and related tasks for the completion of a conceptual design and cost estimates; authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into negotiations with the Monomoy Regional School District in regard to use of the said parcel; and further, authorize the Board of Selectman to review this site and to expeditiously take any other action in regard thereto.

(By Petition)

**Motion:** By Robert Hessler, Petitioner  
To be offered from Town Meeting Floor

**Speaker:** Robert Hessler, Petitioner



*Proposed site plan. Graphic provided by petitioner.*

**Explanation:** *Provided by petitioner*

*This article authorizes the Board of Selectmen (BOS) to take action to offer an alternative site to 1610 Main Street for the proposed Council on Aging facility. This vacant/unused site, part of nearly 32 acres of land now leased to the Monomoy Regional School District, is located on Stepping Stones Road between Crowell Road and Old Queen Anne Road. It offers a safe, easily accessible site with adequate parking and the opportunity to have an efficient, likely less expensive single story building consistent with the previously designed Middle Road facility.*

*An affirmative vote on this Article will authorize the Board of Selectmen to transfer funds for a feasibility study for the Stepping Stones site, which includes an Owner's Project Manager, a conceptual design, and cost estimates, as well as the authority to negotiate with the Monomoy Regional School District to declare this not less than 1.599 acre site, which is not to extend beyond the bike path, as "surplus". Harwich declared as "surplus" its Middle School property, which is now used as its Cultural Center.*

*The Board of Selectmen is requested to conduct this review expeditiously so as not to delay the construction of the Council on Aging facility and in order for this site to be voted on at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting.*

*It is believed that the feasibility study will show that the Stepping Stones site provides numerous advantages, including being Town-owned property already zoned Municipal. It has three access roads: Old Queen Anne Road, Crowell Road, and Heritage Lane, as opposed to the heavily-traveled Route 28 in West Chatham. There are essentially no topographical issues that would result in increased costs and an assault on our natural resources. It is a safe place to walk or ride a bike and is located between Stepping Stones Road and the Old Colony Rail Trail (Bike Path). There is room for parking for up to 60 cars with an adjacent town-owned parking lot with 20 additional spaces. There is space for possible future expansion, green space for outdoor dining and activities, allowance for hook-up to sewer, and there is no impact on the Middle School athletic playing fields or the bike path.*

*Along with these stated reasons, the site has no space limitations. The Chatham Council on Aging needs a new, safe, and appropriate facility as soon as possible. This superior location deserves further review.*

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:** Recommendation from Town Meeting Floor  
**Finance Committee Recommendation:** Recommendation from Town Meeting Floor  
**Vote Required:** *Simple Majority*

## **ARTICLE 2 – Dredging; Supplemental Appropriation**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of paying costs related to dredging within Chatham’s waterways including costs for engineering, permitting, and construction, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or to take any other action in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen)

**Motion:** By Shareen Davis, Chairman, Board of Selectmen  
I move that the Town appropriate the sum of \$500,000 for the purpose of paying costs related to dredging within Chatham’s waterways including costs for engineering, permitting, and construction, including all costs incidental and related thereto; and to meet this appropriation raise \$500,000 transfer the said \$500,000 from Free Cash.

**Speaker:** Ted Keon, Coastal Resources Director

**Explanation:** *Maintaining safe navigable channels is critically important to preserve Chatham’s maritime interests. These channels service Chatham’s commercial fishing fleet,*

*the largest on Cape Cod, Coast Guard search and rescue operations, and thousands of local and visiting recreational boaters. Ongoing changes to the eastern barrier beaches and inlets have intensified shoaling and sediment movement in Chatham Harbor and, more alarmingly, at the entrance to Stage Harbor.*

*Stage Harbor has historically been available to mariners seeking an alternative port when conditions make accessing Chatham Harbor or crossing the outer bars difficult. In addition, Stage Harbor is home to over 1,300 moorings and slips, 3 of Chatham's 5 marinas, multiple public launching ramps, the Old Mill Boat Yard Harbormaster Facility, and recently improved fisheries offloading facilities at 90 Bridge St. and Trap Dock. Shoaling at the entrance to Stage Harbor has substantially increased threatening safe, viable navigation into this important deepwater harbor. This article will augment the Town's dredging account to provide maintenance dredging services from federal, county, and/or private sources as may be available.*

**Board of Selectmen Recommendation:      Approve 4-0-0**  
**Finance Committee Recommendation:      Recommendation from Town Meeting Floor**

***Vote Required: Simple Majority***

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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the several Post Offices in said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of the Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Twenty.

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Shareen Davis, Chairman

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Peter K. Cocolis, Vice-Chairman

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Dean P. Nicastro, Clerk

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Cory J. Metters

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Jeffrey S. Dykens

Board of Selectmen

A True Copy, Attest

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Julie Smith, Town Clerk

Barnstable, ss.

Pursuant to the written WARRANT, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Chatham by posting attested copies of the same in each of the Post Offices of said Town at least fourteen days before DATE on February \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

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Constable

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Date