



## HARBORMASTER

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TO: FINCOM  
FR: Harbormaster  
RE: Warrant Article Requests

Dear Finance Committee,

On behalf of the Harbor Department I would like to submit the following warrant article requests for the 2023 Special Town Meeting.

1. **\$55,000.00** To repair the west facing timber bulkhead of the Filled Dock. There is an immediate need to make this repair as the sink holes in the parking lot have become increasingly overwhelming to manage, and pose a significant safety issue for the public.
2. **\$53,000.00** to complete necessary annual dock repair and pile driving in excess of the \$30,000.00 available in the "Harbor Pilings" line (295-5240) in the Harbor Department budget. Funding for dock repair and dredging usually comes from the Waterways Improvement fund, which was exhausted at the last STM to use as matching funds for Phase 2 of the Commercial Dock Replacement Project. This funding will cover the \$18,653.00 in excess of the "Harbor Pilings" line for annual piling replacement and the \$33,350.00 needed to raise the elevation of the Channel Dock which is underwater at mean high water level.
3. **\$20,000.00** To complete annual maintenance dredging of less than 1,000 cubic yards within Menemsha Harbor for the purposes of navigation. Dredge spoils of certified clean material will be used for the Menemsha Dune Restoration Project being undertaken by the Conservation Commission.
4. **\$15,000** to replace three marine electrical pedestals on the East side of Filled Dock. The existing pedestals have reached the end of their life service and are in need of replacement. We have been keeping up with corrosion issues with these pedestals for a number of years, but they have reached the point where they pose a risk to users due to electrical shock dangers when touching the breakers, and most of the structural parts are beyond repair. I plan to replace three pedestals per year beginning with these and continuing with the remaining pedestals on the East side of Filled Dock, then moving on to the Transient Yacht Dock.
5. **\$3,000.00** to have all 10 Town Transient Moorings inspected. Moorings must be inspected every three years to ensure there is adequate life left in the mooring block and associated tackle to ensure safety of vessels occupying moorings during the summer months.

Respectfully,  
Ryan Rossi  
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