

ARTICLE 5:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow the sum of \$750,000 or any other sum, for the Town Wharf Project, the expenditure of which shall be contingent upon the Town being awarded a grant for the remaining funds necessary for the project, or take any other action relative thereto.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

RECOMMENDATION: Approval \$750,000 (Unanimous, 12-0-0)

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 5. Approval of this article, ranked #3 in priority for Fall by the Capital Improvements Committee, will appropriate an additional \$750,000 to be raised by borrowing, to complete the T-Wharf replacement project. The total project cost is estimated at \$4 million and Town Meeting has previously appropriated \$1.25 million from the Waterways Fund. While the Town has a pending Mass Works grant requesting \$2.75 million to complete funding for this project, this appropriation would allow the Town to seek alternative funding through the Seaport Economics Council should the Mass Works grant not be awarded.



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MEMO

To: Kere Gillette, Budget Analyst
Through: Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
From: David Gould, Director of Marine and Environmental Affairs 
Re: **Article 5/T-Wharf Capital Request**
Date: August 25, 2015

The Department of Marine and Environmental Affairs (DMEA) respectfully requests capital funding in the amount of \$750,000 for the T-Wharf replacement project. The estimated cost of this project is \$4,000,000.

The Town has previously approved funding in the amount of \$1,250,000 from the Waterways Account for this project. In addition, the Town has worked with the Commonwealth over several years to secure the remaining funds for the project. This work has included applying for funds from the Environmental Bond Bill, Seaport Advisory Council and the general state budget. In 2014 state funds were appropriated for the project but were subsequently cut by former Governor Deval Patrick before leaving office.

The Town currently has a Mass Works grant application pending with the Commonwealth for \$2,750,000.00 to secure the remaining funds for this project. Should the grant application be unsuccessful approval of the funds from Town Meeting would allow the Town the ability to apply to the re-established Seaport Economics Council for funding. It is important to note that the re-established Seaport Council has lowered its awards making it more important than ever that municipalities can provide at least a 1:1 match going forward. Approval of this article would allow the Town to move forward in that direction.

C: Chad Hunter, Harbormaster
Pamela Hagler, Procurement Officer