

ARTICLE 8:

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase and equip an educational trailer for the Dept. of Marine and Environmental Affairs, or take any other action relative thereto.

MARINE AND ENVIRONMENTAL

RECOMMENDATION:Approval \$10,000 (12-0-0) Unanimous

The Advisory & Finance Committee recommends Town Meeting approve Article 8. Approval of this Article will allow the Department of Environmental Affairs (DMEA) to purchase a mobile education trailer for the purpose of providing an educational learning experience in coordination with the schools. The trailer can also be used at local events where it would be available to residents and tourists. The focus of the educational materials on offer will be numerous native fish, birds and waterfowl of many feathers, marine mammals, assorted woodland critters, and various other forms of local wildlife that can be found in and around Plymouth. The trailer will include displays and tasteful taxidermy. This project would be funded from the Environmental Affairs Fund.



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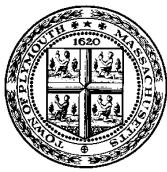
To: Melissa Arrighi, Town Manager
From: David Gould, DMEA Director
Re: Environmental Affairs Fund Request/Trailer
Date: December 20, 2019

DMEA respectfully requests the use of \$10,000 from the Environmental Affairs Fund for a mobile education trailer. The trailer will be used to provide an educational learning experience for local children on fish and wildlife. There are a significant number of events in Town that would allow for the trailer to be used and for children (and adults) to learn about the fish, birds, waterfowl, marine mammals and animals that can be found in Plymouth.

To date, DMEA has secured over \$7,900 in donations towards this project and these funds would allow for acquisition of the trailer, displays, taxidermy, etc.

Entergy	\$4,000
Eastern Bank	\$2,000
AD Makepeace	\$1,000
Herring Ponds Watershed Association	\$500
Plymouth County League of Sportsmen	\$200
Red Top Sporting Goods	\$100
Cedar Gun Club	\$100

The concept is based upon the highly successful Barnstable trailer which can be seen below.



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