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To All Ogunquit Residents,

The Ogunquit Residents Alliance (ORA) mission is to “advocate for residents’ needs and quality of life in Ogunquit”. Started as a grassroots effort in March of 2016, we are now a group of more than 140 full and part-time residents/taxpayers. Please consider joining ORA whether you want to be an active participant, attend meetings, or just keep informed via email. To join the ORA email list, email us at ogunquitresidentsgroup@gmail.com.

If you vote in Ogunquit, there is an ORA neutral analysis of Warrant Article pros, cons and impact at www.ogunquitresidents.com. Also, ORA members (both full and part-time residents) have expressed their opinion on each of the Articles, as detailed on the reverse side. Important Articles include:

NO on 3: Requires a \$1.5 million bond to repair and redesign the OVS for use as an Intergenerational Learning Center, with income from a preschool. While an interesting concept, ORA believes that the start-up and operating financials are substantially understated and would burden the community, including the ability to generate revenue with so few children in Ogunquit. Both the Select Board and the Budget Review Committee voted against this Article. The upcoming Comprehensive Plan survey will be the entire community’s opportunity to express what we would like to do with the OVS building.

YES on 4, and NO on 24: Both address private helicopter landings in Ogunquit. Emergency landings are allowed in both. Article 4, the citizen’s petition, is more restrictive allowing landings only west of 95 with 2 acres of land. Article 24 allows landings west of Route 1 with 1 acre of land. Voting “no” on both will allow helicopter landings anywhere in town. The Town recently explained that in order to enact a moratorium on helicopter landings, a helicopter ordinance would have to be in place. ORA members are overwhelmingly against any helicopter landings, and recommend voting “yes” on 4, with a plan to move for a moratorium and ordinance banning all helicopter landings on the June 2017 ballot. Article 4 is better than 24, and better than no restrictions.

NO on 8, 18, and 19: These articles change Conflict of Interest sections in the Town Charter. Currently, Board members with a conflict or appearance of conflict of interest shall leave the room while the item is being discussed. The change would require the person move to the public section area of the room, and allow them to participate as a member of the public. We feel the recused Board member is not just another member of the public and would carry undue weight if allowed to speak on the subject, and his/her presence alone could arguably inhibit a full and open discussion.

Thank you, Ogunquit Residents Alliance