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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MOTIONS AND SUMMARIES

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**NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL MIDDLE SCHOOL
460 BALDWINVILLE ROAD, BALDWINVILLE**

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ARTICLE 1 CONSENT AGENDA

To see if the Town will vote to establish a consent agenda for Town Meeting to adopt one or more non-controversial articles in one motion; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

1A - REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the 2015 Town Report; or take any other action relative thereto.

1B - REPORTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES

To see if the Town will vote to allow any of the Town Committees to present their reports; or to take any other action relative thereto.

1C - REVOLVING FUNDS

To see what revolving funds pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth the Town will authorize or reauthorize for various boards, commissions or departments of the Town, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; or take any other action relative thereto.

Summary:

The Consent Article consolidates routine and non-controversial items into a single article. The third item, Revolving Funds, are established under Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½. Fees collected by departments under this article are deposited into special, revolving accounts that are separate from the General Fund of the Town. Departmental revolving fund monies must be expended for purposes directly related to the mission of the department.

Two new revolving funds are being proposed for Fiscal 2017: 1) A Veterans Benefits Revolving Fund, which would receive state reimbursement funds for benefits to veterans paid by the Town. The Commonwealth reimburses the Town for 3/4ths of the costs of veterans benefits. The standard procedure is for the Town to fund the entire amount of veterans benefits and to receive state reimbursement in the following fiscal year. A revolving fund would permit the Town to use state reimbursements to partially fund the program in the current year; and 2) A Highway Department Revolving Fund, which would receive payments from other departments that have utilized Highway Department workers during emergencies. Currently, if the Water Department has need for Highway workers to assist with a break in a water line beyond the normal work day, the Highway Department provides assistance and covers the cost from its own overtime budget. The Water Department would compensate, but the compensating funds would go into the

general fund and would not be available until the next fiscal year.

Main Motion:

I move that the Reports of Town Officers, Reports of Town Committees and the Revolving Funds set forth below, be hereby approved.

REVOLVING FUND NAME	PROGRAMS AND PURPOSES OF THE FUND	DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS TO BE CREDITED TO THE FUND	OFFICER AUTHORIZED TO EXPEND FROM FUND	TOTAL ANNUAL LIMIT ON EXPENDITURES FROM FUND
Council on Aging Transportation Fund	Wages & Expenses for Operation of the Van	Fees Charged for Use of the COA Van	Council on Aging Director	\$91,000
Cemetery Department Burial Fund	Wages for weekend burials and cemetery capital improvements	Fees Charged for Weekend Burials	Cemetery Commissioner	\$8,000
Board of Appeals Hearings Fund	Expenses related to Hearings and Applications	Application Fees	Board of Appeals	\$3,000
Fire Department Inspections Fund	Expansion of Fire Inspection Program	Inspection Fees from Fire Department Inspections	Fire Chief	\$5,000
Board of Health Fund	Expansion of the recycling program	Receipts from the sale of recycling equipment and disposal of recycled goods	Board of Health	\$10,000
Veterans Benefits Fund	Legally Mandated Veterans Benefits	Reimbursements from the Commonwealth for Prior Year Veterans	Veterans Services Director	\$100,000

Highway Department Fund	Highway Department Services during Emergencies	Reimbursements from Enterprise Departments for use of Highway Employees	Highway Superintendent	\$5,000
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***Requires a majority vote.*

ARTICLE 2 OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS FUND

To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 32B of the General Laws; and pursuant to said section to direct the Treasurer of the town

(1) to establish a separate account to be known as the "Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund" (OPEB) in the Treasury of the Town; and

(2) to develop a funding schedule for the funding of the Town's liabilities for other post-employment benefits; and

(3) to seek and obtain the approval of such funding schedule by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission or as otherwise provided by state law; and

(4) to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute or transfer from available funds a sum of money for deposit into the OPEB Liability Trust Fund; or to take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Summary:

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement #45 in 2004.

GASB #45 is an accounting and financial reporting provision

requiring government employers to measure and report financial liabilities associated with other post-employment benefits (OPEB), i.e., benefits other than a retiree pension.

OPEBs may include post-retirement health insurance, pharmacy, dental, vision, life, long-term disability and long-term care benefits that are not associated with a pension plan.

Government employers that are required to comply with GASB #45 include all states, cities and towns in the United States. GASB #45 was issued because of concern for the magnitude of future financial obligations for post-employment benefits and because most state and local governments did not carry OPEB liabilities on their balance sheet.

This article, which adopts state enabling legislation, will establish an OPEB Liability Trust, which together with an actuarial report and funding schedule will enable the Town to seek approval from the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission (PERAC). Thereafter, funds deposited in the OPEB Liability Trust may only be used to fund the OPEB liability.

Having a PERAC approved OPEB funding schedule will benefit the Town with a more attractive bond rating and lower interest rates for borrowing.

Main Motion:

I move that the Town vote to accept provisions of Section 20 of Chapter 32B of the Massachusetts General Laws and to direct the Town Treasurer to establish an Other Post-Employment Benefits Trust Fund in the Treasury of the Town; and further, to charge the Town Administration with developing an OPEB funding schedule and obtaining approval of said schedule by the Public Employee Retirement Administration Commission of the Commonwealth; and further, to transfer Sixty Four Thousand Six Hundred and Eight Dollars **(\$64,608)** from the FY'16 Selectmen's Expense Account (1000-122-100-54-5420-0000) to the OPEB Liability Trust Fund.

***Requires a majority vote.*

ARTICLE 3 FISCAL 2016 FINANCIAL TRANSFERS

To see if the Town will vote to increase, decrease or otherwise adjust any budget line item as appropriated by the Town at the May 16, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, and to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute and/or transfer from available funds, such sums as may be needed by the various departmental budgets and appropriations to complete the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Summary:

End of fiscal year financial transfers are normal. Some accounts have surplus funds, and other accounts need additional funds to accommodate expenses not anticipated during the budget process. Most of the transfers under this article move funds into salary and wage accounts to pay employees for the additional two days that they will work in Fiscal 2016. The Town's assessment for unemployment compensation continues to reflect the cost of benefits paid during the layoffs at the end of Fiscal 2014. The \$27,000 being transferred to the Selectmen's Office Expense is not earmarked for any specific expenses; rather, it will be available for the last six weeks of the fiscal year as a reserve in case of unanticipated needs. If unused, it will flow into free cash for FY'2017.

None of the transfers on this list will affect the tax rate.

Main Motion:

I move that the following adjustments be made by transfers from various accounts to various accounts with the FY 2016 operating budget as previously appropriated by the Town pursuant to Article 5 of the May 16, 2015 Annual Town meeting, as followings:

Account	Transfer From	Amount	Account	Transfer To	Amount
1000-147-100-51-5115-0000	Treasurer/Clerk Wages	\$ 600.00	1000-122-100-51-5110-0000	Selectman Office Salaries	\$ 600.00

1000-147-100-51-5115-0000	Treasurer/Clerk Wages	\$ 100.00	1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator	\$ 100.00
1000-171-100-51-5115-0000	Conservation Admin Asst.	\$ 400.00	1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator	\$ 400.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 130.00	1000-135-100-51-5110-0000	Town Accountant	\$ 130.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 1,065.00	1000-141-100-51-5110-0000	Deputy Assessor	\$ 1,065.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 432.00	1000-141-100-51-5115-0000	Assessor Admin	\$ 432.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 115.00	1000-147-100-51-5110-0000	Town Treasurer/Collector	\$ 115.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 470.00	1000-147-100-51-5112-0000	Asst. Treasurer/Collector	\$ 470.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 223.00	1000-161-100-51-5115-0000	Asst. Town Clerk	\$ 223.00
1000-241-200-51-5112-0000	Inspection Service Admin	\$ 65.00	1000-192-100-51-5115-0000	Town Building Maint.	\$ 65.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 210.00	1000-241-200-51-5110-0000	Building Inspector	\$ 210.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 5.00	1000-294-200-51-5115-0000	Tree Warden	\$ 5.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 75.00	1000-421-400-51-5110-0000	Highway Super	\$ 75.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 625.00	1000-421-400-51-5115-0000	Highway Admin Asst.	\$ 625.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 10.00	1000-422-400-51-5110-0000	Mechanic Salary	\$ 10.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 72.00	1000-491-400-51-5110-0000	Cemetery Super	\$ 72.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 1,730.00	1000-491-400-51-5112-0000	Cemetery Salary	\$ 1,730.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 115.00	1000-543-500-51-5115-0000	Veterans Salary	\$ 115.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 600.00	1000-610-600-51-5115-0000	Library Director	\$ 600.00
1000-510-500-51-5110-0000	Board of Health Agent	\$ 4,500.00	1000-913-900-51-5171-0000	Unemployment	\$ 4,500.00
1000-135-100-51-5190-0000	Town Acct Certification	\$ 500.00	1000-945-900-57-5770-0000	Insurance Deductible	\$ 500.00
1000-152-100-53-5303-0000	Right to Know Law	\$ 300.00	1000-945-900-57-5770-0000	Insurance Deductible	\$ 300.00
1000-151-100-53-5303-0000	Town Counsel	\$ 200.00	1000-945-900-57-5770-0000	Insurance Deductible	\$ 200.00
1000-151-100-53-5303-0000	Town Counsel	\$ 8,500.00	1000-913-900-51-5171-0000	Unemployment	\$ 8,500.00
1000-151-100-53-5303-0000	Town Counsel	\$ 300.00	1000-147-100-54-5420-0000	Treasurer Expense	\$ 300.00
1000-152-100-54-5420-0000	Personnel Admin	\$ 1,200.00	1000-147-100-54-5420-0000	Treasurer Expense	\$ 1,200.00
1000-152-100-54-5420-0000	Personnel Admin	\$ 7,300.00	1000-914-900-57-5741-0000	Group Insurance	\$ 7,300.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 3,200.00	1000-155-100-53-5340-0000	Town Telephone	\$ 3,200.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 9,500.00	1000-913-900-51-5173-0000	Medicare	\$ 9,500.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 1,500.00	1000-916-900-51-5173-0000	Medicare	\$ 1,500.00
1000-175-100-54-5420-0000	Planning Board	\$ 2,000.00	1000-161-100-54-5420-0000	Town Clerk Expense	\$ 2,000.00
1000-210-200-51-5112-0000	Police Dept. Salaries	\$ 3,600.00	1000-210-200-51-5110-0000	Police Chief	\$ 3,600.00
1000-192-100-54-5480-0000	Town Fuel	\$ 27,000.00	1000-122-100-54-5420-0000	Selectman Office Expenses	\$ 27,000.00
		\$ 76,642.00			\$ 76,642.00

**** Requires a majority vote.**

ARTICLE 4 FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET & SALARIES OF TOWN OFFICIALS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay for municipal operating expenses, bonded debt and school assessments for Fiscal Year 2017; and further, to set the salary and compensation of elected and appointed officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Summary:

This is the operating budget of the Town for Fiscal 2017 (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017).

The Fiscal 2017 operating budget includes school assessments, debt service and the assessment for Worcester County Retirement.

Main Motion:

I move that Thirteen Million Six Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (**\$13,672,536**) be hereby appropriated from the Fiscal 2017 tax levy and other general revenues of the Town to pay for municipal and schools operating expenses and for debt service and the Worcester County Retirement assessment for Fiscal Year 2017, and to set the salary and compensation of all elected and appointed officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as set forth in a document entitled "Town of Templeton FY 2017 General Fund Budget."

**** Requires a majority vote.**

ARTICLE 5 FUNDING FOR AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Fire Department/ Ambulance -- Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account (22-300-3560-3283) or to otherwise raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund Ambulance Department operations, with any unexpended monies in the Ambulance budget being returned to the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and with any unexpended balances in the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account being carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Summary:

*This article transfers funds from a special account, the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, to fund the Fire Department's Ambulance Services. The receipts in this account come from ambulance transports in prior fiscal years. Annual billing for ambulance transports exceeds **\$250,000**, and income will grow as the Department implements Advanced Life Support/Paramedic services.*

Main Motion:

I move that Two Hundred Twelve Thousand Dollars (**\$212,000**) be hereby transferred from the Fire Department/Ambulance -- Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, to be spent by the Fire Chief to pay for the operation of the Ambulance Service within the Fire Department during Fiscal 2017, with any unexpended monies in the Ambulance budget being returned to the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and with any unexpended balances in the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account being carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

**** Requires a majority vote.**

ARTICLE 6 FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE LEASE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money to fund the third year of a lease/purchase agreement for an ambulance for the Fire/Ambulance Department, including a transfer from the Fire Department/Ambulance - Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account (22-3560-3283); or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Summary:

This article will fund payment of the third year of a lease/purchase agreement for purchase of the ambulance for the Fire/Ambulance Department. Funds will be transferred from the special Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, which contains monies collected from ambulance transports.

Main Motion:

I move that Fifty Seven Thousand Dollars **(\$57,000)** be hereby transferred for the Town Administrator to expend to pay for the third year of the ambulance lease/purchase agreement, and to meet this appropriation **\$57,000** be hereby transferred from the Fire/Ambulance Department - Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account, (22-300-3560-3283)

**** Requires a majority vote.**

ARTICLE 7 FUNDING FOR ASSESSORS' TRIENNIAL RECERTIFICATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **(\$25,000)** from the FY'17 tax levy and other general revenues of the town to be spent by the Board of Assessors for Interim, Triennial Recertification and Cyclical Inspections; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Summary:

This article funds the first year of a three-year program to set aside monies for the state-mandated, triennial revaluation of all real estate and personal property in the Town.

Main Motion:

I move that Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **(\$25,000)** be raised and appropriated from the Fiscal Year 2017 tax levy and other general revenues of the Town to be spent by the Board of Assessors for the 2019 Triennial Recertification.

**** Requires a majority vote.**

ARTICLE 8 DIRECT DEPOSIT

To see if the Town will accept M.G.L., c.41, Section 41B which states:

“The treasurer of any city, town or district which accepts this section may pay salaries, wages, or other compensation to any person in the service of such city, town or district by means of deposits to a deposit account or accounts of such person in any one or more savings or cooperative banks, trust companies, or credit unions incorporated in or chartered by the commonwealth; in any one or more national banking associations, federal savings or loan associations or federal credit unions located in the commonwealth; in any one or more banking companies or Morris Plan companies subject to chapter one hundred and seventy-two A; or any one or more savings or loan associations under the supervision of the commissioner of banks; provided, that such person has specifically authorized such deposits, and provided further, that if such deposits are made initially to accounts established for such persons in any one such bank, trust company, credit union, or association, the depository shall have agreed with the treasurer on terms satisfactory to the treasurer for the immediate direct transfer of such deposit to any other such bank, trust company, credit union, or association designated by each such person”; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Summary:

State law requires that Town Meeting must accept enabling legislation (M.G.L.,c.41, Section 41B) before the Treasurer/Collector can implement a direct deposit program for Town employee pay checks. It is further required that each Town employee must specifically authorize direct electronic deposit into their bank account.

Main Motion:

I move that Section 41B of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws be accepted.

**** Requires a majority vote.**

ARTICLE 9 ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR SEWER PUMPING STATION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to acquire by gift, purchase and eminent domain pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, M.G.L. c. 79 and M.G.L. c. 83 and any other applicable statute, all or any portions of the properties and interests therein and improvements thereto located off the southern side of Pleasant Street, known as Town Assessor Map 1-4, Parcel 151 and including the areas marked on that certain plan on file with the Sewer Department as “Easement” and “Parcel of Interest” and supposedly owned by the Town of Templeton and Harry Kerby and Marie O. Kerby or their heirs, for sewer purposes, including without limitation for the construction, re-construction and operation of a sewer pumping station, grading, drainage, sloping,

utilities and other related purposes; to see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute or transfer from available funds, Eighteen Thousand Dollars **(\$18,000)** for such purposes; said sum to be raised from sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission

Summary:

*This article will fund acquisition of a vacant, unbuildable lot for replacement of the existing Pleasant Street pumping station. The current pumping station is more than 40 years old. The estimated value of the parcel is **\$18,000**.*

Main Motion:

I move to authorize the Board of Sewer Commissioners to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain pursuant to M.G.L. c. 40, M.G.L. c. 79 and M.G.L. c. 83 or any other applicable statute, all or any portions of the properties and interests therein and improvements thereto located off the southern side of Pleasant Street, known as Town Assessor Map 1-4, Parcel 151 and including the areas marked on that certain plan on file with the Sewer Department as "Easement" and "Parcel of Interest" and supposedly owned by the Town of Templeton and Harry Kerby and Marie O. Kerby or their heirs, for sewer purposes, including without limitation for the construction, re-construction and operation of a sewer pumping station, grading, drainage, sloping, utilities and other related purposes; and to appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute or transfer from available funds, Eighteen Thousand Dollars **(\$18,000)** for such purposes; said sum to be raised from sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department

*****Requires a majority vote.***

ARTICLE 10 PLEASANT STREET PUMP STATION REPLACEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars **(\$2,400,000)** to pay for the replacement of the Pleasant Street sewer pump station; said sum is to be raised from sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors, betterments and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission

Summary:

*This article will utilize the USDA grant/loan program to accept a grant and finance a loan to replace the Pleasant Street Pump Station. The USDA program will provide a grant of **\$575,000** for the cost of the pump station with a loan of **\$1,725,000** for 40 years at an estimated 2.25% interest. The existing pump station is more than 40 years old and is inadequate for the current level of flows.*

Main Motion:

I move to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Million Three Hundred Thousand Dollars **(\$2,300,000)** to pay for the replacement of the Pleasant Street sewer pump station; said sum is to be raised from sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors, betterments and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department.

***Requires a 2/3rds majority.*

ARTICLE 11 FY 2017 SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds the sum of One Million Thirty Thousand Dollars **(\$1,030,000)** to operate the Sewer Department; said sum is to be used for salaries, operations, maintenance, legal, engineering and other expenses of the Templeton Sewer Department; said sum to be raised from sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission

Summary:

This article funds the operating budget of the Sewer Department for Fiscal 2017 (July1, 2016 – June 30, 2017). The Sewer Department is an off-budget, enterprise department whose revenues come from users of the Town sewer system instead of the taxpayers.

Main Motion:

I move that One Million Thirty Thousand Dollars **(\$1,030,000)** be hereby appropriated to operate the Sewer Department (Sewer Enterprise Fund) for Fiscal Year 2017, said sum to be used for salaries, operating, maintenance, legal, engineering and other expenses of the Templeton Sewer Department; said sum to be raised from revenues of sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees and tipping fees paid by disposal contractors and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer

Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department.

*** Requires a majority vote.*

ARTICLE 12 SENIOR EXEMPTION: COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to increase the cost of living adjustment, as provided by the Department of Revenue, to the Fiscal Year 2017 amount of **.59 %** that may be used to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens, surviving spouses and minors under M.G.L., Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D. The adoption of this article was voted for on May 3, 1999 at the Annual Town Meeting, Article 17 and the exemption is partially reimbursable by the Department of Revenue; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Board of Assessors

Summary:

*State statute provides a tax exemption for seniors, surviving spouses and minors who meet certain income and age requirements. The Legislature provides periodic cost of living adjustments. This article increases the cost of living adjustment by **.59%**.*

Main Motion:

I move that the cost of living adjustment, for the Fiscal Year 2017 be hereby established in the amount of Point Five Nine Percent (**.59 %**), to be used to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens, surviving spouses and minors under M.G.L., Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 17D., which statute was accepted by the Town under Article 17 of the May 3, 1999 Annual Town Meeting.

*** Requires a majority vote.*

ARTICLE 13 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44B of the General Laws, also known as the Community Preservation Act, to act upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and/or reserve a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund for: (i) the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee; (ii) the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; (iii) the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; (iv) the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; (v) the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and (vi) the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing acquired or created under such Act; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen with the approval of the Community Preservation Committee, to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain such real property interests in the name of or enforceable by the Town, acting by and through the Board of Selectmen or such other Town board as the Board of Selectmen may designate, including real property

interests in the form of permanent affordable housing restrictions, historical preservation restrictions and conservation restrictions that will meet the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, as may be necessary and proper to carry out the foregoing; or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee

Summary:

This article appropriates funds for the administrative expenses of the Community Preservation Committee, and it reserves 10% of the available funds respectively for historic preservation, housing, and open space/recreation projects within the Town, as required by state statute.

*Also, this article seeks an appropriation of Fifty Thousand Dollars **(\$50,000)** from the Templeton Community Preservation General Reserve Fund to renovate and restore the Town owned building at 135 Patriots Road, East Templeton, known as Scout Hall, including repair of the tin ceiling, interior wall replacement, wood floor restoration and new windows. Community Preservation funds in Templeton are derived from a 3% surcharge on property taxes together with matching funds from the Commonwealth.*

Main Motion:

I move that sums be transferred or reserved from Community Preservation annual revenues, which include the amount to be collected as a surcharge on real property and the October 2016 state match, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for CPC administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses as follows:

Transfer **\$12,000** or (5%) of the FY 2017 revenues and state match for Committee administrative expenses; and reserve: 1) **\$24,000** or (10%) of the FY 2017 revenues and state match for the Historic Resources Reserve ; and 2) **\$24,000** or (10%) of the FY 2017 revenues and state match for the Community Housing Reserve; and 3) **\$24,000** or (10%) of the FY 2017 revenues and state match for the Open Space and Recreation Reserve; and 4) **\$158,600** or (65%) of the FY 2017 revenues and state match for the Budgeted Reserve;

And further, to transfer **\$24,000** from the Templeton Community Preservation Historic Preservation Account and **\$26,000** from the Templeton Community Preservation General Account for the Board of Selectmen to expend for the historic preservation of the Town-owned building at 135 Patriots Road, East Templeton, known as Scout Hall, by rehabilitating the ceiling and other interior components, electrical, plumbing and heating components for use as a municipal Youth and Community Center; said project to follow the U.S. Secretary of Interior standards for historic rehabilitation, as required

by the Community Preservation Act.

*** Requires a majority vote.*

ARTICLE 14 TRANSFER TO THE STABILIZATION FUND

To see if the Town will vote raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Summary:

This article permits the Town Meeting to transfer available funds to the General Stabilization fund of the Town. The General Stabilization Fund is a reserve or “rainy day” fund. Once monies are deposited into the General Stabilization Fund, they can only be withdrawn with a 2/3rds vote of the Town Meeting. The Town currently has \$142,230 in its General Stabilization account. In addition, the Pajari Stabilization Account has \$9,287 and the Capital Stabilization Account has \$2,358.

Main Motion:

I move that this article be passed over.

*** Requires a majority vote.*

ARTICLE 15 BY-LAW AMENDMENT: ELECTION OF TOWN OFFICERS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1 of Article II of the Town By-Laws, approved by Town Meeting on March 10, 1973, to read as follows:

“The Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers shall be held on the third Tuesday of May of each year.”;

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectman

Summary:

This article will amend the Town By-Laws to move the Town Election to the third Tuesday in May. If Articles 15 and 16 are adopted, the Town Meeting would take place two weeks before the Town election, thereby reversing the order of Town Meeting and Town Election.

Main Motion:

I move that Section 1 of Article II of the Town By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

“The Annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers shall be held on the third Tuesday of May of each year.”

*** Requires a majority vote*

ARTICLE 16 BY- LAW AMENDMENT: TOWN MEETINGS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 2 of Article II approved by Town Meeting on November 14,1985 to read as follows:

“All business of the Annual Town Meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered and held on the first Tuesday of May of each year at a time and place designated by the Board of Selectman.”;

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectman

Summary:

This article would move the Annual Town Meeting from the second Saturday in May to the first Tuesday in May, and in combination with Article 15 would reverse the order of Town Meeting and Town Election.

Main Motion:

I move that Section 2 of Article II of the Town By-Laws be amended to read as follows:

“All business of the Annual Town Meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered and held on the first Tuesday of May of each year at a time and place designated by the Board of Selectman.”

*** Requires a majority vote*

ARTICLE 17 BY- LAW AMENDMENT: APPOINTMENT OF TOWN MEETING CHECKERS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 7 of Article II approved on March 5, 1951 to read as follows:

“The Town Clerk shall appoint checkers, who shall permit only registered voters to enter upon the floor of the Annual or any Town Meeting; a section marked “non-registered” shall be open to the public.”;

or to take any other action relative thereto:

Submitted by the Board of Selectman

Summary:

This article would authorize the Town Clerk to appoint “checkers” who check in registered voters outside the Town Meeting auditorium. Currently, the Selectmen appoint the

checkers. Also, the current By-Law states that “the balcony shall be open to the public.” This language is repealed since there is no balcony in the Narragansett Middle School Auditorium. A section of the Auditorium marked “non-registered” will be open to the public.

Main Motion:

I move to amend Section 7 of Article II of the Town By-Laws to read as follows:

“The Town Clerk shall appoint checkers, who shall permit only registered voters to enter upon the floor of the Annual or any Town Meeting; a section marked “non-registered” shall be open to the public.”

*** Requires a majority vote.*

ARTICLE 18 BY- LAW AMENDMENT: RECORDS AND REPORTS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3 of Article VIII, approved by Town Meeting on August 31, 1978, to read as follows:

“It shall be the duty of the Selectman to publish the Annual Report, to be made available to the residents on the official town website on the last Tuesday of April of each year and for distribution at the polling places and also at Town Hall in the Selectman’s Office.”; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectman

Summary:

This article will require the publication of the Annual Report on the Town website and change the date of publication from “the Monday preceding the first Monday in May” to “the last Tuesday in April.”

Main Motion:

I move that Section 3 of Article VIII of the Town By-Laws be amended to strike the existing text and replace same with the following:

“It shall be the duty of the Selectman to publish the Annual Report, to be made available to the residents on the official town website on the last Tuesday of April of each year and for distribution at the polling places and also at Town Hall in the Selectman’s Office.”

*** Requires a majority vote.*

ARTICLE 19 CITIZEN’S PETITION: FLUORIDE WARNING

Shall the Town vote to approve a warning concerning Templeton citizen's fluorosis risk the additive poses to infants, to be added to all water bills and consumer confidence reports (which must be mailed to all water consumers, be posted online, and available at

the Selectmen's Office and the Light and Water Department). The warning is as followed:

"Your public water supply is fluoridated. According to the Centers for Disease Control Prevention, if your child under the age of 6 months is exclusively consuming infant formula reconstituted with fluoridated water, there may be an increased chance of dental fluorosis. Consult your child's health care provider for more information."; or to take any other action relative there too.

A citizen's petition submitted by Peter Farrell and 9 others

***** Requires a majority vote.***

ARTICLE 20 CITIZEN'S PETITION: FLUORIDE LEGISLATION

Move that the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek Special Legislation as set forth below: provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition as follows:

An Act authorizing Annual Town Meeting as the responsible party on any and all decisions involving fluoridating or not fluoridating the public water supply.

Section 1. Notwithstanding Section 8C, Chapter 111, Title XVI, Part 1 of the general laws of or any general or special law to the contrary, the legislative body at Annual Town Meeting with a majority vote shall be authorized to make any and all decisions in regards to fluoridating or not fluoridating the public water supply however should town meeting vote to fluoridate the public water supply oversight on fluoride dose shall go to the town Board of Health. Annual town meeting shall also make decisions on health warning involving water fluoridation and any other decisions involving fluoride and the public water supply.

Section 2. Upon effective date of this act the Legislative body at Annual Town Meeting shall become the responsible party for all matters concerning fluoride and the public water supply.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

A citizen's petition submitted by Peter Farrell and 11 others

***** Requires a majority vote.***

ARTICLE 21 CITIZEN'S PETITION: REVIEW OF CONTRACTS BY TOWN COUNSEL

To see if the Town will vote to amend By Law Article VI – Contracts by town Officers and add a new Section 4 to read as follows:

All contracts with a value of \$100,000 or more shall be reviewed by Town Counsel before said contracts are signed.

A citizen's petition submitted by Julie Farrell and 11 others

***** Requires a majority vote.***

ARTICLE 22 CITIZEN'S PETITION: PROJECTS TO BE APPROVED BY TOWN MEETING

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II – Town Meetings and add a new section, Section 20, to read as follows:

Any project with an estimated cost of One Million dollars or more shall be discussed and voted upon **ONLY** at Templeton's Annual Town Meeting.

A citizen's petition submitted by Julie Farrell and 11 others

***** Requires a majority vote.***

ARTICLE 23 CITIZEN'S PETITION: ADVISORY COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

To see if the Town will vote amend Article IV of the General Bylaws (Advisory Committee) to read as follows:

Section 3. The Town Moderator shall fill any vacancies which may occur on the committee. No appointment shall be made until the vacancy has been posted on the Town's website for 14 days. If any member is absent for five consecutive meetings his position shall be deemed vacant, and filled by the town Moderator as herein provided. The appointee shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

A citizen's petition submitted by John Columbus and 10 others

***** Requires a majority vote.***