

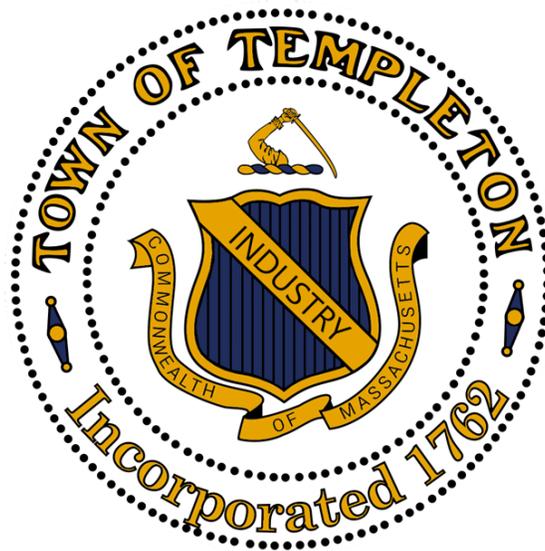
TOWN OF TEMPLETON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

June 17, 2020 @ 6 PM & June 17, 2020 @ 6:30



IMPORTANT ALERT

These Meetings are subject to possible postponement due to COVID-19 possible restrictions and/or changes; Town Web Site & CodeRED will advise of changes

**Narragansett Regional Middle School
460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville**

<https://www.templetonma.gov/>

A WELCOME TO THE PUREST FORM OF DEMOCRACY

Templeton has an Open Town Meeting/SelectBoard form of government. While there are many things the SelectBoard can do on a day to day basis, there are many things it cannot do. The SelectBoard cannot adopt by-laws, accept certain state laws, appropriate money, buy or sell land and the like. These powers are held by the legislative body.

In our Town the legislative body is the Open Town Meeting; a form of government in which any registered voter can appear, ask questions, speak on matters under consideration, make motions and amendments, and cast their vote as they deem in the Town's best interests. A form of government that has been a New England fixture since the first one was held in Dorchester, MA in 1633. This form of government is often called America's purest and most democratic.

The Town will hold its Annual Town meeting (and a one article Special Town Meeting) on June 17, 2020 under a "warrant" issued by the SelectBoard. This "warrant" advises the voters of the matters that will be acted upon whether it is to make capital purchases and improvements, establish or continue revolving funds, which allow us to operate programs such as additional recreation programs and bulky waste collections, operate the Town for the coming Fiscal Year, adopt by-law changes to conform to state law or improve the operations of Town government and the like.

Each item on the "warrant" is called an "article" and provides the voters with a sense of the scope of the action they are being asked to take. Some of the articles are brief, less than 50 words, while some can be quite lengthy; as much as six pages. In some cases, the Selectmen or the sponsor of the article may choose to waive the reading of the entirety of the article. This Town follows a publication "Town Meeting Time" which requires that even if the reading of only one article is to be waived, the voters at Town Meeting have the entire warrant available to them. That is why you will find that each article is published at length in this guide, even those not to be read at length. That is also why we: 1) make sure to have a printed copy of this guide available at Town Meeting for all voters in attendance; and 2) post this guide on the Town's website so that it is available to the general public.

This Voter Information Guide provides you with the motions the SelectBoard anticipates making in support of the Articles that have been warned in the Warrant and a summary of the reasons behind the article and the consequences of the vote. Here is the format the guide follows:

Article # and Title
Article Sponsor
Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: The anticipated motion to be proposed by the Board of Selectmen. These all mirror the original warrant articles. If there is a variation from the original warrant article you will see any strikethroughs in duplicate (~~To see if the Town will vote~~) and you will see any additions in bold italic (*I move*).

Summary: A brief description of the reasons for – and impact of - the article.

Comments and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee – a seven-member citizen committee appointed by the Moderator to review and advise you on all matters to come before the Town Meeting.

Citizen's Petitions await motions by those who filed them.

Please feel free to contact me directly at Town Hall in person, whenever we are open to the public, by email at townadministrator@templetonma.gov, or by phone on 1.603.498.0958 at any time if you have questions you would like to ask before the meeting.

I look forward to seeing you at the Meeting.

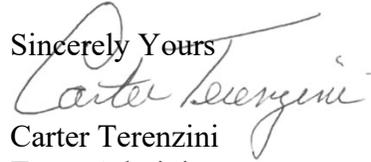
Sincerely Yours

Carter Terenzini
Town Administrator

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Moderator's Rules

On a general note, there are often materials on a display table near the check-in tables for people to use at Town Meeting or that provide general information to Town residents. These materials have been pre-approved for placement to ensure they are appropriate to be distributed at this forum. If you would like to make such materials available to Town Meeting members, please submit them to me for approval at least 48 hours before the start of Town Meeting. Only those materials approved by the Moderator will be on the display table. Any unapproved materials will be removed. You should submit any materials you wish to have pre-approved to me at pawws626@aol.com at least 48 hours before the meeting. I will respond as quickly as possible.

Town Meeting is run by a Town Moderator who is elected by the voters for a one-year term. Our By-Laws require that the most current issue of TOWN MEETING TIME is the general guideline for all procedures of town meetings, except those procedures already provided for by the by-laws. With respect to a requirement to provide the voters at Town Meeting with a copy of the entire warrant if the motion is to waive the reading of the article at length, Town Counsel has advised, and I am following his advice, that the publishing of every article in this booklet, as they appeared in the signed warrant posted by the Constable, meets this requirement.

Subject to change, the Moderator has some additional guidelines including:

- 1.) Call the meeting to order and go over some housekeeping issues such as the location of free exits and asking you to silence cell phones and electronic devices;
- 2.) Recite the Pledge of Allegiance;
- 3.) Read the Constable's return of the Warrant to show that it was properly served and posted;
- 4.) Introduce Special Guests and the like;
- 5.) As each Article is called, a Motion will be read and seconded (generally by the Board of Selectmen unless it is a citizen petition) and shown on a screen behind me unless there is no ability for the room to readily accommodate such a screen;
- 6.) The Moderator will then ask for the Recommendation of the Advisory Committee (just the vote).
- 7.) Return to the Motion maker for any explanation.
- 8.) Open the floor for discussion (including first recognizing the Advisory Committee for any particular reasons behind their recommendation).
- 9.) Anyone wishing to speak on any issue must first proceed to a microphone and be recognized by the Moderator. The Moderator will not entertain speaking out of turn and you must use a microphone unless otherwise permitted. You will be asked to state your

name and address every time you are given permission to speak. You may also be asked if you are speaking as a resident or on behalf of a board or committee.

Any amendments to the main motion must be submitted to me in writing.

Anyone unruly or disorderly will be given a warning and advised that they are out of order. If the situation continues, they will be escorted out of the meeting and placed in a convenient place until the meeting is adjourned.

10.) Anyone leaving to use the restroom or for whatever reason once voting begins, shall not be allowed back until voting has concluded on that article.

11.) If the Moderator is not certain of a voice vote or if a vote declared by the Moderator is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more people standing and or recognized by the Moderator will proceed to a hand count.

Otherwise general parliamentary procedure and common courtesy rule the meeting.

Derek Hall
Town Moderator

Common Terms of Finance

As you read the warrant articles there will be some terms that are unique to public finance or particular to Massachusetts. Below are some definitions of those terms to help you better understand what the request might be for and how it is to be funded.

Fiscal Year: Most government entities follow a budget year of their choosing, or that is specified by the state, that is different than the January 1 to December 31 calendar year. Templeton follows a Fiscal Year (FY) of July 1 of a year to June 30 of the following year. We always refer to the Fiscal Year as of the year in which it ends (June 30, 2018 is FY '18).

Free Cash: Most budgets assume you collect every dollar - and spend every dollar - you think you will. That never really happens. There are often variations. Free Cash is defined as the remaining, unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year (i.e. after any liabilities or potential variances you cannot account for) including unexpended free cash from the prior year. In simplest terms, it is actual receipts in excess of revenue estimates and unspent amounts in the appropriation line items. Free cash is not available for appropriation until certified by the Department of Revenue (DOR) Director of Accounts.

Retained Earnings: This is the phrase used for free cash of an enterprise fund such as the Sewer fund.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB): We promise the people we hire (under certain conditions) that we will give them other benefits (health, dental, and life insurance) beyond just their retirement monies. We are required to calculate how much money it would take to pay for those other benefits and to develop a plan to set that money aside to cover this promise.

Stabilization Fund: The state allows the Town to set up funds in which it can set aside monies in anticipation of paying for allowable, generally unforeseen (i.e. think “rainy day” funds) or high cost items expenditures. Generally speaking, it takes a majority vote to put money into these funds and a 2/3 vote to withdraw money from them. The Town has two such funds.

Capital Expense (CAPEX): This covers replacement or major repair of our equipment or facilities such as Town Hall and the like.

Operating (OPEX): This provides monies to getting through major economic downturns without having to devastate services, high cost unforeseen assessments the state or others might require of us, and the like.

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**ARTICLE 1
LATE BILLS
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Four-Fifth's Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: All bills for a fiscal year must be processed by July 15th following the end of a fiscal year (i.e. July 15, 2018 for the year ending June 30, 2018) or the Department must encumber funds to be held over to pay a bill once it is received. Payment of any bills received outside of those protocols must be approved by the Town Meeting by a 4/5ths vote, if at an Annual Town Meeting, or a 9/10ths vote if at any other Town meeting. In this instance, the same vendor failed to submit bills in a timely manner to the two Department(s) and they failed to encumber monies from their prior fiscal year to pay the bills once they were received. We now require Town Meeting approval to pay these bills.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will authorize the payment of late bills from prior fiscal years from the FY '20 budgets of the following departments or enterprise funds in the following amounts:

Department	Amount
Cable Fund	\$265.00
DPW - Buildings & Grounds (Senior Center)	\$1,030.00

**ARTICLE 2
FISCAL YEAR 2019 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT(s)
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required**

Or to take any other action related thereto.

Anticipated Motion: The final motion is anticipated to change from the warrant article based upon the status of accounts as we get closer to the ATM

Summary: These requests are made in anticipation of a shortfall in funds to get through to the end of the fiscal year. The snow and ice deficit must be paid off by the close of the fiscal year or it is added to the tax recap sheet next fall reducing what we can otherwise appropriate. The Summer Camp we hoped to provide seed money for has been canceled due to COVID-19.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$147,500.00) for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget as follows:

Department	Amount	Reason
Selectmen	\$17,500	Litigation & COVID19
Veterans Services	\$2,500	Growth in Client Census
Recreation	\$7,500	Seed Money for Summer Camp
Snow & Ice	\$120,000	FY '20 Deficit

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash,

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 3
FISCAL 2020 NRSD AMENDMENT
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This is a procedural appropriation the MA Department of Revenue is requiring us to us to make. The Town Meeting authorized the Board of Selectmen to cut the Town budget by the amount the Narragansett Regional School exceeded a fixed amount, this \$71k. The BoS did in fact cut that amount from the Town budget but it was presented to DOR on the Tax Recap sheet as a cut from the NRSD budget. We have paid the full NRSD appropriation but DOR wants us to

appropriate this amount to clean up the reporting. Since, on a bottom-line basis, it will not be spent on the NRSB and become an “over-appropriation: it will flow back into our FY ’20 free cash.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will appropriate the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Three Hundred Twenty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$71,322.00) for supplemental appropriation to the Fiscal Year 2020 assessment for Narragansett Regional School District to satisfy a requirement of the MA Department of Revenue.

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash,

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 4
CONSENT AGENDA
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This is an annual housekeeping item to accept certain reports and set the maximum amount that can be spent out of the currently existing revolving funds established in the By-Laws. This Article (Paragraph C) does propose to increase the maximum compensation for the Electrical Inspector (from \$12,500 to \$17,500) and Plumbing/Gas Inspector (from \$7,500 to \$12,500) to reflect the area increase in such compensation. We also propose to add (Paragraph D) the “appropriation of such money as may be received” from the annual state Transportation Network Fee (\$33 this year) so as to avoid the need for an article at every Fall Town Meeting.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to approve a consent agenda consisting of the following non-controversial actions or take any other action related thereto. Such items may be voted as a

single block, or in any combination, but however voted, will be treated for accounting and legislative purposes as if each item were voted as a separate article.

A. REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

Accept the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the 2019 Town Report:

B. REPORTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES

Allow any of the Town Committees to present their reports;

C. SET ANNUAL SPENDING LIMITS OF REVOLVING FUNDS

Set the annual spending limits of the Town's previously created revolving funds as follows:

Burial & Improvement Fund	\$10,000
Recycling Fund	\$10,000
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Fund	\$12,500
Electrical Inspector Fund	\$17,500
Community Services Fund	\$60,000

D. ACCEPTING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMMUNITY FEE ASSESSMENT

Appropriate such sum of money as may be received by the Town from the Massachusetts Transportation Network Community Fee Assessment to an account entitled MART Dial A Ride.

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 5
ESTABLISHING DEMAND FEE UNDER MGL Ch. 60 §15
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Treasurer/Collector
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This fee has not been reviewed since it was last raised in 2008 and is not proving sufficient to motivate payments. It is believed that the increase from \$10.00 to \$15.00 will prove to be a better motivation for timely payment. The change is not effective until July 1 of 2021.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to charge Fifteen Dollars and No Cents (\$15.00), effective July 1, 2021 to be added to and collected as part of the tax, as authorized by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60 §15 (2), for each written demand issued by the Town’s Collector.

Or take any other action related thereto.

<p>ARTICLE 6 SALE OF BALDWINVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Submitted by the Board of Selectmen Two-Thirds Vote Required</p>
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Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: A prior developer from 2019 withdrew their offer and we re-advertised the building for sale. We received two proposals, each offering to buy the building for \$500k and each with their particular pros and cons. The BoS has voted to designate MPZ Development LLC of Milton, MA as the preferred developer with its proposal of 50+/- market/affordable housing units. We continue to work with the alternate developer (EDEN RE) to find them another site in town so that we – hopefully – get the full benefit of both proposals. (See page 32-Exhibit A for site map)

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell the property known as the Baldwinville Elementary School, located at 16 School Street, together with three parcels of land in their entirety, commonly identified on the Town’s assessing maps as Map 1-4, Parcel, 383, 384, and 385, and a portion of Map 1-4 Parcel 407, all of which total 3.08+/- acres of land, and to execute, deliver, and grant such deeds, restrictions, instruments and agreements as it deems reasonable, appropriate and in the best interests of the Town to effectuate the transfer of title and the purposes of this article;

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 7
AMENDING GENERAL BYLAWS RE: BUDGET PREPARATION
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This section of by-law is duplicative of §28-7 of the Bylaws, as most recently amended at the Fall of 2019 Meeting by Article 7. We propose to strike this provision to leave standing – and without conflict - §28-7.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section §59-6 of the General Bylaws by making certain additions (in bold italic) and deletions (in strikethrough) to the existing bylaw, to read as follows:

§ 59-6. Powers and duties.

- ~~A.~~ The Town Administrator shall act by and for the Board in any matter which the Board may assign to the Town Administrator relating to the administration of the affairs of the Town or of any Town office or department under its supervision and control, or, with the approval of the Board, may perform such other duties as may be requested by any other Town officer, board, committee or commission.
- ~~B.~~ It shall be the duty of the Town Administrator, in conjunction with the Board, to consider — expenditures and develop a budget for the ensuing fiscal year of the several boards, — officers and committees of the Town, as prepared by them in such form and detail as — prescribed by the Town Administrator.

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 8
AMENDING THE GENERAL BYLAWS RE: PREAMBLE
Submitted by Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This article will comport this section of the Bylaws to the new naming adopted with codification. It also strikes the requirement to print a “booklet” given the document has now grown to 260 pages and is available 24/7 on the Town’s web site. That said, we will publish the document in its entirety to have it available in hard copy at the Town Hall and Library for the general public. Personal copies can be printed and made available – at cost – upon request.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section §1-1 of the General Bylaws by making certain additions (in bold italic) and deletions (in strikethrough) to the existing bylaw, to read as follows:

The following provisions shall constitute the ~~Revised~~ General Bylaws of the Town of Templeton, ~~which shall be in lieu of all bylaws heretofore in force. Starting in the year 1951, the bylaws shall be published every five years in booklet form, together with amendments, additions and deletions thereto.~~

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 9
AMENDING THE GENERAL BYLAWS RE: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This Article is to amend the Town’s Bylaws to reflect a more gender-neutral term for the town’s executive body to reflect society’s growing inclusivity and equality. As an example, this year the Board of Selectmen include three women. The statewide Selectmen’s Association made the change to their name this year. Over the past several years almost 90 towns across the Commonwealth have already made the change.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section §59-1 of the General Bylaws by making certain additions (in bold italic) and deletions (in strikethrough) to the existing bylaw, to read as follows:

§ 59-1. ~~Board of Selectmen~~ ***Select Board (Board)***.

A. The Board shall have the general direction and management of the property and affairs of the Town in all matters not otherwise provided for by laws or these bylaws.

B. Members of the Board shall not serve in any other elective capacity on any other Town or governmental regional boards, commissions, or committees of which the Town of Templeton is a member.

C. ***The term “Select Board” shall mean the “Board of Selectmen”. The Select Board shall have all the powers and duties granted to Boards of Selectmen by the Constitution and General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and such additional powers and duties as may be provided by these bylaws, by the Zoning Bylaws or by Town Meeting vote.***

And further by striking the term “Board of Selectmen,” or “Selectmen” wherever it may appear in the General Bylaws and inserting in place thereof the term “Select Board”.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 10
AMENDING THE ZONING BYLAWS RE: BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Two-Thirds Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This proposed amendment would comport the Zoning Bylaws to the General Bylaws if Article 8 is adopted.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as follows:

By striking the term “Board of Selectmen,” or “Selectmen” wherever it may appear in said Zoning Bylaws and inserting in place thereof the term “Select Board”.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 11
AMENDING THE GENERAL BYLAWS RE: ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen and Advisory Committee
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This proposed amendment to the Bylaws is the work product of two years effort to clarify the amount of time the Moderator has after the Annual Town Meeting to make appointments, include the Moderator in the process of filling vacancies which occur between the meetings, provide for alternative dates by which the BoS must provide the Committee with the warrant when calling a meeting, increase the amount of time before the meeting the Committee must report out to the citizens its recommendations, provide for a timeline by which Departments are to respond to requests from the Committee and make other minor clarifications to comport to statute and the Bylaws.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 9 Article I Advisory Committee of the General Bylaws by making certain additions (in bold italic) and deletions (in strikethrough) to the existing bylaw, to read as follows:

Chapter 9 Article I Advisory Committee

§ 9-1 Membership; eligibility.

[Amended 5-13-2003; 5-11-2011; 5-13-2017 ATM by Art. 7]

There shall be an Advisory Committee consisting of seven ~~legal~~ **registered** voters of the Town ~~who shall be appointed by the Moderator as hereinafter provided.~~ No elective or appointive Town officer or Town employee shall be eligible to serve on said Committee. ~~Advisory~~ Committee members shall be entitled to serve upon any **other** committee for which membership is specifically provided for in these bylaws. In addition, members of the ~~Advisory~~ Committee may serve upon temporary ad hoc committees convened for a single purpose, such as the screening of applications for employment or appointment and examination of policy issues, when such bodies will be dissolved upon the completion of their work.

§ 9-2 Appointment; terms; officers; compensation.

[Amended 5-11-2011]

The Moderator of the Town Meeting when this bylaws is adopted shall, within 30 days after such bylaws becomes effective, appoint two **(2)** members of said Committee for terms of one year, two **(2)** members for terms of two years, and three **(3)** members for terms of three years. ~~At each Annual Town Meeting thereafter,~~ **After the term of these initial appointments,** the Moderator thereof shall appoint three members of said Committee **shall within thirty days (30) after the adjournment of every Annual Town Meeting, appoint for terms a term of three years the number of persons as may be necessary, to provide a committee of seven members.** The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon ~~qualification~~ **being sworn in by the Town Clerk** and shall expire at the close of final adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting at which their successors are appointed. ~~Said~~ **The Advisory** Committee shall choose its own officers and **its members** shall serve without pay, ~~except the Chairman, who shall receive such amount as voted upon at the Annual Town Meeting,~~ and it shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

§ 9-3 Vacancies.

~~The Committee shall fill any vacancy which may occur in its membership, by vote, attested copy of which shall be sent by the secretary to the Town Clerk. If any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of said Committee, except in case of illness, his position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as herein provided. The term of office of any person so chosen to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Town Meeting, and the Moderator thereof shall appoint his successor to complete the unexpired term of the member in whose office such vacancy originally occurred.~~

If a member resigns for any reason, or if any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of the Advisory Committee, except in case of illness, the position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as herein provided. The Advisory Committee Chairman shall notify the Moderator to determine if there are any interested town registered voters to fill the vacancy. The Moderator shall be given 30 days to fill the vacant position by appointing a person to

complete the unexpired term. In the event the Moderator is unable to fill the vacancy, the Advisory Committee shall fill said vacancy by vote, an attested copy of which shall be sent by the Advisory Committee Secretary to the Town Clerk. The term of office of any person chosen by the Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator, at that time, shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term.

§ 9-4 Review of proposed warrant articles.
[Added 3-9-1957; amended 3-10-1973; 5-16-2013]

~~All articles, other than those deemed by the Board of Selectmen (Board) to constitute an emergency, sought to be inserted in~~ *The final* Town Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall be filed *provided* with the Board, and referred by it to the Advisory Committee *by the Board of Selectman* on ~~or before~~ *April 10th; or not less than 35 days before the date set for the Annual Town Meeting, whichever shall occur later, and not less than* and all articles sought to be inserted in the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting shall be referred by the Board to the ~~Advisory Committee at least 14 days before the date set for such meeting.~~ *any Special Town Meeting.*

It shall be the duty of the Committee to consider the various Warrant articles including citizen petitions. Said Committee reserves the right to not provide comment on citizen petitions. The Advisory Committee shall report thereon to the community at least five days before the date set for the Annual Town Meeting and at least four days before the date set for a Special Town Meeting with such explanations and suggestions as it may deem most useful to the community. The Advisory Committee shall review the annual Town budget and the general conduct of the Town affairs. The Committee shall consider, in open public meeting, the detailed expenditures proposed for each Town agency and may confer with representatives of any Town agency in connection with its review and consideration.

§ 9-5 Access to information.

In the discharge of its duty, ~~said~~ *the Advisory* Committee shall ~~have~~ *be provided* free access, to all books of record and accounts, bills and vouchers on which money has been or may be paid from the Town treasury *within 4 business days, of any request. The Advisory Committee may require the Town Administrator, Board of Selectmen, or any other Town agency to furnish it with such additional public information as it may deem necessary to assist it in its review of the Warrant and the proposed Town budget.* Officers, boards, and committees of the Town shall, upon request, furnish said Committee with facts, figures, and any other information pertaining to their several activities.

§ 9-6 Annual report.

It shall be the duty of the Advisory Committee to make an annual report of its ~~doings, with recommendations relative to financial matters and the conduct of Town business,~~ *membership with date appointed and term, expenditures, Town emergency reserves, end of year transfers,*

and any other pertinent business to be contained in the Annual Town Report. The secretary of the Advisory Committee shall provide a copy of the complete report upon request.

§ 9-7 Committee Liaisons

The Committee may appoint members as liaisons to boards and standing committees to attend meetings of the various entities of the Town and School District and delegate to them such powers as it deems expedient.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 12
AMENDING THE GENERAL BYLAWS RE: VETERANS ADVISORY BOARD
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: The propose amendment to the Bylaws would dissolve this board which – despite the best of intentions – has not proven to be as useful and effective as its original sponsors had hoped. This comes to us with the support of the Veterans Services Officer.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by deleting, in its entirety, Chapter 9, Article V, Veterans Advisory Board.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 13
SEWER CAPITAL PROJECT – FY 2021
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This provides the funding to carry out an Inflow and Infiltration study of the sewer collection system being required by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), replace an aging and currently in-operable bulldozer, and replace the undersized transformer before it fails.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$265,000.00) toward a program of capital purchases, improvements, and special articles as generally illustrated below:

Plant Transformer	\$55,000
Inflow & Infiltration Study	\$135,000
Bulldozer (Used)	\$75,000

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the certified retained earnings of the Sewer Fund.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 14
FY 2021 CABLE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This is the annual operating budget for the Cable Department. The Department is operated as enterprise fund and is funded with the payments made to the Town by the local cable franchisee.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Five Thousand Six Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$205,600.00) to operate the Cable Department for Fiscal Year 2020 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Eighty Thousand Six Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$80,600.00) from the certified retained earnings of the Cable Fund and the balance from the receipts and revenues to be collected on behalf of the Cable Department for said fiscal year.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 15
FUNDING OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACCOUNT(S)
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This is the annual article whereby we distribute the local CPA tax surcharge and the state match to its several sub-accounts in accord with the provisions of statute. Specific projects are then undertaken under separate warrant articles (such as the following one) submitted to you for your consideration.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$300,000.00) to the several accounts of the Community Preservation Committee, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

	Amount	% of Total
Administrative Account	\$15,000	5%
Historic Resources Reserve	\$30,000	10%
Community Housing Reserve	\$30,000	10%
Open Space & Recreation Reserve	\$30,000	10%
General Reserve	<u>\$195,000</u>	65%
Total	\$300,000	100%

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer from the Community Preservation annual revenues, which include the amount to be collected as a surcharge on real property, and the October 2020 state match for CPC permissible expenses.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 16
EXPENDING OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION RESERVES
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This article will provide funding to create a housing trust which is required to use the CPA monies set aside for such purposes, develop a program to retain affordable housing units now being lost due to the lack of such a trust fund, and undertake a comprehensive review of our local zoning to ensure they are compatible with supporting the generation of such housing.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$17,500.00) for various activities and special articles as follows:

Item Agent to Expend	Amount	Purpose	CPA Fund/Source
1.) Development Services	\$17,500	Community Housing ¹	Community Housing

¹Legal and Consulting work relating to the development of an Affordable Housing Trust, creation of program to preserve affordable housing within the Day Mill Properties, and regulatory reviews leading to the encouragement of the development of community housing.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 17
TEMPLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Templeton Scholarship Committee
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This is the annual appropriation to help our high school graduates pay the costs of going on to higher education.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$4,000.00) to the Templeton Scholarship Fund to be expended by the Templeton Scholarship Committee for the purpose of awarding scholarships to eligible applicants from the Town of Templeton.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 18
PROPERTY VALUATION ACCOUNT
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Board of Assessors
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This is the annual appropriation to pay for the costs of keeping our property values up to date in accordance with state requirements.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$22,500.00), to be expended by the Board of Assessors for Interim Work, Five-year Recertification, Cyclical Inspections, and costs associated with carrying out these activities and fulfilling the intent of this article including the purchase or licensing of software.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 19
SET THE SALARIES OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: It is a requirement of statute that the compensation of these elected officials be set at a Town Meeting. In general, this is done at an Annual Town Meeting.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote, in accord with MGL Ch. 41 §108, to fix or maintain the salaries of certain elected officials for Fiscal Year 2020 as follows:

Town Clerk	\$ 59,280.00	Yearly
Board of Selectmen (Each)	\$ 500.00	Yearly
Sewer Commissioner (Each)	\$ 2,000.00	Yearly

Or to take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 20
FY 2021 GENERAL FUND OPERATING (OPEX) BUDGET
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This is the annual operating budget for the general fund. It is balanced upon projected local revenues and is based upon the Governor’s House 1 proposal for local aid. Given the current economic climate, the BoS acknowledges there is a degree of uncertainty on what the amount of local aid may eventually be. However, it believes it important the Town adopt a budget for the full fiscal year and points to a similar uncertain situation we dealt with just this fiscal year when it took until November to know what the final NRSB Assessment would be. As we did this fiscal year, spending during the opening months of FY ’21 will be constrained as we await knowledge of what local aid will be. If that final figure puts the budget out of balance, the BoS will present an article to Fall meeting to “right-size” the budget.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Million Eight Hundred Fifty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Nine Dollars and no cents (\$9,853,839.00) for the operations of General Government for Fiscal Year 2021, and to meet said appropriation with a transfer of Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$270,000.00) from the Ambulance receipts reserved for appropriation, anticipated receipts, and the balance from taxation.

Dept Code	Name	FY 21 Budget
120	Selectmen (1)	\$ 300,750
130	Advisory Committee (2)	\$ 50,500
135	Town Accountant	\$ 194,678
141	Assessor	\$ 98,750
147	Treasurer/Collector	\$ 142,499
155	IT & Communications	\$ 110,000
161	Town Clerk	\$ 110,750
200	Police & Dispatch	\$ 1,388,750

220	Fire & EMS	\$	772,750
230	Emergency Management	\$	1,750
250	Development Services	\$	169,500
400	Highway	\$	646,000
410	Building & Grounds	\$	325,250
420	Snow & Ice (2)	\$	145,000
500	Veterans Service	\$	105,903
600	Senior Services	\$	107,750
610	Library	\$	82,390
620	Recreation & Culture	\$	15,250
700	Debt Service	\$	2,635,620
900	Insurance & Benefits	\$	2,450,000
		\$	9,853,839

- (1) Contains Reserve Transferrable by SelectBoard for Merit & Equity Raises for Non-Union Personnel
- (2) Contains MGL Ch. 40 §6 Reserve Transferrable by Advisory Committee for "...emergency or unforeseen expenditures..."

Or to take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 21
CAPITAL BUDGET A-ROLLING STOCK, IMPROVEMENTS & SPECIAL ARTICLES
Submitted by Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase "To see if the Town will vote to..." and the phrase "Or take any other action related thereto."

Summary: This is the omnibus capital program for the General Fund for FY '21. It is supplemented by Article 22 and our informal PILOT with the Light Department.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty and No Cents (\$585,250.00) toward a program of capital purchases, improvements, and special articles as generally illustrated below:

Police	Cruiser	\$52,500
	Body Armor (9)	\$11,500
	4WD Truck ACO	\$25,000
Selectmen	Baldwinville Elementary School – Costs of Sale	\$7,500
Fire/EMS	Station Vehicle Exhaust System	\$35,250
	Jaws of Life Cutter/Ram/Combi Tool Set	\$32,250
DPW – Highway	MS-4 & CB - Planning & Mapping	\$17,500
	6 Wheel w/Dump, Plow & Sander	\$247,500
	Street Sign Replacement Program	\$7,500
	Royalston Rd. Title Work	\$17,500
	Pavement Roller w/Trailer	\$37,500
DPW - B&G	Leaf Vac & Box Unit	\$9,000
	Utility Landscape Trailer	\$7,500
	60" Zero Turn Mower	\$13,750
	Truck Body - CD 5	\$9,000
DPW - B&G	Fire/EMS Station #1 Steel Roof Repairs	\$16,500
	Fire /EMS Station #2 Rubber Roof Repairs	\$11,500
	Highway Garage Bldg. #2 Clean Burn Furnace	\$9,000
DPW - B&G	Gilman Waite: Weed & Seed	\$17,500
	Total	\$585,250

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Five Hundred Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$570,250.00) from certified free cash and a transfer of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) from overlay surplus.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 22
CAPITAL BUDGET B - ROLLING STOCK
Submitted by Board of Selectmen
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This Article provides for the purchase of a new rubber-tired backhoe/loader believed to be a more useful piece of equipment than the current excavator. It envisions the trade-in of the excavator, and possibly the aging grader, as a means of reducing the total outlay. It is worded in such a way as to allow the use of auction proceeds if those should be greater than the trade-in value.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$37,500.00) for the purchase and equipping of a rubber tired backhoe/loader, with said sum to be supplemented by the trade in of certain used equipment or the proceeds of an open market sale thereof, more specifically a 1994 Dresser grader and a 2014 Volvo rubber tired excavator, and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash provided however that the proceeds of the open market sale that exceed Eighty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$85,000.00), which is the trade-in value of said equipment, after the purchase and equipping of the rubber tired backhoe/loader shall be deposited into the Town’s general fund's sale of surplus revenues.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 23
MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
Submitted by the Board of Selectman for the
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This is our annual article to pay the assessment upon us by the District.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Six Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$622,689.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2021 assessment by the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District for the purposes of educating and transporting the Town’s enrolled students and capital and debt expenses provided, however, that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, for Fiscal Year 2021.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 24
NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Submitted by the Board of Selectman for the Narragansett Regional School District
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase “To see if the Town will vote to...” and the phrase “Or take any other action related thereto.”

Summary: This is our annual article to pay the assessment upon us by the District.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Nine Hundred Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Six Dollars and No Cents (\$6,909,906.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2021 assessment by the Narragansett Regional School District for the purposes of educating and transporting the Town’s enrolled students provided, however, that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, for Fiscal Year 2021.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 25
CITIZEN’S PETITION: FLUORIDE WARNING ON WATER BILLS
A citizen’s petition submitted by Peter Farrell and 13 others**

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 follows:

"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 take any other action related thereto.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**ARTICLE 26
CITIZEN’S PETITION: FLUORIDE LEGISLATION
A citizen’s petition submitted by Peter Farrell and 15 others**

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 or take any other action thereon or in relation to.

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 of 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 towns Board of Health. Annual town meeting shall also make decisions on health warnings 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.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

ARTICLE 27
CITIZEN'S PETITION: QUORUM AT ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
A citizen's petition submitted by Steve Drury and 15 others.

The number of voters necessary to constitute a quorum at Annual Town meeting shall be (25%) per cent of the voters registered as of the previous January 1, Year Once a quorum has been assembled, the continued existence of a quorum shall be presumed until a count of the voters present is called / which shall be taken upon the call of seven or more standing registered voters, establishes that a quorum is not present , but any number may adjourn any meeting .

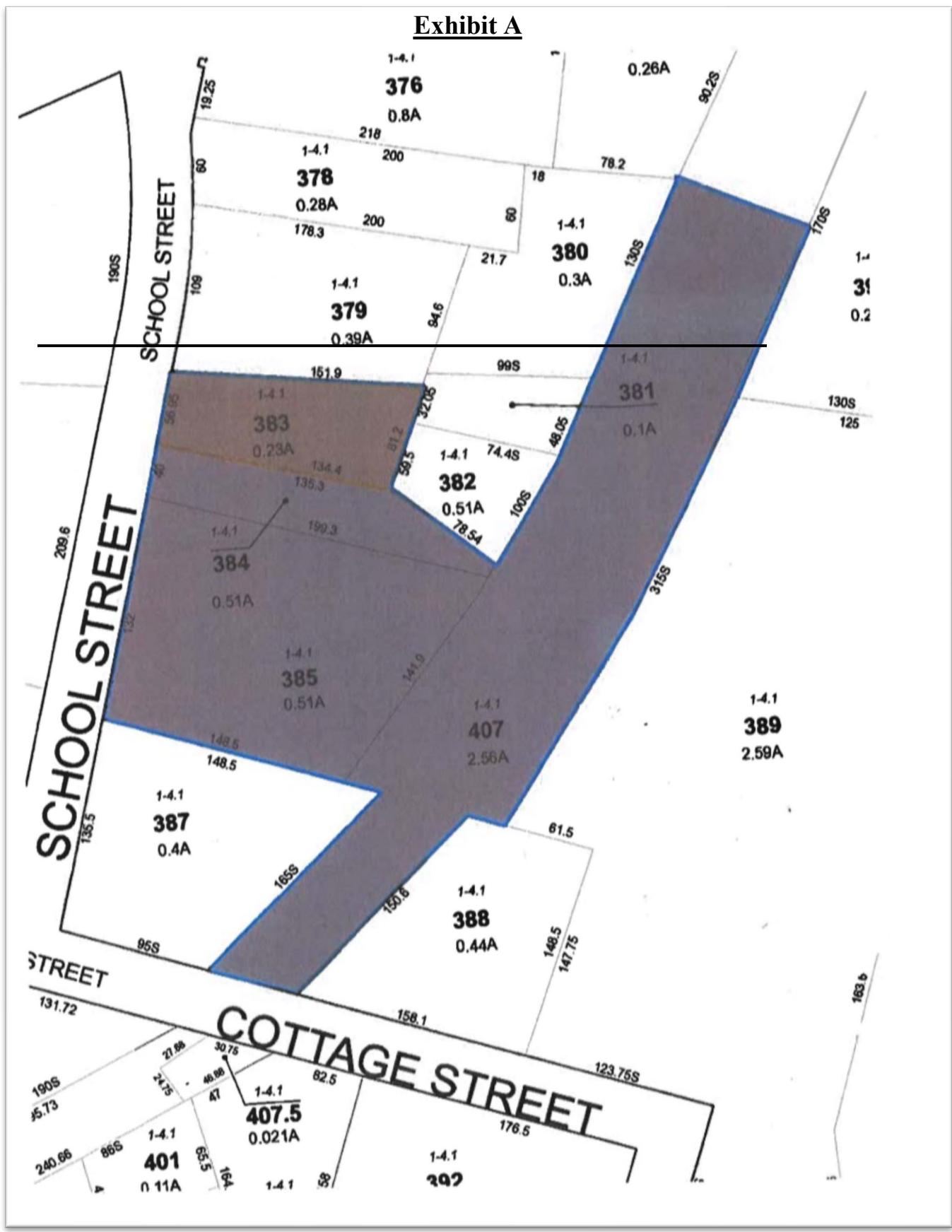
The Moderator shall determine and announce the presence of a quorum at start of all annual meeting ALL Town Annual meeting shall count the number of entries of all registry votes before entry in meeting place and relay such to the Moderator before start of any annual town meeting , his determination shall be conclusive upon the question of require number for quorum , unless his determination be doubted by 1 registered voter, In which case a count shall be taken and then recorded in the records by the Town Clerk. This may be done At any time.

The Moderator having control over the annual town meeting shall be guided by Town meeting Times BOOK prescribed an establish in Article 2 section 17 of Town Templeton bylaws which shall be determined governing factor for the rules of practice here contained for motion for quorum.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Exhibit A



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Somehow between the draft released with the budget submission and the numerous drafts leading up to the final warrant this article got dropped and it wasn't noticed until after the Annual Town Meeting Warrant was posted. This is how we chose to fix it.

ARTICLE 1
FY 2021 SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: I move to waive the reading and approve the article as published, excepting the phrase "To see if the Town will vote to..." and the phrase "Or take any other action related thereto."

Summary: This article is the annual operating budget for the Sewer Department. This Department is an enterprise fund and operates with the payments made to it by users of the system.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Fifty One Thousand Fifty Six Dollars and No Cents (\$1,351,056.00) to operate the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2021 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Sixty Five Thousand One Hundred Sixty Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$65,169.00) from the certified retained earnings of the Sewer Fund and the balance from the receipts and revenues to be collected on behalf of the Sewer Department for said fiscal year.

Or to take any other action related thereto.

