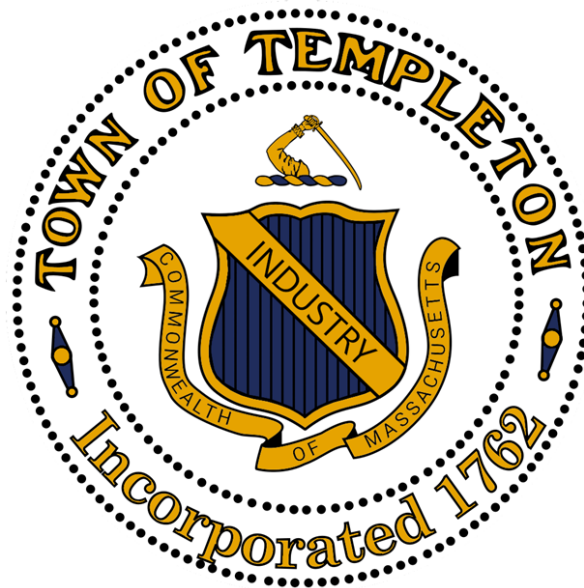


# TOWN OF TEMPLETON

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING REPORT

### VOTER INFORMATION

**May 19, 2018 @ 9:00 AM**



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

<http://www.templeton1.org>

**TOWN OF TEMPLETON, MA  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
VOTER INFORMATION**

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 state laws, appropriate money or transfer it between accounts, 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 citizen can appear, ask questions, speak on matters under consideration, make motions and amendments, and cast their vote as they deem in the best interests of the Town.

The Town will hold its Annual Town meeting on May 19, 2018 to act upon matters that will allow it 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.

This Voter Information Guide provides you with the motions the Board of Selectmen 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 it follows:

**Article # and Title  
Article Sponsor  
Vote Required**

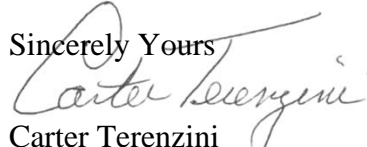
**Anticipated Motion:** The anticipated motion to be proposed by the Board of Selectmen. These all mirror the original warrant articles. If there is a variation from the original warrant article you will see any strikethroughs in duplicate (~~To see if the Town will vote~~) and you will see any additions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

**Summary:**

Citizen's Petitions are printed as presented in the warrant.

Please feel free to contact me directly at Town Hall in person between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, by email at [townadministrator@templeton1.org](mailto:townadministrator@templeton1.org), 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 meeting you at the Annual Town 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 by the Moderator prior to 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 the Moderator at [pawws626@aol.com](mailto: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. 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). 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.

**ARTICLE 1**  
**FY 2018 Operating Budget Amendment(s)**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Anticipated Motion:**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate the sum of Eighty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$85,000.00) for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2018 Operating Budget as follows:

Department	Amount	Reason
Selectmen	\$12,250	Litigation
Treasurer/Collector	\$7,000	Tax Bill Template(s)
Development Services	\$750	Right to Farm Signage
Snow & Ice	\$65,000	FY '18 Deficit

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

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** Two of these items are anticipated deficits in the FY '18 budget (Selectmen and Snow & Ice). The other two requests are to get a jump start on the FY '19 budget in that the redesign of our tax bill template is needed to be able to live within the requested budget for the Treasurer/Collector and the Right to Farm signage could not be absorbed into the FY '19 budget.

**ARTICLE 2**  
**Consent Agenda**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Anticipated Motion:**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to approve a consent agenda consisting of the following non-controversial actions ~~or take any other action relative thereto.~~ Such items may be voted as a block, or singly, 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 2017 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	\$7,500
Electrical Inspector Fund	\$12,500

~~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. These by-laws establish what non-tax levy revenues go into the fund and what monies in the fund may be expended upon.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 3</b> <b>Amend By-Laws Re: Department Revolving Funds</b> <b>Submitted by the Board of Selectmen</b> <b>Majority Vote Required</b></p>
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~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to amend Article V of ~~its~~ **the Town's** General By-Laws, entitled Financial Affairs, Section 6, entitled Departmental Revolving Funds, by

1.) Making certain deletions (in strikethrough) or additions (in bold) to Subsection 2. A. as follows:

A. Fringe benefits of full-time **and part-time** employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund, [except for those employed as school bus drivers].

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2) Making certain additions to Subsection 5, entitled Establishment of the Several Departmental Accounts, as follows:

<b>Revolving Fund Name</b>	<b>Programs &amp; Purposes of Fund</b>	<b>Departmental Receipts to be Credited to Fund</b>	<b>Officer Authorized to Expend from Fund</b>	<b>Fiscal Years</b>
Community Services Fund	Wages of seasonal or part-time staffing, supplies, and general associated expenses.	Fees received for rentals of facilities, sports, instructional, day-camp, and program offerings	Director of Community Services	FY 2019 & subsequent fiscal years

And further to set the spending limits for FY 2019 for this newly created fund at Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00).

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: With the Municipal Modernization Act of 2016, revolving funds are now established by by-law. The only annual action required thereafter is to set the spending limit for that fiscal year. Revolving funds can allow departments to respond to demand quickly and innovate with programs and offerings they may not have thought of during the normal and ordinary budget process. This single fund will be available to be used by various Boards and Commissions considered to be part of our Community Services unit (Recreation, Council on Aging, Historical, and the like).**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 4</b>  <b>Amend By-Laws Re: Advisory Committee</b>  <b>Submitted by the Board of Selectmen</b>  <b>Majority Vote Required</b></p>
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~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move to**

1.) Amend Article II, Section 6 of ~~it's the~~ **Town's** General By-Laws by making certain deletions (in strikethrough) and additions (in bold) as follows:

All articles in any warrant for a town meeting shall be referred to the Advisory Committee for its consideration. The Selectmen after drawing any such warrant shall transmit immediately a copy thereof to the chairman of said committee. A public hearing shall be held, upon all such articles, unless a public hearing by some other tribunal is required by law, and a notice of such hearing shall be given by inserting in the local newspaper. Said committee shall, after due consideration of the subject matter of such articles, report thereon to the town meeting, in writing, such recommendations as it deems best for the interests of the town and its citizens. ~~Copies of the report of the Advisory Committee shall be made available to the voters at least two days before town meetings and at all town meetings.~~

And further

2. To amend Article IV of its General By-Laws, Sections 2 through 6, inclusive, by making certain deletions (in strikethrough) and additions (in bold) as follows:

Section 1. There shall be an Advisory Committee consisting of seven legal 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 Committee for which membership is specifically provided for in these By-laws. 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.

Section 2. The Moderator of the town meeting when this By-Law is adopted shall, within thirty days after such by-law becomes effective, appoint 2 members of said committee for terms of one year, 2 members for terms of two years, and 3 members for terms of three years. At each Annual Town Meeting thereafter the Moderator thereof shall appoint 3 members of said committee for terms of three years. The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon qualification and shall expire at the close of final adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting at which their successors are appointed **provided however, that, in the event of a failure to appoint a successor, members shall serve until their successor is appointed and duly qualified.** Said committee shall choose its own officers, and shall serve without pay, **and 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.

Section 3. **A vacancy shall occur in the membership of the Advisory Committee by reason of resignation, death, upon moving from town, or removal from the list of registered voters.** ~~The said 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, 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 t~~ **The** Moderator ~~thereof shall appoint a person his successor~~ to complete the unexpired term of the member in whose office such vacancy ~~originally~~ occurred.

Section 4a. ~~The Warrant All articles, other than those deemed by the Board of Selectmen to constitute an emergency, sought to be inserted in the Town Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting shall be~~ **provided** ~~filed with the Board of Selectmen, and referred by them to the Advisory Committee by the Board of Selectmen at least 30 days before the date set for the Annual Town Meeting and on or before April 10<sup>th</sup> and all articles sought to be inserted in the Warrant for a Special Town Meeting shall be referred by the Board of Selectmen to the Advisory Committee at least 14 days before the date set for~~ **any Special Town Meeting** ~~such meeting.~~

Section 54. ~~It shall be the duty of the Advisory Committee annually to consider the expenditures in previous years and the estimated requirements various warrant articles, for the ensuing year of the several boards, officers and committees of the town including any citizen petitions thereon. as prepared by them in such form and detail as may be prescribed by said committee. The said Advisory Committee shall add to such statement of expenditures and estimates another column, giving the amounts which in its opinion should be appropriated for the ensuing year, and shall further add thereto such explanations and suggestions relating to the proposed appropriations as it may deem expedient, and report thereon to the community at least seven 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. as provided in section five of Article II.~~

Section 65. ~~In the discharge of its duty, said committee shall have 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. 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, within five business days of a upon request, furnish said committee with facts, figures, and any other information pertaining to their several activities or an explanation of a reasonable time frame within which it might expect to be able to compile and produce such material.~~

Section 76. ~~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, to be contained in the annual town report.~~

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: The current by-law provides that (a) any appointment to the Committee, except those made by the Town Moderator on the day of Town Meeting are made by the Committee itself, (b) only requires the Committee to provide its recommendations just two (2) days before a Town Meeting, (c) does not clearly address the concept of “holdover” status of those not reappointed, (d) has a fixed date by which the Selectmen must provide the Annual Town Meeting warrant to the Committee without regard to the actual date of the meeting, (e) is considered to be at conflict with Article III, Section 4 of the by-laws which now provide for the budget to be prepared by the Town Administrator, (f) appears to limit the matters**

upon which the Committee may comment and (g) is not time bound with respect to the amount of time it can take for Town entities to respond to inquiries.

The proposed amendment remedies these issues by (a) providing greater involvement by the Town Moderator who will now make all initial and interim appointments, (b) have the Committee make its recommendations available to the community seven (7) days before the Annual Town Meeting and four (4) days before any other Town Meeting, (c) specifically establishes the “holdover” status for appointees in the event they are not reappointed and no other appointment is made (d) requires for the Selectmen to provide the warrant 30 days before the Annual Town Meeting allowing it to float in conjunction with the date that Town Meeting falls upon, (e) resolves any conflict with the most recent amendment to the by-laws which provide for the Town Administrator to prepare the budget, (f) calls for the Committee to comment on all matters upon the warrant including, but not limited to, citizen petitions, and (g) provides for a specific time within which materials are to be provided to the Committee by Town units as well as an explanation of any delays.

The Selectmen believe these changes will address many procedural issues and allow for a more robust debate upon the actual financial issues facing the Town.

**ARTICLE 5**  
**Amend By-Laws Re: Siting of Class II Auto Licenses**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to amend Article XXXI of ~~it's the~~ **Town's** General By-Laws by making certain deletions (in strikethrough) and additions (in bold) as follows:

The number of Class II used car dealer licenses in effect in the Town at any one time is not to exceed 21, with said number to be apportioned among the ~~4~~ **Town's several** precincts.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** The current by-law was adopted when the Town had four (4) precincts. The Town now has only three (3) precincts. The number of precincts can change over time with population. The intent of this amendment is to correct the current by-law and provide a standard which can change over time if and when the number of precincts changes.

**ARTICLE 6**  
**Amend By-Laws Re: Veterans Advisory Board**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote I move to amend~~ *add as a new* Article LVI of ~~it's~~ *the Town's* General By-Laws *to read as follows* ~~by substituting the following in its entirety:~~

Article LVI Veterans Advisory Board

Section 1. Establishment, Terms and Conflicting Service

There shall be a Veterans Advisory Board consisting of five (5) residents of the Town who shall be registered voters. Veterans appointed as members shall have received an honorable discharge for their service. Members shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a term of three (3) years commencing on July 1. The terms shall be staggered such that no more than two (2) members shall have their terms expire each year. Members shall serve until their successor is appointed and duly qualified. There shall be no compensation for members.

Town Officers and Town employees, elected or appointed, are not eligible to be members. Any member of said Board who shall be elected or appointed to Town office, except as provided for herein, shall forthwith, upon his qualification in such office, and any other member who shall move from Town shall, upon moving, cease to be a member of said committee. Members of the committee shall serve without compensation.

The Board shall have a Chairman and a Clerk who shall act in the absence of the Chairman. The Board shall choose its own officers.

Section 2. Vacancies

A vacancy in an appointed position shall be filled for the balance of the unexpired term of the vacant position.

Section 3. Purpose

The Board shall meet no less than quarterly to consider matters brought to its attention by the Town's Veterans Services Officer, other Town Officers or employees, the general populace and of its own initiative pertaining to the health and well-being of the Town's veterans.

Section 4. Reports

The Committee shall annually file a report on its work, to include such recommendations as it deems worthy of consideration, with the Board of Selectmen in December of each year.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: The Town adopted a by-law in 2015 establishing a Veterans Oversight Board. Unfortunately, the Office of the Attorney General found problems with many of the provisions of that by-law. Meanwhile the Town proceeded to establish, appoint members to, and operate the Board. However, it never addressed the concerns of the Attorney General. This is to remedy those concerns so that the new Committee might fully function in a manner that meets statutory requirements.**

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **Amend By-Laws Re: Licenses & Permits Submitted by the Board of Selectmen Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to amend Article XXXII ***of the Town's General By-Laws*** with respect to Licenses and Permits of Delinquent Taxpayers by making certain deletions (in strikethrough) and additions (in bold) as follows:

- Section A. The Tax Collector or other municipal official responsible for records of all municipal taxes, assessments, betterments and other municipal charges, hereinafter referred to as the Tax Collector, shall annually, **and may periodically**, furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the Licensing Authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the Party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges ~~for not less than a twelve month period~~, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the appellate tax board.
- Section B. The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector **or with respect to any activity, event or other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the tax collector;** provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the tax collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie ~~for~~ evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The Tax Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or

renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the Tax Collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.

Section C. Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

Section D. The Board of Selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholder, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in Section 1; ~~of Chapter 268A~~ in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

This section shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning; ; Section ~~13~~; **thirteen of Chapter 48 forty-eight; bicycle permits; section eleven A of chapter eighty-five**; sales of articles for charitable purposes, Section ~~33~~ **thirty-three of** ; Chapter ~~101~~ **one hundred and one**; children work permits, Section ~~69~~; **sixty-nine of Chapter 149 one hundred and forty-nine**; clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses, Section ~~21~~ **twenty-one E; of Chapter 140 one hundred and forty**; dog licenses, Section ~~137~~; **one hundred and thirty-seven of Chapter 140 one hundred and forty**; fishing, hunting, trapping license, Section ~~12~~; **twelve of Chapter 131 one hundred and thirty-one**; marriage licenses, Section ~~28~~; **twenty-eight of Chapter 207; two hundred and seven and** theatrical events, public exhibition permits, Section ~~181~~; **one hundred and eighty-one of Chapter 140; one hundred and forty. bicycle permits, Section 11A, Chapter 85.**

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This by-law provided a mechanism for the Town to deny delinquent tax-payers (more than one year in arrears) certain Town permits and/or licenses. The state's Municipal Modernization Act of 2016 changed how frequently this list can be created and the manner in which it can be used. This amendment is to incorporate those changes and make certain language changes to line up with the revised statute.**



**ARTICLE 8**  
**Amend By-Laws Re: Timing of Annual Town Election & Meeting**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to amend Article II, Section(s) 1 and 2 **of the Town's General By-Laws** with respect to the timing of the Annual Town Meeting and Elections by making certain deletions (in strikethrough) and additions (in bold) as follows:

Section 1. The Annual Town Meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the ~~first~~ **Third** Monday of May of each year. The term of the Town Clerk shall commence on July 1st of the year so elected and expire on June 30th in the year for which the term at issue was warned. The term of all other Town Officers shall commence as soon as the Town Officer is qualified for office by the Town Clerk, after the Annual Election, and shall continue until the successor for the office is duly elected or appointed and qualified.

And further that this amended by-law shall take effect for the term of the Town Clerk elected at the Annual Election in May of 2018.

Section 2. 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 **on the Wednesday preceding the election of town officers** ~~at an adjournment of such meeting to be held on the second Saturday thereafter,~~ at a time and place designated by the Board of Selectmen.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: The intent of this change is to allow the Town Meeting to precede Town Election. This will allow for added discussion and debate, and media coverage, on important issues which may be coming up on the Town Election ballot. It will also allow any newly elected Moderator to be fully prepared to take up their duties at the Fall Town meeting instead of facing the crush of trying to becoming familiar with their duties for the Annual Meeting just a few days later. This will also move the Town Meeting back to a weeknight which has historically had better attendance than the Saturday daytime of Spring day.**

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**ARTICLE 9**  
**Acquisition of Certain Lands of the Walter Fernald Corporation for Conservation and**  
**Passive Recreation Purposes**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee**  
**Two-Thirds Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ *I move* to:

- (a) Acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain pursuant to Section 8C of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws and any applicable law, all or any portions of and interests in approximately 102 acres of land supposedly owned by the Walter Fernald Corporation located off of Fernald School Road and Freight Shed Road and identified on the Town's assessing maps as Map 2-7, Parcel 40.6 (35.46+/- acres), Map 2-7, Parcel 40.3 (30.69+/- acres), Map 2-7, Parcel 40.4 (23.30 acres+/-) and Map 2-7, Parcel 40.5 (12.64+/- acres) with all such land to be under the custody, care and control of the Conservation Commission for public open space, conservation and passive recreational purposes; and
- (b) Appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Nine Thousand One Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$259,150.00) for such acquisition and all costs incidental and related thereto, with said appropriation to be met by a transfer of One Hundred Eighty One Thousand Four Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$181,405.00) from the Community Preservation Act account entitled "General Budgeted Reserve" and Seventy Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Forty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$77,745.00) from the Community Preservation account entitled "Open Space" with the expenditure of said sum to be contingent upon the award by the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services, Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs of a Local Acquisitions, to the Town of a Local Acquisition for Natural Diversity (LAND) Grant of at least One Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Dollars and No Cents (\$155,490.00) to reimburse the Town for the expenditure of such sum, with (i) seventy percent (70%) of such reimbursement amount to be deposited into the Community Preservation General Budgeted reserve account and (ii) thirty percent (30%) of such reimbursement amount to be deposited into the Community Preservation Open Space account and further that after June 30, 2019 any residual unexpended portion of such appropriated sum shall not be further expended and seventy percent (70%) of the unexpended portion of such sum shall be restored to the Community Preservation General Budgeted Reserve account and thirty percent (30%) of the unexpended portion shall be restored to the Community Preservation Open Space account; and
- (c) Authorize the Conservation Commission to apply for, and accept, such LAND Grant and such other grants or programs for which the Town may qualify for such purposes; and
- (d) Authorize the Board of Selectmen, with approval by the Conservation Commission, to grant to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts' Division of Fish and Wildlife or to any organization whose mission is to protect, preserve, promote, and enhance open space, a conservation restriction on all or any portions of said land preserving such

- land as public open space and public conservation and public passive recreational land in perpetuity in accordance with Sections 31 – 33 of Chapter 184 and Section 12 of Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws; and
- (e) Authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute, deliver, grant and accept such deeds, restrictions instruments and agreements as it deems reasonable, appropriate and in the best interests of the town to be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article,

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: The Town seeks to appropriate funds of \$259,150 from Community Preservation Act funds for the purpose of purchasing (4) parcels of land, totaling approximately 102 acres (see attached, Lots B,C,D,F), at the former Templeton Developmental Center from the Walter Fernald Corporation provided the Town is awarded a Land Acquisition for Natural Diversity (LAND) grant from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. A Conservation Restriction would be placed on the land to keep it open and would limit its use to passive recreation (including hunting). The proposed purchase price is based on an appraisal done for the Town using CPA funds. These lands were shown to be owned by the Fernald Corp rather than the Commonwealth through the courts and thus the transaction will require an agreement with the landowner as well as receipt of the state grant.**

The Town has received a LAND grant that would reimburse the Town for up to 70% of our actual costs. These monies are returned to the CPA accounts in the percentage they are withdrawn.

**ARTICLE 10**  
**Acceptance of Lafayette Road as a Public Way**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Planning Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to accept a gift of land, or take by eminent domain pursuant to Chapter 79 of the Massachusetts General laws, the private roadway known as Lafayette Road, formerly known as French Quarters, owned by Kathy Van Dyke, and further to accept all easements related thereto or as necessary to effect the purposes of this article, as shown on a definitive subdivision plan approved by Templeton Planning Board as following the guidelines of the Town's Subdivision Control Regulations, and laid out on an as-built plan, as approved by the Board of Selectmen as shown on the acceptance plan dated September 23, 2017 drawn by Edmond J. Boucher and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to execute, deliver, grant and accept such deeds, restrictions, instruments and agreements as it deems reasonable, appropriate and in the best interests of the town to be necessary to effectuate the purposes of this article.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: The Planning Board – and its consulting engineer – have certified that this road was constructed in accordance with the approved subdivision plan. The Highway Department has inspected it and found it meets Town standards. The**

Developer has submitted all record as built drawings, chain of title and the appropriate deed(s) by which the road would become Town property. It is up to the Town Meeting to take the final action to determine if it will become an “accepted” public road.

**ARTICLE 11**  
**Templeton Scholarship Fund**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Templeton Scholarship Fund**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** 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 take any other action related thereto.~~

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

**ARTICLE 12**  
**Property Valuation Account**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Board of Assessors**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** 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 take any other action relative thereto.~~

~~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.**

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**ARTICLE 13**  
**Funding of Community Preservation Account(s)**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Community Preservation Committee**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$210,000.00) to the several accounts of the Community Preservation Committee, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

	Amount	% of Total
Administrative Account	\$10,500	5%
Historic Resources Reserve	\$21,000	10%
Community Housing Reserve	\$21,000	10%
Open Space & Recreation Reserve	\$21,000	10%
General Reserve	<u>\$136,500</u>	65%
Total	\$210,000	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 2018 state match for CPC permissible expenses.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** The Town has previously adopted the provisions of the state's Community Preservation Act. This created a surcharge on the total amount of property tax owed, after an exemption of the first \$100,000 of the value of the property, of 3 of the tax. These monies are matched by the state in a formula annually set by the state.

**ARTICLE 14**  
**Expending of Community Preservation Reserves**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate sums of money for a series of projects identified below:~~or take any other action relative thereto. Such items may be voted as a block, or singly, 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.~~

1. Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$70,000.00) for the Boynton Public Library to expend on CPA-eligible expenditures related to the preservation and/or rehabilitation of the historic Boynton Public Library, as part of a larger rehabilitation/ renovation project

funded by non-CPA funding, and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the Templeton Community Preservation Act's Budgeted Reserve Fund

2. Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) for the Templeton Board of Selectmen to expend on CPA-allowed uses to evaluate the Baldwinville Elementary School for possible community housing and open space/recreation resources and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the Templeton Community Preservation Act's Budgeted Reserve Fund.
3. Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$15,000.00) to be awarded to the Narragansett Historical Society for the completion of access and egress improvements including a ramp for the historic rehabilitation of the Templeton Grange Hall, subject to a grant of access to the building to residents of Templeton on specific dates annually without cost, and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the Templeton Community Preservation Act's Historic Resources Reserve.
4. Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$8,000.00) to be awarded to the North County Land Trust for the materials and services required to establish bridges, access, and other improvements for public trails at the Dwelly Farm on Barre Road, Templeton, subject to a grant of access to the trails for the residents of Templeton without cost, and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the Templeton Community Preservation Act's Open Space and Recreation Reserve Fund.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This article is to expend funds from the surcharge on the real estate tax and state match accepted above – and on deposit from prior years funding – under Article 12. The articles are fairly self-explanatory. The CPC members will be available to answer any additional questions. Such items may be voted as a block, or singly, 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.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 15</b> <b>FY 2019 Cable Department Operating Budget</b> <b>Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Cable Committee</b> <b>Majority Vote Required</b></p>
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~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate the sum of Seventy Three Thousand One Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$73,177.00) to operate the Cable Department for Fiscal Year 2019 and to meet said appropriation from the receipts and revenues to be collected on behalf of the Cable Department for said fiscal year.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This article is the annual operating budget for the Cable Department. This Department is an enterprise fund and operates with the payments made to the Town under the franchise agreement with Comcast.**

**ARTICLE 16**  
**FY 2019 Sewer Department Operating Budget**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate the sum of One Million Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$1,077,355.00) to operate the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2019 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Thirty Six Thousand Six Hundred Fifty Six Dollars and No Cents (\$36,656.00) 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 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.**

**ARTICLE 17**  
**Deferred Maintenance Sewer Department**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$70,000.00) to address a series of items upon which maintenance has been deferred and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the certified retained earnings of the Sewer Fund.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: Over the past few years the Sewer Department has deferred a number of maintenance items it was not able to undertake within its annual operating budgets. This article would use retained earnings of the Sewer Fund to address these deferred items.**

**ARTICLE 18**  
**Establishment of Stabilization Fund w/In Sewer Fund**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission**  
**2/3 Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to establish a special purpose stabilization fund pursuant to MGL Ch. 40 §5B, within the accounts of the Sewer Fund, to be known as the Capital (CAPEX) Stabilization Fund with said fund to be used for the planning, implementation, or assessments upon the Town by others, of items defined to be so-called “Capital Items” in the Town’s general by-laws.;

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: The statutes allow for the creation of funds for specific purposes that can “roll over” from year to year (i.e. general fund OPEX and CAPEX). This article would create such a fund for the Sewer Fund.**

**ARTICLE 19**  
**Deposits to Reserve Accounts of the Sewer Fund**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$125,000.00) to make deposits into the Capital (CAPEX) Stabilization Fund of the Sewer Fund and the OPEB reserve account of the Sewer Fund as follows:

CAPEX	\$100,000
OPEB	\$25,000

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

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This article would make the first deposit into the Capital Stabilization Fund that may have been established under the preceding article. In addition, this would make the first deposit into a fund to help offset the liabilities the Sewer Fund has accrued for its Other Post Employment Benefits. Progress on funding this liability for this department, in addition to the progress on this issue being made by the Town with its general fund, the municipal light plant and the water department will all help to improve the Town’s overall creditworthiness and bond rating.**



**ARTICLE 20**  
**Set the Salaries of Elected Town Officials**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move***, in accord with MGL Ch. 41 §108, to fix ~~or maintain~~ the salaries of the elected officials for Fiscal Year 2019 as follows:

Town Clerk	\$ 56,533.00	Yearly
Sewer Commissioner (Each)	\$ 2,000.00	Yearly
Board of Selectmen & All Others	\$ 0.00	Yearly

~~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.**

**ARTICLE 21**  
**FY 2019 General Fund Operating (OPEX) Budget**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate the sum of Eight Million Two Hundred Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Ninety Eight Dollars and no cents (\$8,220,298.00 ) for the operations of General Government for Fiscal Year 2019, and to meet said appropriation with a transfer of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$250,000.00) from the Ambulance receipts reserved for appropriation, anticipated receipts, and the balance from taxation.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

<b>Account #</b>	<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
120	Selectmen (1)	\$294,250
130	Advisory Committee (2)	\$38,000
135	Town Accountant	\$149,000
141	Assessor	\$89,000
147	Treasurer/Collector	\$132,750
155	IT - Information Technology	\$92,000
161	Town Clerk	\$106,500
200	Police & Dispatch	\$1,299,000

220	Fire & EMS	\$413,616
230	Emergency Management	\$1,000
250	Development Services	\$156,499
400	Highway	\$601,250
410	Building & Grounds	\$285,749
420	Snow & Ice	\$132,567
500	Veterans Service	\$94,226
600	Senior Services	\$205,750
610	Library	\$77,375
620	Recreation & Culture	\$9,656
700	Debt Service	\$1,794,860
900	Insurance & Benefits	\$2,247,250
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$8,220,298</b>

Note: (1) Contains Reserve Transferrable by BoS for Non-Union Merit & Equity Raises  
(2) Contains \$35,750 Reserve Transferrable by AC for emergency and unforeseen circumstances [MGL Ch. 40S §6]

**Summary: This is the annual operating budget for the general fund. It does not include any of the items that were part of the Override questions. Those items are addressed under a separate warrant article.**

**ARTICLE 22**  
**Funding of AFL-CIO Local 155 Collective Bargaining Agreement**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to appropriate the sum of One Dollar and No Cents (\$1.00) to fund a Collective Bargaining Agreement reached by the Town with the AFL-CIO Local 155 for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the FY 2019 OPEX accounts of the Selectmen to the FY 2019 OPEX accounts of Police & Dispatch.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This is the contract with our full-time uniformed police officers. It is a requirement of statute that an appropriation to fund the so-called “cost articles” contained within any Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) must be submitted to the Town Meeting for their action. The vote is only on the matter of funding and not on any language changes. While the total costs of this CBA are approximately \$22,000, there are substantial funds in the FY 2019 budget appropriation to offset these costs due to the resignation of two senior officers who are being replaced with**

lower paid officers. The tentative CBA calls for a 2% raise for the employees. While not the subject of Town Meeting action, it also includes language with respect to future employees receiving their pay by means of direct deposit and reduces the Town contribution toward the highest cost of our health insurance plans.

**ARTICLE 23**  
**Funding of AFL-CIO Local 155A Collective Bargaining Agreement**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to appropriate the sum of Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$6,000.00) to fund a Collective Bargaining Agreement reached by the Town with the AFL-CIO Local 155A for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the accounts of the Selectmen to the accounts of Police & Dispatch.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This is the contract with our full-time dispatchers. It is a requirement of statute that an appropriation to fund the so-called “cost articles” contained within any Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) must be submitted to the Town Meeting for their action. The vote is only on the matter of funding and not on any language changes. The tentative CBA calls for a 2% raise for the employees. While not the subject of Town Meeting action, it also includes language with respect to future employees receiving their pay by means of direct deposit and reduces the Town contribution toward the highest cost of our health insurance plans.**

**ARTICLE 24**  
**Supplemental FY 2019 Operating Budget Re: Fire/EMS**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Seventy Thousand Two Hundred Forty Six Dollars and No Cents, (\$470,246.00), ~~subject to the successful passage of a Proposition 2 ½ Over-Ride, so called,~~ for supplemental appropriations to the FY 2019 Operating Budget for the following departments:

Fire/EMS	\$290,740
Police	\$23,000
Insurance & Benefits	\$133,890
Highway	\$15,000
Snow & Ice	\$7,616

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This appropriation would add supplemental funds to the FY 2019 budget for a variety of public safety functions. Because the voters approved an over-ride of the tax levy to create sufficient available funding for such an appropriation on May 7, 2018, we can strike the contingency clause. The question now becomes whether or not the Town Meeting will expend any of that new levy capacity on these purposes.**

**ARTICLE 25**  
**Supplemental FY 2019 Operating Budget Re: Extraordinary Inspection Work Load**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) for supplemental appropriations to the FY 2019 Operating Budget of the Office of Development Services for additional compensation for the building, plumbing/gas and electrical inspectors, above and beyond that to be paid from their regular annual salary and respective revolving funds, to account for the extraordinary inspection work load created by the construction of the new elementary school, and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from free cash.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: The Town's Building Inspector is part-time. The Plumbing/Gas and Electrical Inspectors are paid as a percentage of the fees we charge but with a limit on how much they can earn each year. This approach is sufficient to cover our normal building permits (houses, decks, roofs, small commercial projects and the like). However, it does not work well for large, complex projects such as the new Elementary School. We would not have sufficient funds to pay them directly out of the operating budget and permit fees received in FY 2018. As we told the Fall Town Meeting, we will need to set aside pay for these inspections each year from free cash. You will likely see an article like this for this project at one more Town Meeting.**

**ARTICLE 26**  
**Adoption of MGL Re: Local Option Marijuana Tax**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to (a) adopt Section 3 of Chapter 64N of the Massachusetts General Laws which allows the imposition of a local sales tax upon the sale or transfer of marijuana or marijuana products by a marijuana retailer operating within the town to anyone other than a marijuana establishment at a rate not greater than 3 per cent of the total sales price received by the marijuana retailer as a consideration for the sale of marijuana or marijuana products and (b) to set the rate of said local sales tax at the maximum rate of 3 per cent with said tax to take effect upon the first day of the calendar quarter commencing at least thirty days after the affirmative vote by Town Meeting; or take any action in relation thereto.

**Summary: The law which legalized the production, processing and retail sales of marijuana or marijuana products also created an opportunity for local communities – at their option – to establish a tax on the retail sales activity up to 3%. This proposal is to tax sales of marijuana and marijuana products at the highest amount allowable under the statute. It is our understanding that this will operate in the same manner as the Local Option Meals Tax. The vendor pays the local sales tax imposed under this section to the Commissioner at the same time and in the same manner as the sales tax due to the Commonwealth. Shortly after the end of every quarter in the Fiscal Year, the state then sends Town its share of the collections. At this time, we do not have any such sales occurring in Town but thought it prudent to be prepared should one open.**

**ARTICLE 27**  
**Adoption of MGL Re: Local Option Meals Tax**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to adopt Section 2 of Chapter 64L of the Massachusetts General Laws, providing for the imposition of a "...local sales tax upon the sale of restaurant meals originating within the city or town by a vendor at a rate of .75 per cent of the gross receipts of the vendor from the sale of restaurant meals." with said tax to take effect on July 1, 2018.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: The local option meals tax was created by the state in the fall of 2009. Since then a little over 60% of the state's municipalities have adopted it. The local option tax adds 38 cents on a \$50 meal. The DOR estimated Templeton would have receive almost \$50,000 in revenues if it had adopted the local option meals tax for 2016. (We await the 2017 report). The state's revenue estimates for this tax have**

proven to be very reliable over the years since they are based upon actual state receipts. The vendor pays the local sales tax imposed under this section to the Commissioner at the same time and in the same manner as the sales tax due to the Commonwealth. Shortly after the end of every quarter in the Fiscal Year, the state then sends Town its share of the collections. If adopted, the Board of Selectmen intend to use this as a funding source to meet the Town's many needs with respect to replacing its rolling stock (i.e. cars, trucks, and the like).

## **ARTICLE 28**

### **Authorize Lease of Capital Items – Police & DPW Submitted by the Board of Selectmen 2/3 Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move***, contingent upon the adoption of the Local Option Meals Tax, so called, ~~will vote~~ to (a) raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$42,000.00) to pay for the first year of a three year lease for a fully equipped police cruiser and a one-ton pick-up with dump body, wing and plow with said lease not to exceed One Hundred and Twenty Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$126,000.00) in total, and have a so called escape clause for lack of appropriation in addition to provisions for an early pay-off, without penalty, and a One Dollar (\$1.00) buy-out upon the conclusion of all regularly schedule lease payments and (b) appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$12,500.00) to write down the purchase price of said items such that they may be leased within the foregoing limits set in this article and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This article seeks the necessary appropriations and authority to purchase a new police cruiser (replacing a 2011 which is expected to have 150,000 miles on it by the time of replacement and currently has numerous transmission, drive train, and electrical problems) and a fully outfitted one-ton pick-up for the DPW (replacing a 2001 vehicle we have had to recently take out of service due to the numerous repairs needed that would that far exceed its value). It solidifies the intent of the Selectmen to use the Local Option Meals Tax for exactly the purposes articulated above. If carried forward this will support one cruiser every three years. It will also support our intended complement of four one-ton pick-ups, each of which we hope to get twelve years of service from.**

**ARTICLE 29**  
**Authorize Lease of Capital Items – Fire**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**2/3 Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to (a) raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$92,500.00) to pay for the first year of a six year lease for a fully equipped fire engine apparatus with said lease not to exceed Five Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$555,000.00) in total, and have a so called escape clause for lack of appropriation in addition to provisions for an early pay-off, without penalty, and a One Dollar (\$1.00) buy-out upon the conclusion of all regularly schedule lease payments and (b) appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) to write down the purchase price of said item such that it may be leased within the foregoing limits set in this article and to meet said appropriation of by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash.

~~Or take any other action relative thereto.~~

**Summary: FY 2018 was the last year of a bond payment the Town was making for the acquisition and proposed development of 252 Baldwinville Road. This proposal would use those freed up funds to support a replacement program for our major pieces of fire apparatus. This will replace a 31 year old engine truck that has exceeded its useful life. While the fleet of six major pieces of apparatus cannot be continually upgraded every five years with this approach, it is a much needed start.**

**ARTICLE 30**  
**Capital Budget – A**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to appropriate the sum of Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$58,500.00) toward a program of capital purchases and improvements, as generally illustrated below:

Infield Groomer	\$10,000
Cemetery Garage Roof - 39 Bridge St.	\$10,000
T.C. Fire Training Room AC	\$ 3,500
<b><i>Fire Chief's Vehicle F150 Interceptor</i></b>	<b>\$35,000</b>

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Forty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$45,000.00) from certified free cash and a transfer of Thirteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$13,500.00) from overlay surplus.

~~Or take any other action relative thereto.~~

**Summary: This article will make several capital investments we cannot support with the proposed adoption of the Local Option Meals Tax or the retired debt on 252 Baldwinville. It is being supplemented by monies from the Municipal Light Department as part of an unofficial PILOT.**

**ARTICLE 31  
Capital Budget – B  
Submitted by Board of Selectmen  
Two - Thirds Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) toward a program of capital purchases and improvements for the Gilman Waite Athletic Facility and to meet said appropriation by a transfer from the Pajari Stabilization Fund in the amount of approximately Nine Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Seven Dollars and Eight Cents (\$9,277.08), more or less, together with such additional interest as may have accrued on the fund since the closing balance as of March 31, 2018 cited herein through to the actual date of transfer, and the balance through a transfer from overlay surplus, ***and provided further that upon the balance in the Pajari Stabilization Fund being reduced to zero dollars and no cents (\$0.00) said fund shall be discontinued upon the accounts of the Town.***

**Summary: This is an article to support the irrigation of the Gilman Waite fields. It will have additional funding from a donation account held by the Recreation Commission and the school district. It abolished the Pajari Stabilization Fund once the account has been reduced to zero as these were donation monies the Town segregated with this accounting method.**

~~Or take any other action relative thereto.~~

**ARTICLE 32  
Supplemental Borrowing RE: Police Station  
Submitted by Board of Selectmen  
Two - Thirds Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate the sum of One Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,500,000.00), in addition to the Nine Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$975,000.00) previously appropriated, for designing and constructing an addition to the Police Station, and renovations thereof, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, subject to the successful passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion, so-called, is authorized to borrow such amount under G.L. c.44, §7(1) or any other enabling



authority; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

~~Or take any other action relative thereto.~~

**Summary: Since the initial funding was approved for this project, costs increased dramatically as the result of a delay in bidding the project and a change in the bidding climate.**

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>ARTICLE 33</b> <b>Narragansett Regional School District</b> <b>Submitted by the Board of Selectman for the Narragansett Regional School District</b> <b>Majority Vote Required</b></p>
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~~To see if the Town will vote **I move** to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million Three Hundred Thirty Two Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Two Dollars and No Cents (\$6,332,752.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2019 assessment by the Narragansett Regional 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~~

~~Or take any other action relative thereto.~~

**Summary: This is the annual appropriation to pay our assessment of operating and debt costs of the school district. Both the Town and our partner Town of Phillipston must approve of the assessments in order for them to take effect.**

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**ARTICLE 34**  
**Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School**  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectman for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical**  
**School District**  
**Majority Vote Required**

~~To see if the Town will vote *I move* to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Eighty Nine Thousand Thirty Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$689,039.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2019 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 2019~~

~~Or take any other action relative thereto.~~

**Summary: This is the annual appropriation to pay our assessment of operating and debt costs of the school district. Both the Town and our many other partner towns and cities must approve of the assessments in order for them to take effect.**

**ARTICLE 35**  
**CITIZEN'S PETITION: Fluoride Warning on Water Bills**  
**Majority Vote Required**

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.

**A citizen's petition submitted by Peter Farrell and 19 others**

**ARTICLE 36**  
**CITIZEN'S PETITION: To See If the Town Of Templeton Shall Institute A Moratorium**  
**On Water Flouridation**  
**Majority Vote Required**

To see if the Town of Templeton shall institute a moratorium on water fluoridation in Templeton until such time as the manufacturer of the fluoridating chemical provides information regarding the identification of any contaminants in the fluoridating chemical batch, and a toxicological report and verification of safety for the fluoridating chemical.

**A citizen's petition submitted by Peter Farrell and 19 others**

**ARTICLE 37**  
**CITIZEN'S PETITION: Fluoride Legislation**  
**Majority Vote Required**

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 19 others**

**ARTICLE 38**  
**CITIZEN'S PETITION: R-A-2 Zoning On Patriots Road**  
**Two-Thirds Vote Required**

To see if the Town will vote to: Enforce its own by laws and state regulations, within the R-A-2 zoning district on Patriots Road Templeton.

**A citizen's petition submitted by Steven Drury and 11 others**

**ARTICLE 39**  
**CITIZEN'S PETITION: Smart Meter**  
**Majority Vote Required**

To see if the Town will vote to immediately halt the installation of Smart Meters in the Town of Templeton.

**“What is a smart meter?** Smart meters are computerized electric meters that transmit electricity and gas usage to the utility using-frequency (RF) communication. These are the same waves that cell phones emit, but smart meters broadcast 24/7 at a power density 100 to 160 times that of a cell phone. (s)mart meters are also known as *advanced meters*, and companies like DTE insist on using this term because of the negative publicity smart meters have gotten ever since they started making people sick. They call the installation of a “smart meter” a “meter upgrade.”) Smart meters can record your electrical usage in fine detail.

**A citizen's petition submitted by Steven Drury and 15 others**

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Hall at 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.