

TOWN OF TEMPLETON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MAY 13, 2017



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

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TOWN OF TEMPLETON

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MAY 13, 2017

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton in said County:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Narragansett Regional Middle School, 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, in said Templeton on

Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

then and there to act on the following articles:

There was a moment of silence for David Bergeron.

Glenn Eaton made a presentation for the Economic Development Committee.

ARTICLE 1. FISCAL 2017 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT(s)

To see if the Town will vote to increase, decrease or otherwise adjust any budget line item as appropriated by the Town at the May 14, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, and to raise and appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute and/or transfer from available funds, such sums as may be needed by the various departmental budgets and appropriations to complete the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that various budget line items in the Fiscal Year 2017 operating budget be adjusted by transferring funds within said budget as follows:

From			To		
Account Name	General Fund #1000-	Amount	Account Name	General Fund #1000-	Amount
BoS Office Salaries	122-100-51-5110-0000	\$6,000	BoS Office Expenses	122-100-54-5420-0000	\$6,000
Town Admin. Salary	123-100-51-5110-0000	\$15,000	Town Counsel Exp.	152-100-53-5303-0000	\$15,000

Treas/Coll CMMT Cert.	147-100-51- 5190-0000	\$1,000	Insp. Serv. - \$25/Per Insp.	152-100-53- 5303-0000	\$4,500
Town Vehicle Fuel	192-100-54- 5480-0000	\$3,500			
Treas/Coll Harpers P/R	147-100-53- 5300-0000	\$1,750	Solid Waste Disposal Exp.	433-400-52- 5290-0000	\$1,750
Town Vehicle Fuel	192-100-54- 5480-0000	\$5,000	Group Insurance Exp.	945-900-57- 5743-0000	\$5,000
Town Vehicle Fuel	192-100-54- 5480-0000	\$2,500	Medicare	916-900-51- 5173-0000	\$2,500
	Total	\$34,750		Total	\$34,750

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 9:27am

ARTICLE 2. CONSENT AGENDA

To see if the Town will vote 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, or to take any other action relative thereto.

A. REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

Accept the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the 2016 Town Report;

B. REPORTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES

Allow any of the Town Committees to present their reports;

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the Reports of Town Officers and Town Committees be accepted and placed on file.

Passed/May 13th @ 9:37am

ARTICLE 3. ADOPT M.G.L. RE: PERSONAL PROPERTY EXEMPTION

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5 Fifty Fourth and establish a minimum value of personal property subject to taxation in the amount of \$5,000 of fair cash value on personal property accounts to be taxed beginning in Fiscal Year 2018 or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Board of Assessors as Recommended by the Town Auditors

Advisory recommends for this article.

Luanne Royer was allowed to speak on this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 5 Fifty Fourth, be hereby accepted and that the minimum value of personal property subject to taxation be hereby established to be in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars (**\$5,000**) of fair cash value on personal property accounts to be taxed beginning in Fiscal Year 2018.

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 9:41am

ARTICLE 4. AMEND PRIOR ARTICLE RE: SENIOR TAX WORKOFF PROGRAM

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 27 of the May 16, 2012, Annual Town Meeting, by making certain deletions (strikethrough) and additions (underline) as shown below:

“The Senior Tax Work-Off Program, for taxpayers over 60 years of age, shall provide a maximum abatement of Five-Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each participant earned at an hourly rate of ~~Eight Dollars (\$8.00)~~ as the Board of Selectmen shall, from time to time, set as the minimum wage of the Town in compliance with statute; said abatement(s) to be paid from the Assessor’s Overlay account.”

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectman for the Council on Aging & Board of Assessors

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that Article 27 of the May 16, 2012, Annual Town Meeting, the Town amended by making certain deletions (strikethrough) and additions (underline) such that it shall read as follows:

“The Senior Tax Work-Off Program, for taxpayers over 60 years of age, shall provide a maximum abatement of Five-Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) for each participant earned at an hourly rate as the Board of Selectmen shall, from time to time, set as the minimum wage of the Town in compliance with statute; said abatement(s) to be paid from the Assessor’s Overlay account.”

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 9:44am

ARTICLE 5. AMEND BY-LAWS RE: TERM OF TOWN CLERK

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1 of Article II of its General By-Laws, by deleting (strikethrough) and adding (underline) certain provisions as shown below:

Section 1 Town Meetings & Terms of Officers

The Annual Town Meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first 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.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Effective Date: This revised by-law shall take effect for the term of the Town Clerk elected at the Annual Election in May, 2018,

Submitted by the Board of Selectman on behalf of the Town Administrator

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that Section 1 of Article II of its General By-Laws be hereby amended as printed in the warrant.

Section 1: Town Meetings & Terms of Officers

The Annual Town Meeting for the election of town officers shall be held on the first 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.

Passed/May 13th @ 9:48am

A motion was duly made by Antonio Dejoy and seconded to advance Article 23 out of order. To be the next article discussed.

Passed/May 13th @ 10:00am by hand count, Y-123, N-66

ARTICLE 23. CITIZEN'S PETITION: RESCIND THE BORROWING FOR NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Shall the Town of Templeton rescind the action taken at the November 9, 2015 special meeting whereby the voters authorized the Town of Templeton to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Templeton Elementary School and furnishing a new Templeton Elementary School located at 17 South Road, Templeton, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), excepting from such rescission any amounts that the Town of Templeton has already paid or is contractually obligated to pay for the "Project?"

A citizen's petition submitted by Mark Barrieau and 12 others

Advisory makes no recommendation on this article; a citizen petition.

A motion was duly made by Julie Farrell and seconded that the Town of Templeton rescind the action taken at the November 9, 2015 special meeting whereby the voters authorized the Town of Templeton to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee for the purpose of paying the cost of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Templeton Elementary School located at 17 South Road, Templeton, Massachusetts, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), excepting from such rescission any amounts that the Town of Templeton has already paid or is contractually obligated to pay for the "Project?"

A motion was made by Robert May and seconded that the Auditors Management letter be read into record prior to Article 23 being brought forward.

Defeated/May 13th @ 10:09am

A motion was duly made and seconded to move the Article23.

Passed/May 13th @ 10:34am

Main motion

Defeated/May 13th @ 10:36am

A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider Article23.

Defeated/May 13th @ 10:39am

ARTICLE 6. AMEND BY-LAWS RE: CAPITAL PLANNING

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XLII of the By-Laws by making certain deletions (strikethrough) and additions (underline) as shown below:

Article XLII – Capital Planning ~~By-Law~~

Section 1: Capital Improvements Committee:

There ~~Board of Selectmen~~ is hereby authorized to establish and appoint a Capital Improvements Committee, to be composed of five members, ~~for a term of one year.~~ as follows:

- One (1) from the Board of Selectmen;
- One (1) from the

~~The following Boards and Committees shall nominate one of their members to serve annually:~~

- ~~The Advisory Committee; Board~~
- ~~The Board of Selectmen~~
- ~~The School Committee~~
- ~~The Planning Board~~
- Two (2) A Member from the community at large to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen; , (preferable with some relevant experience in purchasing or general business practices); and
- The Town Treasurer/Collector

The Town Administrator, or designee, shall serve ~~(or Town Accountant)~~ as a non-voting ex-officio member provided, however, that this person shall be seated and allowed to vote whenever the

Committee lacks a quorum because of a recusal of a member over a matter in which the member has a conflict or to provide a sufficient number of members to establish a quorum and conduct business.

The Committee shall choose its own officers provided, however, that ex-officio members may not serve as officers of the Committee.

The members of the committee shall be appointed at the first business meeting of each body following the annual town meeting and serve until the annual town meeting of the following year is dissolved. Should a vacancy occur in any of the above seats, the appointment shall be for the balance of the term.

Section 2: Committee duties:

To facilitate the reasonable acquisition and replacement of capital items (defined as assets and projects with a useful life of five or more years, and a cost of more than \$10,000.00 provided, however, that whenever items of less than \$10,000.00 are to be bulk purchased as part of a program, they shall be subject to the requirements of this article), the Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Annually collect all proposed capital improvements for the coming six years from all departments, on forms designed for that purpose.
- Consider all requests and the relative need and impact of these requests on the Town's financial position.
- Establish and annually update a ~~five-year~~ five-year Capital Improvement Plan, based on this information.
- Annually, prepare a report prioritizing capital needs for the coming fiscal year, and recommend a Capital Improvement Budget for that fiscal year.
- Submit this annual report and their recommendations for purchases or improvements, ~~in the form of a separate capital article,~~ to the Board of Selectmen for its consideration and approval as part of the annual budget planning process by January 1 of each year. A copy of said report shall also be filed with the Town Clerk and Advisory Committee.

~~Upon endorsement by the Board of Selectmen, the Capital Budget shall be included on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant for consideration.~~

It is the intent of this bylaw that all capital improvements, without regard to the source of funding, requested by a Town Department or Board shall ~~not~~ be considered in the Committee's report before presentation to the Town ~~for~~ for appropriation. If a requesting department shall not, for whatever reason, have submitted their request for funding of a capital expenditure to the Committee during its annual review cycle, and such a request cannot, in their opinion, await the next annual review cycle, they shall promptly submit the request to the Committee for consideration. In such an event, the Committee shall meet expeditiously to consider the matter and file a supplemental report as set forth above ~~it is the responsibility of the Committee to submit an explanation of the omission of any request. This explanation is to be provided to the Board of Selectmen before any vote for appropriation takes place on the omitted request.~~

~~The Committee's report and the Selectmen's recommended Capital Budget shall be made available to the Advisory Board for review and inclusion in the annual recommendations of the Advisory Board. Or take any other action relative thereto.~~

***Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
Advisory recommends for this article.***

A motion was made by Robert May and seconded to amended Article 6 by removing “for whatever reason” to replace with “unforeseen reason”
Passed/May 13th @ 10:55am

On an amended motion duly made and seconded the town voted that Article XLII of the By-Laws be hereby amended such that it shall read as follows:

Article XLII – Capital Planning

Section 1: Capital Improvements Committee:

There is hereby authorized a Capital Improvements Committee, to be composed of five members, as follows:

- One (1) from the Board of Selectmen;
- One (1) from the Advisory Committee;
- Two (2) from the community at large to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen; and
- The Town Treasurer/Collector

The Town Administrator, or designee, shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member provided, however, that this person shall be designated by the Chairman as a voting member whenever the Committee lacks a quorum because of a recusal of a member or to provide a sufficient number of members to establish a quorum and conduct business.

The Committee shall choose its own officers provided, however, that an ex-officio member may not serve as an officer of the Committee.

The members of the Committee shall be appointed at the first business meeting of each body following the annual town meeting and serve until the annual town meeting of the following year is dissolved. Should a vacancy occur in any of the above seats, the appointment to fill such vacancy shall be for the balance of the term.

Section 2: Committee duties:

To facilitate the reasonable acquisition and replacement of capital items (defined as assets and projects with a useful life of five or more years and a cost of more than \$10,000.00 but including items with an individual cost of less than \$10,000.00 when purchased in bulk at a cost of more than \$10,000.00), the Committee shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

- Annually collect all proposed capital improvements for the coming six years from all departments, on forms designed for that purpose.
- Consider all requests and the relative need and impact of these requests on the Town's financial position.
- Establish and annually update a five-year Capital Improvement Plan, based on this information.
- Annually, prepare a report prioritizing capital needs for the coming fiscal year, and recommend a Capital Improvement Budget for that fiscal year.

- Submit this annual report and their recommendations for purchases or improvements, to the Board of Selectmen for its consideration and approval as part of the annual budget planning process by January 1 of each year. A copy of said report shall also be filed with the Town Clerk and Advisory Committee.

It is the intent of this bylaw that all capital improvements, without regard to the source of funding, requested by a Town Department or Board shall be considered in the Committee's report before presentation to the Town for appropriation. If a requesting department shall not, *unforeseen reason*, have submitted their request for funding of a capital expenditure to the Committee during its annual review cycle, and such a request cannot, in their opinion, await the next annual review cycle, they shall promptly submit the request to the Committee for consideration. In such an event, the Committee shall meet expeditiously to consider the matter and file a supplemental report as set forth above before any vote for appropriation takes place on the omitted request.

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 10:56am

ARTICLE 7. AMEND BY-LAWS RE: ADVISORY COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 1 of Article IV of its General By-Laws, by deleting (strikethrough) and adding (underline) certain provisions as shown below:

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. ~~except that a representative from the Advisory Committee shall be entitled to serve as a member of the Capital Planning Committee and the Insurance Committee~~ 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.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Advisory Committee

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that Section 1 of Article IV of its General By-Laws be hereby amended such that it reads as follows:

“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.”

Passed/May 13th @ 11:05am

ARTICLE 8: AMEND BY-LAWS RE: AUTHORIZE & ESTABLISH REVOLVING FUNDS

To see if the Town will vote to amend the general by-laws of the Town by adding a new section 6 to Article V, entitled Financial Affairs, as stated below to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by

certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies, or officers under Mass. General Laws Ch. 44 Section 53E 1/2, and to set the spending limits for FY 2018 for such funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

Section 6. Departmental Revolving Funds

1. Purpose.

This by-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½.

2. Expenditure Limitations.

A department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:

- A. Fringe benefits of full-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].
- B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
- C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by town meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee.

3. Interest.

Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the general fund.

4. Procedures and Reports.

Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½ and this by-law, the laws, charter provisions, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of Town monies and the expenditure and payment of Town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law. The town accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the town accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.

5. Establishment of the Several Departmental Accounts

The authorized departmental revolving account(s) are as follows:

Revolving Fund Name	Programs & Purposes of Fund	Departmental Receipts to be Credited to Fund	Officer Authorized to Expend from Fund	Fiscal Years

Burial & Improvement Fund	Wages for weekend burials and cemetery capital improvements	Fees Charged for Weekend Burials	Cemetery Commission	FY 2018 & subsequent fiscal years
Recycling Fund	Operation of the recycling program	Receipts from the sale of recycling equipment and disposal of recycled goods	Board of Health	FY 2018 & subsequent fiscal years
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Compensation Fund	Wages for the Gas & Plumbing Inspector	80% of the fees collected for Gas & Plumbing permits	Office of Development Services Director	FY 2018 & subsequent fiscal years
Electrical (Wiring) Inspector Fund	Wages for the Electrical (Wiring) Inspector	80% of the fees collected for Electrical (Wiring) permits	Office of Development Services Director	FY 2018 & subsequent fiscal years

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Town Accountant

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that Section 1 of Article IV of the Templeton General By-laws be hereby amended such that it reads as follows,

“Section 6. Departmental Revolving Funds

1. Purpose.

This by-law establishes and authorizes revolving funds for use by Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of those programs or activities. These revolving funds are established under and governed by General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½.

2. Expenditure Limitations.

A department or agency head, board, committee or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law without appropriation subject to the following limitations:

- A. Fringe benefits of full-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].
- B. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.

C. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by town meeting on or before July 1 of that fiscal year, or any increased amount of that authorization that is later approved during that fiscal year by the Board of Selectmen and the Advisory Committee.

3. Interest.

Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the general fund.

4. Procedures and Reports.

Except as provided in General Laws Chapter 44, § 53E½ and this by-law, the laws, charter provisions, by-laws, rules, regulations, policies or procedures that govern the receipt and custody of Town monies and the expenditure and payment of Town funds shall apply to the use of a revolving fund established and authorized by this by-law. The town accountant shall include a statement on the collections credited to each fund, the encumbrances and expenditures charged to the fund and the balance available for expenditure in the regular report the town accountant provides the department, board, committee, agency or officer on appropriations made for its use.

5. Establishment of the Several Departmental Accounts

The authorized departmental revolving account(s) are as follows:

Revolving Fund Name	Programs & Purposes of Fund	Departmental Receipts to be Credited to Fund	Officer Authorized to Expend from Fund	Fiscal Years
Burial & Improvement Fund	Wages for weekend burials and cemetery capital improvements	Fees Charged for Weekend Burials	Cemetery Commission	FY 2018 & subsequent fiscal years
Recycling Fund	Operation of the recycling program	Receipts from the sale of recycling equipment and disposal of recycled goods	Board of Health	FY 2018 & subsequent fiscal years
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Compensation Fund	Wages for the Gas & Plumbing Inspector	80% of the fees collected for Gas & Plumbing permits	Office of Development Services Director	FY 2018 & subsequent fiscal years

Electrical (Wiring) Compensation Inspector Fund	Wages for the Electrical (Wiring) Inspector	80% of the fees collected for Electrical (Wiring) permits	Office of Development Services Director	FY 2018 & subsequent fiscal years
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And

further that the annual spending limit for the funds for Fiscal Year 2018 be established as follows:

Burial and Improvement Fund	\$10,000
Recycling Fund	\$10,000
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Fund	\$ 7,500
Electrical (Wiring) Inspector Fund	\$12,500

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 11:12am

ARTICLE 9. TEMPLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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 take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Templeton Scholarship Committee

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to raise and appropriate, in Fiscal Year 2018, the sum of Four Thousand Dollars and no cents (**\$4,000.00**), from the FY 18 Tax Levy and other general revenues of the Town, 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.

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 11:17am

ARTICLE 10. PROPERTY VALUATION ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$20,000.00), to be expended by the Board of Assessors for Interim Work, Five-year Recertification and Cyclical Inspections, and to meet said appropriation from taxation or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Board of Assessors

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to vote to raise and appropriate, from the FY 18 Tax Levy and other general revenues of the Town, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and no cents (**\$20,000.00**), to be Expended by the Board of Assessors for Interim Work, Five-year Recertification and Cyclical Inspections.

Passed/May 13th @ 11:19am

ARTICLE 11. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE FUNDING

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44B of the General Laws, also known as the Community Preservation Act, to act upon the recommendations of the Community Preservation Committee to appropriate and/or reserve a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund for: (i) the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee; (ii) the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; (iii) the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; (iv) the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; (v) the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing; and (vi) the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing acquired or created under such Act; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen with the approval of the Community Preservation Committee, to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain such real property interests in the name of or enforceable by the Town, acting by and through the Board of Selectmen or such other Town board as the Board of Selectmen may designate, including real property interests in the form of permanent affordable housing restrictions, historical preservation restrictions and conservation restrictions that will meet the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, as may be necessary and proper to carry out the foregoing; or take any other action relative thereto.

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

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to transfer from the Community Preservation annual revenues, which include the amount to be collected as a surcharge on real property, and the October 2017 state match as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for CPC administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses as follows:

- 1.) A sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$12,000.00) of the FY2016 revenues and state match for Committee Administrative expenses (5%);
- 2.) A sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$24,000.00) of the FY2016 revenues and state match for the Historic Resources Reserve (10%);
- 3.) A sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$24,000.00) of the FY2016 revenues and state match for the Community Housing Reserve (10%);
- 4.) A sum of Twenty Four Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$24,000.00) of the FY2016 revenues and state match for the Open Space and Recreation Reserve (10%); and
- 5.) A sum of One Hundred and Fifty Six Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$156,000.00) of the FY2016 revenues and state match for the Budgeted Reserve (65%).

And further that the Town appropriate the sum of Twelve Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$12,000.00), for Fiscal Year 2018, for the Board of Assessors to expend for the purchase of water- and fireproof filing cabinets for the storage and preservation of important historical documents, including Deed Abstracts and Probate Records, and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the account entitled Templeton Community Preservation Committee account entitled Historic Preservation Reserve.

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 11:21am

ARTICLE 12. CREATE A CABLE ACCESS ENTERPRISE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Ch. 44 §53F1/2 and establish an Enterprise Fund to separately account for all revenues and expenditures in connection with operating cable PEG access service for Town residents through the Templeton Cable Committee (the “Committee”) and, upon such

establishment, transfer all funds now held for the benefit of the Committee to said fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Cable Committee

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to accept M.G.L. Ch. 44 §53F1/2 and establish an Enterprise Fund to separately account for all revenues and expenditures in connection with operating cable PEG access service for Town residents through the Templeton Cable Committee (the “Committee”) and, upon such establishment, transfer all funds now held for the benefit of the Committee to said fund.

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 11:26am

ARTICLE 13. TEMPLETON CABLE TV COMMITTEE BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Five Dollars and no cents (\$85,505.00) for the salaries, benefits, committee stipends and other operating expenses for FY 2018 and to meet said appropriation with the receipts and revenues of the Cable Enterprise Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Cable Committee

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the Town appropriate the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Five Dollars and no cents (**\$85,505.00**) for the salaries, benefits, committee stipends and other operating expenses of the providing public access services and programming for FY 2018 and to meet said appropriation with the receipts and revenues of the Cable Enterprise Fund.

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 11:28am

ARTICLE 14. FY 2018 SEWER DEPARTMENT BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, or to transfer from available funds the total sum of One Million and Ninety Seven Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$1,097,000) to operate the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2018; said sum is to be apportioned to be used for salaries, operating, maintenance, legal, engineering and other expenses of the Templeton Sewer Department. Said sum is to be raised from sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to appropriate the sum of One Million and Ninety Seven Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$1,097,000) to operate the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2018 with said sum to be apportioned and used for salaries, operating, maintenance, legal, engineering and other expenses of the Templeton Sewer Department and to meet said appropriation from the sewer user charges and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors and other fees and monies collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department.

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @11:31am

ARTICLE 15. RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED SEWER BOND

To see if the Town will vote to ratify, approve and confirm the vote adopted under Article 10 of the Warrant at the May 14, 2016 Town Meeting, pursuant to which the Town voted to authorize the borrowing of Two Million and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$2,300,000.00) to pay costs of the Pleasant Street sewer pump station project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen for the Sewer Commission

2/3 Vote Required

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the Town ratify, approve and confirm the vote adopted under Article 10 of the Warrant at the May 14, 2016 Town Meeting, pursuant to which the Town voted to authorize the borrowing of Two Million and Three Hundred Thousand Dollars and no cents (**\$2,300,000.00**) to pay costs of the Pleasant Street sewer pump station project, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 11:37am

ARTICLE 16. RATIFICATION OF PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED POLICE STATION BOND

To see if the Town will vote to ratify, approve and confirm the vote adopted under Article 2 of the Warrant at the November 9, 2015 Town Meeting, pursuant to which the Town voted to authorize the borrowing of Nine Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$975,000.00) to pay costs of designing and constructing an addition to the Police Station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

2/3 Vote Required

Advisory recommends for this article provided however that the Meeting be aware that the Town may need to use an extended borrowing in order to be able to smooth the overall tax rate as originally proposed.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the Town ratify, approve and confirm the vote adopted under Article 2 of the Warrant at the November 9, 2015 Special Town Meeting, pursuant to which the Town voted to authorize the borrowing of Nine Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$975,000.00) to pay costs of designing and constructing an addition to the Police Station, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto.

Passed by 2/3 vote/May 13th @ 11:49am

ARTICLE 17. SET THE SALARIES OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

To see if the Town will vote, in accord with MGL Ch. 41 §108, to fix or maintain the salaries of the elected officials for Fiscal Year 2018 as follows:

Town Clerk	\$ 54,834.00	Yearly
Sewer Commissioner (Each)	\$ 2,000.00	Yearly
Board of Selectmen & All Others	\$ 0.00	Yearly

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to have the Town, in accord with MGL Ch. 41 §108, fix or maintain the salaries of the elected officials for Fiscal Year 2018 as follows:

Town Clerk	\$ 54,834.00	Yearly
Sewer Commissioner (Each)	\$ 2,000.00	Yearly
Board of Selectmen & All Others	\$ 0.00	Yearly

Passed/May 13th @ 11:52am

ARTICLE 18. FY 2018 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eight Million Two Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred and Eighteen Dollars and no cents (\$8,277,318.00) for the operations of General Government for Fiscal Year 2018, and to meet said appropriation with a transfer of Forty Nine Thousand and Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars and no cents (\$49,314.00) of unissued bond proceeds originally borrowed for 252 Baldwinville Road, a transfer of Two Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$225,000.00) from the Ambulance receipts reserved for appropriation, and the balance from taxation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Advisory recommends for this article provided, however, that the Meeting be aware that this budget, as noted in the summary, is technically out of balance by \$100,000. This is an issue that will need to be addressed at the Fall Town Meeting.

A motion was duly made and seconded to move Article 18.

Passed/May 13th @ 12:08pm

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the Town appropriate the sum of Eight Million Two Hundred Seventy Seven Thousand Three Hundred Eighteen Dollars and no cents (\$8,277,318.00) for the operations of General Government for Fiscal Year 2018 and to meet said appropriation with a transfer of Forty Nine Thousand Three Hundred Fourteen Dollars and no cents (\$49,314.00) of unissued bond proceeds originally borrowed for 252 Baldwinville Road, a transfer of Two Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$225,000.00) from the Ambulance Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, and the balance from the FY 18 tax levy and other general revenues of the Town.

Account #	Department	Amount
120	Selectmen (1)	\$258,750
130	Advisory Committee (2)	\$35,520
135	Town Accountant	\$138,500
141	Assessor	\$87,600
147	Treasurer/Collector	\$131,750
155	IT - Information Technology	\$68,000
161	Town Clerk	\$98,150

200	Police & Dispatch	\$1,299,250
220	Fire & EMS	\$569,000
230	Emergency Management	\$1,000
250	Development Services	\$152,250
400	Highway	\$575,750
410	Building & Grounds	\$268,000
420	Snow & Ice	\$132,500
500	Veterans Service	\$90,000
600	Senior Services	\$202,000
610	Library	\$78,875
620	Recreation & Culture	\$14,502
700	Debt Service	\$1,285,921
900	Insurance & Benefits	\$2,790,000
Total		\$8,277,318

- Note: (1) Contains \$10,000 Reserve Transferrable by BoS for Non-Union Merit & Equity Raises
(2) Contains \$35,000 transferable reserve for emergency & unforeseen circumstances (MGL Ch. 40 S. 6)

Passed/May 13th @ 12:14pm by a hand count, Y-77, N-22

ARTICLE 19. AUTHORIZE LEASE OF POLICE CRUISER

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$11,500.00) to pay for the first year of a four year lease for a fully equipped police cruiser with said lease not to exceed Forty Six Thousand Dollars and No cents (\$46,000.00) 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. Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the Town raise and appropriate, from the FY 18 Tax Levy and other general revenues of the Town, the sum of Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$11,500.00) to pay for the first year of a four year lease for a fully equipped police cruiser with said lease not to exceed Forty Six Thousand Dollars and No cents (\$46,000.00) 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.

Passed/May 13th @ 12:18pm

A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider Article 18 to inform citizen’s of \$100,00 shortfall in FY18 Operating Budget.

Defeated/May 13th @ 12:21pm

ARTICLE 20. CAPITAL BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$172,500.00) for a program of capital purchases and improvements, and to meet said appropriation with a transfer of One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (\$152,500.00) of unissued bond proceeds originally borrowed for 252 Baldwinville Road and the balance from taxation, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Advisory recommends for this article.

A motion was duly made by Robert May and seconded to amend Article 20 by removing the word “balance” and replace it with \$20,000.00.

Defeated/May 13th @ 12:33pm

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (**\$172,500.00**) for a program of capital purchases and improvements and to meet said appropriation with a transfer of One Hundred Fifty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and no cents (**\$152,500.00**) of unissued bond proceeds originally borrowed for 252 Baldwinville Road and the balance from taxation with the pricing for each item being generally illustrated as follows:

Item	Amount
TH Mini-Split; Conf/Accounting, Misc.	\$ 17,500
Temp Center Fire/EMS - Roof Replacement	\$ 35,000
Senior Center Siding	\$100,000
A&E Assistance, Advertising, Printing	\$ 2,500
Dump Body - 1984 Mack 10 Wheel	\$ 17,500

Passed/May 13th @ 12:37pm

ARTICLE 21. NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Million and Six Thousand Four Hundred Twenty Four Dollars and no cents (\$6,006,424.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2018 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 relating thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectman for the Narragansett Regional School District

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to raise and appropriate, from the FY 18 tax levy and other general revenues of the town, the sum of Six Million Four Hundred Forty Two Thousand Eight Hundred Eight Dollars and no cents (**\$6,442,808.00**) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2018 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.

Passed/May 13th @ 12:40pm

ARTICLE 22. MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty One Dollars and No cents (\$638,131.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2018 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 2018.

Or take any other action relative thereto

Submitted by the Board of Selectman for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School

Advisory recommends for this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to raise and appropriate, from the FY 18 tax levy and other general revenues of the town, the sum of Six Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Thirty One Dollars and no cents (**\$638,131.00**) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2018 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.

Passed/May 13th @ 12:43pm

ARTICLE 24. CITIZEN'S PETITION: FLUORIDE WARNING ON WATER BILLS

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 to take any other action relative there too.

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

Advisory makes no recommendation on this article; a citizen petition.

A motion was duly made by Peter Farrell and seconded that 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."

A motion was duly made and seconded to move Article24.

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 12:59pm

Main motion

Defeated/May 13th @ 12:59pm

ARTICLE 25. CITIZEN’S PETITION: PROVIDE NON-FLUORIDATED POTABLE WATER

Shall the town of Templeton through its water department provide at no cost non-fluoridated potable water to its water customers who prefer not to have fluoride in their drinking water. Any costs to be borne by all water department customers.

A citizen’s petition submitted by Peter Farrell and 19 others

Advisory makes no recommendation on this article; a citizen petition.

A motion was duly made by Peter Farrell and seconded that the town of Templeton through its water department provide at no cost non-fluoridated potable water to its water customers who prefer not to have fluoride in their drinking water. Any costs to be borne by all water department customers.

A motion was duly made and seconded to move Article 25.

Passed/May 13th @ 1:08pm

Main motion

Defeated/May 13th @ 1:09pm

ARTICLE 26. CITIZEN’S PETITION: FLUORIDE LEGISLATION

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

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

Section 1. Notwithstanding Section 8C, Chapter 111, Title XVI, Part 1 of the general laws of or any general 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 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

Advisory makes no recommendation on this article; a citizen petition.

A motion was duly made by Peter Farrell and seconded 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.

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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 motion was duly made and seconded to move Article 26.

Passed Unanimously/May 13th @ 1:20pm

Main motion

Defeated/May 13th @ 1:21pm

Meeting was dissolved @ 1:21pm.

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.

Given under our hands this 25th day of April in the year AD 2017.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Caplis, Chairman

Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

Doug Morrison, Clerk

Julie Richard, Member

John Columbus, Member

True Copy: ATTEST

Signature of Constable -Town of Templeton

Randy L Brown
Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

OFFICER'S RETURN
WORCESTER, SS

April 27, 2017

This is to certify that I have served the within 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.

Signature of Constable -Town of Templeton

Randy L. Brown
Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol A. Harris
Town Clerk of Templeton

Meeting Attendance 05-13-2017
Voters Total 216