# TOWN OF TEMPLETON WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 23, 2001 COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WORCESTER, ss.

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

## Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the several 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, MA, on Tuesday, October 23, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. then and there to act on the following articles:

There was a moment of silence for Walter Rolf and Carroll Leonard.

Article 1 To see if the Town will vote to accept Minuteman Drive as a public way as laid out on an as-built plan dated September 17, 2001 and endorsed by the Planning Board on August 17, 1999 or to take any other action relative thereto. Copies of the as-built plan and description are on file with the Town Clerk.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to accept Minuteman Drive as a public way as laid out on an as-built plan dated September 17, 2001 and endorsed by the Planning Board on August 17, 1999 or to take any other action relative thereto.

#### **Passed Unanimously**

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to accept Muskett Drive as a public way as laid out on an as-built plan dated September 17, 2001 and endorsed by the Planning Board on August 17, 1999 or to take any other action relative thereto. Copies of the as-built plan and description are on file with the Town Clerk.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to accept Muskett Drive as a public way as laid out on an as-built plan dated September 17, 2001 and endorsed by the Planning Board on August 17, 1999 or to take any other action relative thereto.

### **Passed Unanimously**

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to increase the cost of living adjustment to Bring it up to the 2002 amount, that may be used to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens and surviving spouses and

minors under MGL Chap. 59, Sec. 5 Clauses 17, 17C, 17C1/2 or 17D or to take any other action thereto. This article was voted on May 3, 1999, Annual Town Meeting, Article # 17. The approximate cost will be \$1,100.00 and is reimbursable by the Department of Revenue.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to increase the cost of living adjustment to bring it up to the 2002 amount, that may be used to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens and surviving spouses and minors under MGL Chap. 59, Sec. 5 Clauses 17, 17C, 17C1/2 or 17D or to take any other action thereto. This article was voted on May 3, 1999, Annual Town Meeting, Article # 17. The approximate cost will be \$1,100.00 and is reimbursable by the Department of Revenue.

# **Passed Unanimously**

- Article 4 To pay for installation of office trailer for the Cemetery Department. **Passed Over**
- Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$20,000.00 for a matching grant obtained through Department of Environmental Management of which \$14,000.00 will be reimbursed to the Town of Templeton for the Cemetery Department or take any action relative thereto. The purpose of said grant is an emergency stabilization of trees in the Templeton Common Burial Ground.

On an amended motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$20,000.00 for a matching grant obtained through Department of Environmental Management of which \$14,000.00 will be reimbursed back to the Stabilization Account for the Cemetery Department or take any action relative thereto. The purpose of said grant is an emergency stabilization of trees in the Templeton Common Burial Ground.

### **Passed Unanimously**

- Article 6 Purchase a 1999 Ford Crown Victoria for Police Department.

  Passed Over
- Article 7 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$285.41 to the Building Department Expense Account to pay a fiscal year 2001 unpaid bill to Staples or take any other action relative thereto

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$285.41 to the Building Department Expense Account to pay a fiscal year 2001 unpaid bill to Staples or take any other action relative thereto.

### **Passed Unanimously**

# Article 8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$2,207.23 to the Machinery Maintenance Expenses account to pay a fiscal year 2001 unpaid bill to Ken Stewart Transmission Co. Inc. or to take any other action relative thereto.

On an amended motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to transfer from the Stabilization Account, the sum of \$2,207.23 to the Machinery Maintenance Expenses account to pay a fiscal year 2001 unpaid bill to Ken Stewart Transmission Co. Inc. or to take any other action relative thereto.

# **Passed Unanimously**

## Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account under MGL Chapter 44, Sec. 53E ½ to be administered by the Zoning Board of Appeals, for expenses and salaries related to hearings. Fees collected by the ZBA chair or their designee may be deposited and expended from this account. The total sum authorized to be spent in a given fiscal year is not to exceed \$3,000.00. This account must be reauthorized annually. If it is not reauthorized by the Town Meeting vote, remaining funds shall be deposited into the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to establish a revolving account under MGL Chapter 44, Sec. 53E ½ to be administered by the Zoning Board of Appeals, for expenses and salaries related to hearings. Fees collected by the ZBA chair or their designee may be deposited and expended from this account. The total sum authorized to be spent in a given fiscal year is not to exceed \$3,000.00. This account must be reauthorized annually. If it is not reauthorized by the Town Meeting vote, remaining funds shall be deposited into the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

## **Passed Unanimously**

## Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account under MGL Chapter 44, Sec. 53E ½ to be administered by the Conservation Commission, for expenses and salaries related to hearings. Fees collected by the Conservation Commission chair or their designee may be deposited and expended from this account. The total sum authorized to be spent in a given fiscal year is not to exceed \$3,000.00. This account must be reauthorized annually. If it is not reauthorized by the Town Meeting vote, remaining funds shall be deposited into the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

On an amended motion duly noted and seconded voted to establish a revolving account under MGL Chapter 44, Sec. 53E ½ to be administered by the Conservation Commission, for expenses and salaries related to

hearings. Fees collected by the Conservation Commission chair or their designee shall deposit and expended from this account. The total sum authorized to be spent in a given fiscal year is not to exceed \$3,000.00. This account must be reauthorized annually. If it is not reauthorized by the Town Meeting vote, remaining funds shall be deposited into the General Fund at the end of the fiscal year.

#### **Passed Unanimously**

Article 11 To see if the town will vote to establish the position of Conservation Agent, and to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$7,000.00 to fund this position at 10 hours per week for the remainder of the fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to establish the position of Conservation Agent, and to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$7,000.00 to fund this position at 10 hours per week for the remainder of the fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### Passed 2/3 Vote

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$5,000.00 for architectural design related fees for the public safety complex, or take any action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted to transfer from the Stabilization Account the sum of \$5,000.00 for architectural design related fees for the public safety complex, or take any action relative thereto.

#### **Passed Unanimously**

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, appropriate from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$4,900.00 to purchase a 1997 Ford Ranger Pick-Up Truck for the Animal Control Officer, or take any other action relative thereto.

On an amended motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to transfer from the Stabilization Account the sum of \$4,900.00 to purchase a vehicle for the Animal Control Officer, or take any other action relative thereto.

#### Passed 2/3 Vote

Article 14 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$1.5 Million for the purpose of paying costs constructing a new operations facility for the Municipal Light and Water Plant on land currently owned by the Municipal Light and Water Plant on Bridge Street in Baldwinville, and

that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectman, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (3) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, and that although any bonds or notes issued pursuant to this vote shall constitute general obligation debt of the Town, any such bonds or notes shall be paid in the first instance from revenues generated through the operation of the Town's Municipal Light and Water plant.

On a motion duly noted and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of \$1.5 Million for the purpose of paying costs constructing a new operations facility for the Municipal Light and Water Plant on land currently owned by the Municipal Light and Water Plant on Bridge Street in Baldwinville, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectman, is hereby authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7 (3) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore, and that although any bonds or notes issued pursuant to this vote shall constitute general obligation debt of the Town, any such bonds or notes shall be paid in the first instance from revenues generated through the operation of the Town's Municipal Light and Water plant.

#### Passed 2/3 Vote

- Article 15 To expand the Building Commissioners hours from 20 hours to 35 hours. **Passed Over**
- Article 16 To pay for designer services for a later Senior Center **Passed Over**
- Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$240,000.00 to replace a 26 year old outdated pumper for a new Pumper and equipment in Templeton Center or take any other action relative thereto. Money to be raised by a proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion override.

On a motion duly noted and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of \$240,000.00 to replace a 26 year old outdated pumper for a new Pumper and equipment in Templeton Center or take any other action relative thereto. Money to be raised by a proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion override.

#### Passed 2/3 Vote

As you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely, the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at Cote's Market in Otter River, fourteen

(14) 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 in said County, in the City of Gardner

Hereof, fail not, and made due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of October in the Year AD 2001.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** 

Thomas Martin, Chairman Edie Kosakowski, Vice Chairman Ida E. Beane, Clerk Patrick Dunlavey Randy L. Brown

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Neil A. Cullen, Constable of Templeton

#### OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, ss.

October 4, 2001

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, the Town Hall in Otter River, and at Cote's Market in Otter River, fourteen (14) 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 County in the City of Gardner, and by delivering a copy of the Precinct Clerks fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Neil A. Cullen Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Sheila R. Tallman Town Clerk of Templeton

Meeting Attendance 10-23-2001 124 Voters Total