## TOWN OF TEMPLETON WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 3, 2011

#### 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 Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will approve a One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) borrowing to be authorized by the Narragansett Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of replacing the roof at the District's Narragansett Middle School located at 464 Baldwinville Road in Baldwinville, MA 01436, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said sum to be expended at the direction of the District School Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a nonentitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District. Any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-nine and eighty four one hundredths percent (59.84%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, and to take any action relative thereto.

**Submitted by the School District Committee** 

A motion was duly made and seconded to allow the Superintendent speak.

Passed Unanimously/March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:07

A motion was duly and seconded to allow Mr. Laroche from consulting firm to speak. Passed Unanimously/March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:09

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to approve a One Million Dollars (\$1,000,000) borrowing to be authorized by the Narragansett Regional School District, for the purpose of paying costs of replacing the roof at the District's Narragansett Middle School located at 464 Baldwinville Road in Baldwinville, MA 01436, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the Town may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said sum to be expended at the direction of the District School Committee; that the town acknowledges that the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA") grant program is a nonentitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) fifty-nine and eighty four one hundredths percent (59.84%) of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

Passed/March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:17

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars (\$6,700.00) for the purchase of bullet proof vests for the Police Department, and further to accept, and authorize the Town to expend, a grant from the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bullet Proof Vest Partnership, for 32% of the cost of such vests, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Chief Whitaker

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to transfer the sum of Six Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars **(\$6,700.00)** from the Advisory Board Reserve Fund for the purchase of bullet proof vests for the Police Department, and further to accept, and authorize the Town to expend a grant from the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance, Bullet Proof Vest Partnership, for 32% of the cost of such vests.

# Passed Unanimously/March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:21

Article 3. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of MGL 60A §1 exempting from the motor vehicle excise Massachusetts residents who are on active military duty outside the country for at least 45 days of the excise calendar year or who are wounded or killed in an armed conflict (regardless of the number of days deployed) for one vehicle owned and registered for personal use with any reduced revenue, if eligible residents are granted the exemption, to be offset by all taxpayers in the community with delinquent motor vehicle excise bills being charged an extra \$3 when the excises are sent to a deputy collector for collection action (the current fee is \$10), or to take any other action relative thereto.

## Submitted by the Board of Assessors

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to accept the provisions of MGL 60A §1 exempting from the motor vehicle excise Massachusetts residents who are on active military duty outside the country for at least 45 days of the excise calendar year. If the service member is wounded or killed in an armed conflict, the exemption applies regardless of the number of days deployed. As with all motor vehicle excise exemptions for individuals found in G.L. c. 60A, §1, the service member may exempt only one vehicle owned and registered for personal use. If the community accepts the exemption, then all taxpayers in the community with delinquent motor vehicle excise bills being charged an extra \$3 when the excises are sent to a deputy collector for collection action (the current fee is \$10). This is intended to offset any reduced revenue if eligible residents are granted the exemption.

Passed Unanimously/March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:25

Article 4. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of MGL 60A § 9 Motor Vehicle Excise Deferral for Deployed Guardsmen and Reservists giving Massachusetts National guardsmen and reservists deployed outside the state, or their dependents, up to 180 days after that service to pay their motor vehicle excises without interest or penalties, so as to apply, upon acceptance of the statute, to any outstanding motor vehicle excises of qualifying guardsmen and reservists and their dependents, regardless of when they fell due, and to allow interest to be charged at the regular delinquency rate from the end of the 180 day period, unless the returning guardsman or reservist is still on active duty status and qualifies for the lower 6% rate under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by the Board of Assessors** 

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to accept the provisions of MGL 60A § 9 Motor Vehicle Excise Deferral for Deployed Guardsmen and Reservists giving Massachusetts National guardsmen and reservists deployed outside the state, or their dependents, up to 180 days after that service to pay their motor vehicle excises without interest or penalties. Once accepted, the statute would apply to any outstanding motor vehicle excises of qualifying guardsmen and reservists and their dependents, regardless of when they fell due. Interest would be charged at the regular delinquency rate from the end of the 180 day period, unless the returning guardsman or reservist is still on active duty status and qualifies for the lower 6% rate under the Service members Civil Relief Act.

Passed Unanimously/March 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 7:28

A motion was duly made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town Meeting.

Passed Unanimously/March 3 & 7:29

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, at Cote's Market in Otter River, and at the Town Office Buildings at 4 Elm Street, Baldwinville, and at 690 Patriots Road, Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks 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.

Given under our hands this 16<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year AD 2011.

Dennis O'Brien, Chairman
Robert Columbus, Vice Chairman
Christopher Stewart, Clerk
Julie Farrell Member

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN** 

Robert Mitchell,	Member

A True Copy, ATTEST

Randy L. Brown, Constable of Templeton

## Officer's Return

Worcester, ss February 16, 2011

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, at Cote's Market in Otter River, and at the Town Office Buildings at 4 Elm Street, Baldwinville, and at 690 Patriots Road, Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks 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.

Randy L. Brown
Constable of Templeton

Voters Total 66