

TOWN OF TEMPLETON
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

March 21, 2016

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

Monday, March 21, 2016, at 7:00 p.m.

then and there to act on the following articles:

The Town Meeting was opened by Carol Harris, Town Clerk.
Nominations were accepted for the position of Temporary Moderator.
Derek Hall was elected as Temporary Moderator for this Special Town meeting.

ARTICLE 1 DEBT AUTHORIZATION: USDA LOAN FOR THE WATER DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Water Enterprise Account a sum of money for the demolition and reconstruction of a new 500,000 gallon water storage tank on Johnson Avenue in East Templeton, and to authorize applying for a grant and loan from the United States Department of Agriculture, or take any other action relative thereto. *Requires a 2/3rds vote*

John Driscoll was allowed to speak.

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

Passed/March 21st @ 7:31pm

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for a grant and loan from the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development (“USDA”) for the demolition and reconstruction of a new 500,000 gallon water storage tank on Johnson Avenue in East Templeton in the amount of One Million Two Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand Dollars (**\$1,239,000**), with loan payments to be made from the Water Department Enterprise Fund, and further, to authorize short-term borrowing in anticipation of the USDA grant and loan, and to delegate to the Water Department all borrowing and short-term authority relating to the USDA grant and loan, and contracting relating to the water storage tank.

Passed by a 2/3 vote @ 7:32pm

**A hand count was requested by more than seven members of Town Meeting.
Passed by a 2/3 vote-Yes-41, No-11 7:40pm**

ARTICLE 2 DEBT AUTHORIZATION: TEMPLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to amend the motion for Article 6 of the March 29, 2014 Special Town Meeting appropriating Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000**) for the Schematic Design of the Feasibility Study for the Templeton Elementary School, changing the certain language in the motion from authorizing the Narragansett Regional School District to borrow to authorizing the Town to borrow to fund the appropriation. The motion will be changed from:

“To meet this appropriation the **Narragansett Regional School District**, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority”;

to:

“To meet this appropriation **the Treasurer**, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority”;

So that the amended entire motion shall now read as follows:

That Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000**) be hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying costs of the Feasibility Study/Schematic Design work ahead for the Templeton Center Elementary School, located at 17 South Road, in Templeton MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation **the Treasurer**, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½), and that the amount borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

Requires a 2/3rds vote

Dr. Stephen Hemman was allowed to speak.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted that the motion for Article 6 of the March 29, 2014 Special Town Meeting appropriating Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$500,000**) for the Schematic Design of the Feasibility Study for the Templeton Elementary School, is here by amended by changing the certain language in the motion from authorizing the Narragansett Regional School District to borrow to authorizing the Town to borrow to fund the appropriation, as follows:

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Passed by a 2/3 vote/March 21st @ 7:51pm

ARTICLE 3 FISCAL 2015 UNPAID BILLS

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute, a sum of money to pay for unpaid bills from prior fiscal years; or take any other action relative thereto.

Requires a 9/10ths majority

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate Eight Hundred Ninety-Nine Dollars and Ninety-Five Cents (**\$899.95**) from the FY'16 tax levy and to pay a bill remaining from Fiscal 2015.

Passed by a 9/10 vote/March 21st @ 7:56pm

ARTICLE 4 FISCAL 2016 FINANCIAL TRANSFERS

To see if the town will vote to increase, decrease or otherwise adjust the various appropriations voted pursuant to Article 5 of the May 16, 2015 Annual Town Meeting (the Annual Operating Budget), and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute to carry out the foregoing; or to take any other action related thereto.

Requires a majority vote

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to transfer funds within the Fiscal 2016 Annual Operating Budget as follows:

From	Acct. Name	Amount	To	Acct. Name	Amount
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator Salaries	\$990.00	1000-135-100-53-5300-0000	Town Accountant Software	\$990.00
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator Salaries	\$61.00	1000-175-100-54-5300-0000	Montachusett Regional Planning Assessment	\$61.00
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	Town Administrator Salaries	\$12,949.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS Salaries	\$12,949.00
1000-424-400-52-5210-0000	Street Lights	\$19,478.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS Salaries	\$19,478.00
1000-630-600-51-5115-0000	Recreation Salaries	\$73.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS Salaries	\$73.00
1000-710-700-59-5910-0000	Debt	\$12,500.00	1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	Fire/EMS Salaries	\$12,500.00
1000-710-700-59-5910-0000	Debt	\$50,000.00	1000-543-500-57-5770-0000	Veterans Benefits	\$50,000.00
1000-710-700-59-5910-0000	Debt	\$25,000.00	1000-913-900-51-5171-0000	Unemployment	\$25,000.00

Passed Unanimously/March 21st @ 8:05pm

ARTICLE 5 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDING FOR COMMON BURIAL GROUND TOMBS RESTORATION

To see if the Town will vote to approve the expenditure by the Templeton Cemetery Department of One Hundred Twenty Eight Thousand **(\$128,000)** from the Community Preservation General Budgeted Reserve for completion of the Common Burial Ground Tombs Restoration Project, provided that the Town receives an award of a Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission; or take any other action related thereto.

Requires a majority vote

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted approve an expenditure of One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand **(\$128,000)** from the Community Preservation General Budgeted Reserve by the Templeton Cemetery and Parks Department for completion of the Common Burial Ground Tombs Restoration Project, provided that the Town receives an award of a Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission.

Passed Unanimously/March 21st @ 8:08pm

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

Passed/March 21st @ 8:09pm

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 Office Buildings at 160 Patriots Road, E. Templeton, 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 Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Given under our hands this 7th day of March in the year AD 2016.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Columbus, Chairman

Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

Doug Morrison, Clerk

Kenn Robinson, Member

Julie Richard, Member

True Copy: ATTEST

Randy Brown
Constable of Templeton

OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, SS

March 8, 2016

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, E. Templeton, 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 Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Randy Brown
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol A. Harris
Town Clerk of Templeton

Meeting Attendance 03-21-2016
Voters Total 56

