

**TOWN OF TEMPLETON**

**WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**MAY 10, 2023**

**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:

**Wednesday, May 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Then and there to act on the following articles:**

**ARTICLE 1: PAYMENT OF LATE BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of late bill(s) from the FY 2022 budgets of the following departments in the following amounts:

Senior Services Department	\$249.99
Insurance & Benefits	\$250.00

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash,  
Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**4/5ths Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 1, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to authorize the payment of late bill(s) from the FY 2022 budgets of the following departments in the following amounts:

Senior Services Department	<b>\$249.99</b>
Insurance & Benefits	<b>\$250.00</b>

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

**Passed by a 4/5<sup>th</sup> vote/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:12pm/105-Y, 4-N**

**ARTICLE 2: FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT(s)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Five Thousand and No Cents (\$205,000.00) for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget as follows:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Insurance & Benefits	\$52,500	Increased Enrollment
Emergency Management	\$2,500	Funds Necessary for Grant
Snow & Ice	\$150,000	FY '23 Deficit

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash,  
Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 2, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to approve and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (**\$202,500.00**) for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget as follows:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Insurance & Benefits	<b>\$52,500</b>	Increased Enrollment
<del>Emergency Management</del>	<del>\$2,500</del>	<del>Funds Necessary for Grant</del>
Snow & Ice	<b>\$150,000</b>	FY '23 Deficit

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

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:17pm**

**ARTICLE 3: SNOW AND ICE DEFICIT**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$70,000.00) or any lower sum, from the Operations (OPEX) Stabilization Fund, to close the FY 2023 deficit for snow and ice removal.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee is split on their recommendation vote on Article 3, with a vote of 2-2.

On an **amended** motion that was duly made and seconded the Town voted to transfer the sum of Sixty-One Thousand Dollars and No Cents (**\$61,000.00**) from the accounts listed below to close the FY 2023 deficit for snow and ice removal.

<b>Account</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Move From</b>
1000-120-000-51-5100-0000	Select Board – Personnel	<b>\$25,200</b>
1000-220-000-51-5110-0000	Fire – Employee Support	<b>\$20,000</b>
1000-400-000-51-5100-0000	Highway Personnel	<b>\$11,000</b>
1000-250-000-52-5200-000	Development Services – Purchase of Services	<b>\$ 4,800</b>

Total

\$61,000

Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:22pm

**ARTICLE 4: FISCAL YEAR 2023 SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET SUPPLEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$40,000.00), to increase the FY 2023 Sewer Department Budget by said sum to total, in the aggregate, the sum of One Million Four Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Dollars Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$1,479,750.00) and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified retained earnings. Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Sewer Commissioners**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 4, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (**\$40,000.00**), to increase the FY 2023 Sewer Department Budget by said sum to total, in the aggregate, the sum of One Million Four Hundred Seventy Nine Thousand Dollars Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (**\$1,479,750.00**) and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified retained earnings.

Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:24pm

**ARTICLE 5: AMEND COMMUNITY SERVICES REVOLVING FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article I, Section 28-6 of the General Bylaws, entitled Departmental revolving funds, by making certain deletions (in strikethrough) and additions (in bold) to subsection E, as follows:

E. Establishment of the several departmental accounts. The authorized departmental revolving accounts are as follows:

Revolving Fund Name	Programs and Purposes of Fund	Departmental Receipts to be Credited to Fund	Officer Authorized to Expend from Fund	Fiscal Years
Burial and Improvement Fund	Wages for weekend burials and cemetery capital improvements	Fees charged for weekend burials	Cemetery Commission	FY 2018 and subsequent fiscal years
Recycling Fund	Operation of the recycling program	Receipts from the sale of recycling	Board of Health	FY 2018 and subsequent fiscal years

		equipment and disposal of recycled goods		
Plumbing and Gas Inspector Compensation Fund	Wages for the Gas and Plumbing Inspector	80% of the fees collected for gas and plumbing permits	Office of Development Services Director	FY 2018 and subsequent fiscal years
Electrical (Wiring) Inspector Compensation Fund	Wages for the Electrical (Wiring) Inspector	80% of the fees collected for electrical (wiring) permits	Office of Development Services Director	FY 2018 and subsequent fiscal years
<del>Community Services Fund</del> <b>Parks and Recreation Fund</b>	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	<del>Director of Community Services</del> <b>Director of Public Services / Chair of Parks and Recreation Commission or One Commissioner Voted annually.</b>	<del>FY 2019</del> <b>2024</b> and subsequent fiscal years

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 5, with a vote of 4-0.

On an **amended** motion that was duly made and seconded the Town voted to amend the main motion on Article 5 by changing the Officer Authorized to Expend from Fund for the amended Parks and Recreation Fund to say “Parks and Recreation Commission” and adding the word “concessions” after the “facilities” in the list of Departmental Receipts to be Credited to Fund for the said Parks and Recreation Fund, such that subsection E of Article 1, Section 28-6 of the General Bylaws is instead written as follows with certain deletions (in strikethrough) and additions (in bold):

E. Establishment of the several departmental accounts. The authorized departmental revolving accounts are as follows:

Revolving Fund Name	Programs and Purposes of Fund	Departmental Receipts to be Credited to Fund	Officer Authorized to Expend from Fund	Fiscal Years
Burial and Improvement Fund	Wages for weekend burials and cemetery capital improvements	Fees charged for weekend burials	Cemetery Commission	FY 2018 and subsequent fiscal years
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Plumbing and Gas Inspector Compensation Fund	Wages for the Gas and Plumbing Inspector	80% of the fees collected for gas and plumbing permits	Office of Development Services Director	FY 2018 and subsequent fiscal years
Electrical (Wiring) Inspector Compensation Fund	Wages for the Electrical (Wiring) Inspector	80% of the fees collected for electrical (wiring) permits	Office of Development Services Director	FY 2018 and subsequent fiscal years
<del>Community Services Fund</del> <b>Parks and Recreation Fund</b>	Wages of seasonal or part-time staffing, supplies, and general associated expenses	Fees received for rentals of facilities, <b>concessions,</b> sports, instructional day-camp, and program offerings	<del>Director of Community Services</del> <b>Parks and Recreation Commission</b>	FY <del>2019</del> <b>2024</b> and subsequent fiscal years

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:34pm**

**ARTICLE 6: 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 related 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 2022 Town Report:

**B.REPORTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES**

Allow any Town Committee to present its report.

**C.SET ANNUAL SPENDING LIMITS OF REVOLVING FUNDS**

Set the annual spending limits of the Town's revolving funds as follows:

Burial & Improvement Fund	\$10,000
Recycling Fund	\$10,000
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Fund	\$20,000
Electrical Inspector Fund	\$25,000
Parks and Recreation Fund	\$60,000

**D.ACCEPT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMMUNITY FEE ASSESSMENT**

Appropriate such sum of money as may be received by the Town from the Massachusetts Transportation Network Community Fee Assessment to an account entitled MART Dial A Ride.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 6, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to approve a consent agenda consisting of the following non- controversial actions ~~or take any other action related 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**

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**C.SET ANNUAL SPENDING LIMITS OF REVOLVING FUNDS**

Set the annual spending limits of the Town's revolving funds as follows:

Burial & Improvement Fund	<b>\$10,000</b>
Recycling Fund	<b>\$10,000</b>
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Fund	<b>\$20,000</b>
Electrical Inspector Fund	<b>\$25,000</b>
Parks and Recreation Fund	<b>\$60,000</b>

**D.ACCEPT TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMMUNITY FEE ASSESSMENT**

Appropriate such sum of money as may be received by the Town from the Massachusetts Transportation Network Community Fee Assessment to an account entitled MART Dial A Ride

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:37pm**

**ARTICLE 7: AMEND THE BYLAWS RE: RECREATION COMMISSION**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article IV of the General Bylaws by changing the title of the Article

from “Recreation Commission” to “Parks and Recreation Commission,” and by amending Section 9-16 of that Article as follows:

§ 9-16 Membership; appointment; terms; ~~vacancies~~.

~~The Select Board (Board) shall appoint a Recreation Commission consisting of seven members: three members to be appointed from Precinct A, three members to be appointed from Precinct B, and one member to be appointed at large. The term for each member shall be one year. Any seat that becomes vacant during the one-year term shall be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of the expired term. Reference Chapter 311 of the Acts of 2022.~~

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 7, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to amend Article IV of the General Bylaws by changing the title of the Article from “Recreation Commission” to “Parks and Recreation Commission,” and by amending Section 9-16 of that Article as follows:

§ 9-16 Membership; appointment; terms; ~~vacancies~~.

~~The Select Board (Board) shall appoint a Recreation Commission consisting of seven members: three members to be appointed from Precinct A, three members to be appointed from Precinct B, and one member to be appointed at large. The term for each member shall be one year. Any seat that becomes vacant during the one-year term shall be filled by the appointing authority for the remainder of the expired term. Reference Chapter 311 of the Acts of 2022.~~

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:41pm**

## **ARTICLE 8: AMEND THE BYLAWS RE: ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 9 of the General Bylaws as follows:

§ 9-2 Appointment; terms; officers; compensation

Upon the effective date of this revised article of the Town Bylaws, the terms of all existing members of the Advisory Committee shall terminate at the next Town Meeting, the Moderator shall then appoint five members to serve until the conclusion of the next Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting shall, within 30 days after said meeting, appoint one member of said Committee for a term of one year, two members for terms of two years, and two members for terms of three years. After the term of these initial appointments, the Moderator shall within 30 days after the adjournment of every Annual Town Meeting, appoint for a term of three years the number of persons as may be necessary, to provide a committee of five members. The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon being sworn in by the Town Clerk and shall expire at the close of final adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting at which their successors are appointed. The Advisory Committee shall choose its own officers ~~and its members shall serve without pay~~, and it shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 8, with a vote of 3-0-1 present.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to amend Chapter 9 of the General Bylaws as follows:

§ 9-2 Appointment; terms; officers; compensation

Upon the effective date of this revised article of the Town Bylaws, the terms of all existing members of the Advisory Committee shall terminate at the next Town Meeting, the Moderator shall then appoint five members to serve until the conclusion of the next Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting shall, within 30 days after said meeting, appoint one member of said Committee for a term of one year, two members for terms of two years, and two members for terms of three years. After the term of these initial appointments, the Moderator shall within 30 days after the adjournment of every Annual Town Meeting, appoint for a term of three years the number of persons as may be necessary, to provide a committee of five members. The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon being sworn in by the Town Clerk and shall expire at the close of final adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting at which their successors are appointed. The Advisory Committee shall choose its own officers ~~and its members shall serve without pay~~, and it shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:50pm**

**ARTICLE 9 AMEND THE BYLAWS RE: FLAGS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 240 of the General Bylaws by inserting a new Article VI as follows:

§ 240-16

[Reserved].

§ 240-17 Flags for Display on Town Owned Flagpoles

This bylaw permits the following, but not limited to, town-owned flags to be flown on Town-owned flagpoles: The Flag of the United States of America, the flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the flag of the Prisoners of War/Missing In Action (POW/MIA), Fire-Fighter’s flag, and the flags of the Departments of Defense. The Town may approve other flags to be flown on Town-owned flagpoles as an expression of the Town’s official sentiments. Flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. No more than two (2) flags may be flown on a single flagpole at a time.

Flags with the following characteristics will specifically not be accepted for display:

- a. Flags that promote political fundraising within the meaning of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 55;
- b. Flags that promote or oppose a candidate, ballot question, political party, political committee or any other matter placed, or to be placed, before the voters at the polls or that otherwise promotes a political campaign purpose within the meaning of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapters 50 through 55;
- c. Flags that endorse religion or any particular religion, or that endorse opposition to religion or



- any particular religion;
- d. Flags that contain commercial advertising;
- e. Flags that are not appropriate for general audiences of all ages;
- f. Applications may also be denied if they do not comply with the requirements of this policy or other relevant requirements, bylaws, regulations, or policies of the Town.

Approval of the placement of flag on Town-owned flagpoles shall be the responsibility of the Select Board and selectively delegated to the Town Administrator. In cases where delegated responsibility causes a difference of approval or denial for any of the authorized approvers, the ultimate final decision authority resides with the Select Board. The approval of requests for placement of flags on Town-owned flagpoles shall be accomplished by making requests to the Select Board in accordance with established Select Board policy. A record of approvals and denials shall be kept in the Select Board and Town Administrator’s municipal offices.

§ 240-18

[Reserved]

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 9, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to amend Chapter 240 of the General Bylaws by inserting a new Article VI as follows:

§ 240-16

[Reserved].

§ 240-17 Flags for Display on Town Owned Flagpoles

This bylaw permits the following, but not limited to, town-owned flags to be flown on Town-owned flagpoles: The Flag of the United States of America, the flag of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the flag of the Prisoners of War/Missing In Action (POW/MIA), Fire-Fighter’s flag, and the flags of the Departments of Defense. The Town may approve other flags to be flown on Town-owned flagpoles as an expression of the Town’s official sentiments. Flagpoles are not intended to serve as a forum for free expression by the public. No more than two (2) flags may be flown on a single flagpole at a time.

Flags with the following characteristics will specifically not be accepted for display:

- a. Flags that promote political fundraising within the meaning of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 55;
- b. Flags that promote or oppose a candidate, ballot question, political party, political committee or any other matter placed, or to be placed, before the voters at the polls or that otherwise promotes a political campaign purpose within the meaning of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapters 50 through 55;
- c. Flags that endorse religion or any particular religion, or that endorse opposition to religion or any particular religion;
- d. Flags that contain commercial advertising;

- e. Flags that are not appropriate for general audiences of all ages;
- f. Applications may also be denied if they do not comply with the requirements of this policy or other relevant requirements, bylaws, regulations, or policies of the Town.

Approval of the placement of flag on Town-owned flagpoles shall be the responsibility of the Select Board and selectively delegated to the Town Administrator. In cases where delegated responsibility causes a difference of approval or denial for any of the authorized approvers, the ultimate final decision authority resides with the Select Board. The approval of requests for placement of flags on Town-owned flagpoles shall be accomplished by making requests to the Select Board in accordance with established Select Board policy. A record of approvals and denials shall be kept in the Select Board and Town Administrator’s municipal offices.

§ 240-18

[Reserved]

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:54pm**

**ARTICLE 10 AMEND CEMETERY REGULATIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to approve, pursuant to Chapter 114, Section 23 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the amendment of the Cemetery Commission’s Regulations by adding to the Regulations a new section as follows:

**Interment and Monument Fees:**

The Cemetery Commission may adopt, amend, and enforce a schedule of fees for interments and monument installations based on factors affecting the cost, time, and labor for the interment or installation, including but not limited to the time of year or the size of the monument.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Cemetery Commission**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 10, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to approve, pursuant to Chapter 114, Section 23 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the amendment of the Cemetery Commission’s Regulations by adding to the Regulations a new section as follows:

**Interment and Monument Fees:**

The Cemetery Commission may adopt, amend, and enforce a schedule of fees for interments and monument installations based on factors affecting the cost, time, and labor for the interment or installation, including but not limited to the time of year or the size of the monument.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:59pm**

**ARTICLE 11 FUNDING OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACCOUNT(S)**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents

(\$510,000.00) to the several accounts of the Community Preservation Committee, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

	Amount	% of Total
Administrative Account	\$25,500	5%
Historic Resources Reserve	\$51,000	10%
Community Housing Reserve	\$51,000	10%
Open Space & Recreation Reserve	\$51,000	10%
General Reserve	<u>\$331,500</u>	65%
Total	\$510,000	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 November 2023 state match for CPC permissible expenses.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 11, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (**\$510,000.00**) to the several accounts of the Community Preservation Committee, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

	Amount	% of Total
Administrative Account	<b>\$25,500</b>	5%
Historic Resources Reserve	<b>\$51,000</b>	10%
Community Housing Reserve	<b>\$51,000</b>	10%
Open Space & Recreation Reserve	<b>\$51,000</b>	10%
General Reserve	<b><u>\$331,500</u></b>	65%
Total	<b>\$510,000</b>	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 November 2023 state match for CPC permissible expenses.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:01pm**

**ARTICLE 12 CPA FUNDING FOR BAPTIST COMMON CEMETERY ACCESS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$38,000.00) for the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
Building & Grounds/ Cemetery Commission	\$38,000	To create walking trail to Baptist Common Cemetery <sup>1</sup>	\$38,000 Open Space

<sup>1</sup> The appropriation of \$38,000 from the Templeton CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Resources for the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with Templeton Cemetery Commission, to create a walking trail on Town-owned land from Baldwinville Road to gain access to the historic Baptist Common Cemetery. The work will include some tree/brush work, installation of split rail fencing, signage, and additional landscaping.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 12, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Dollars and No Cents (**\$38,000.00**) for the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
Building & Grounds/ Cemetery Commission	<b>\$38,000</b>	To create walking trail to Baptist Common Cemetery <sup>1</sup>	\$38,000 Open Space

<sup>1</sup> The appropriation of \$38,000 from the Templeton CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Resources for the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with Templeton Cemetery Commission, to create a walking trail on Town-owned land from Baldwinville Road to gain access to the historic Baptist Common Cemetery. The work will include some tree/brush work, installation of split rail fencing, signage, and additional landscaping.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:03pm**

### **ARTICLE 13 CPA FUNDING FOR DWELLY FARM ONGOING RESTORATION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$36,500.00) for the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
North County Land Trust	<b>\$36,500</b>	Wildlife habitat improvement, invasive plant management and promotion <sup>1</sup>	\$36,500 Open Space

<sup>1</sup> The appropriation of \$36,500 from the Templeton CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Resources for the non-profit North County Land Trust to continue wildlife habitat improvement, invasive plant management and to promote public participation in open space activities at the Dwelly Farm Conservation Area on Barre Road, Templeton.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 13, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Thirty Six Thousand Five

Hundred Dollars and No Cents (**\$36,500.00**) for the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
North County Land Trust	<b>\$36,500</b>	Wildlife habitat improvement, invasive plant management and promotion <sup>1</sup>	\$36,500 Open Space

<sup>1</sup> The appropriation of \$36,500 from the Templeton CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Open Space Resources for the non-profit North County Land Trust to continue wildlife habitat improvement, invasive plant management and to promote public participation in open space activities at the Dwelly Farm Conservation Area on Barre Road, Templeton.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:10pm**

**ARTICLE 14 CPA FUNDING FOR GRANGE HALL ADA BATHROOMS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$80,000.00) for the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
Narragansett Historical Society	\$80,000	Rehabilitate Ground Floor Restrooms <sup>1</sup>	\$80,000 Historic Resources

<sup>1</sup> The appropriation of \$80,000 from the Templeton CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Resources for the non-profit Narragansett Historical Society to rehabilitate ground floor restrooms of the historic Templeton Grange Hall to enable Americans with Disabilities Act compliant access. Public benefit to include no cost to residents of Templeton to access when the building is open to the public.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf the Community Preservation Committee**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 14, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Eighty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (**\$80,000.00**) for the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
Narragansett Historical Society	<b>\$80,000</b>	Rehabilitate Ground Floor Restrooms <sup>1</sup>	\$80,000 Historic Resources

<sup>1</sup> The appropriation of \$80,000 from the Templeton CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Resources for the non-profit Narragansett Historical Society to rehabilitate ground floor restrooms of the historic Templeton Grange Hall to enable Americans with Disabilities Act compliant access. Public benefit to include no cost to residents of Templeton to access when the building is open to the public.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:14pm**

**ARTICLE 15 CPA FUNDING FOR TOWN HALL CUPOLA PRESERVATION/RESTORATION**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$30,000.00) for

the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
Building & Grounds/ Select Board	\$30,000	Cupola Restoration <sup>1</sup>	\$30,000 Historic Resources

<sup>1</sup> The appropriation \$30,000 from the Templeton CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Resources for the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Templeton Select Board, for the preservation and restoration of the cupola atop the historic culturally significant Town Hall building in East Templeton. Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendations**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 15, with vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (**\$30,000.00**) for the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
Building & Grounds/ Select Board	<b>\$30,000</b>	Cupola Restoration <sup>1</sup>	\$30,000 Historic Resources

<sup>1</sup> The appropriation \$30,000 from the Templeton CPA Fund Balance Reserved for Historic Resources for the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with the Templeton Select Board, for the preservation and restoration of the cupola atop the historic culturally significant Town Hall building in East Templeton.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:16pm**

## **ARTICLE 16 CPA FUNDING FOR RESURFACING GILMAN WAITE TENNIS COURTS/FENCING REPLACEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$139,500.00) for the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
Building & Grounds/ Parks & Recreation Commission	\$139,500	Reclaim & resurface the Tennis Courts at Gilman Waite <sup>1</sup>	\$139,500 Undesignated

<sup>1</sup> The appropriation of \$139,500 from the Templeton CPA Fund Balance Unbudgeted Reserve for the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with Templeton Parks and Recreation Commission, to reclaim and resurface the tennis courts at Gilman Waite for subsequent use for tennis and/or pickleball and to replace adjoining fencing with appropriate chain link material. Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 16, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (**\$139,500.00**) for the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
Building & Grounds/ Parks & Recreation Commission	<b>\$139,500</b>	Reclaim & resurface the Tennis Courts at Gilman Waite <sup>1</sup>	\$139,500 Undesignated

<sup>1</sup> The appropriation of \$139,500 from the Templeton CPA Fund Balance Unbudgeted Reserve for the Department of Public Works, in conjunction with Templeton Parks and Recreation Commission, to reclaim and resurface the tennis courts at Gilman Waite for subsequent use for tennis and/or pickleball and to replace adjoining fencing with appropriate chain link material.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:19pm**

**ARTICLE 17: PROPERTY VALUATION ACCOUNT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$22,500.00) from the FY24 tax levy and other general revenues of the Town to be spent by the Board of Assessors for Full Valuation, Interim Statistical Updates, Cyclical Inspections and the Purchase of Supportive Upgrades.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Board of Assessors**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 16, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (**\$22,500.00**) from the FY24 tax levy and other general revenues of the Town to be spent by the Board of Assessors for Full Valuation, Interim Statistical Updates, Cyclical Inspections and the Purchase of Supportive Upgrades.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:20pm**

**ARTICLE 18: FY 2024 SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$1,440,723.00) to operate the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2024 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$16,148.00) 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.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Sewer Commission**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 18, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Forty Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty Three Dollars and No Cents **(\$1,440,723.00)** to operate the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2024 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Sixteen Thousand One Hundred Forty Eight Dollars and No Cents **(\$16,148.00)** 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.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:22pm**

**ARTICLE 19: FY 2024 CABLE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents **(\$222,300.00)** to operate the Cable Department for Fiscal Year 2024 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents **(\$97,300.00)** from the certified retained earnings of the Cable Fund and the balance 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.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 19, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents **(\$222,300.00)** to operate the Cable Department for Fiscal Year 2024 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Ninety Seven Thousand Three Hundred Dollars and No Cents **(\$97,300.00)** from the certified retained earnings of the Cable Fund and the balance from the receipts and revenues to be collected on behalf of the Cable Department for said fiscal year.

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:23pm**

**ARTICLE 20 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 certain elected officials for Fiscal Year 2024 as follows:

Town Clerk	\$	72,000	Yearly
Select Board (Each)	\$	3,750	Yearly
Moderator	\$	500	Yearly
Water Commissioner (Each)	\$	2,550	Yearly <sup>1</sup>
Sewer Commissioner (Each)	\$	3,000	Yearly <sup>1</sup>
Light Commissioner (Each)	\$	2,550	Yearly <sup>2</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Paid for by an enterprise.

<sup>2</sup> Paid for by the Light Department.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 20, with a vote of 3-0-1 present.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to in accord with MGL Ch. 41 § 108, to fix or maintain the salaries of certain elected officials for Fiscal Year 2024 as follows:

Town Clerk	\$	<b>72,000</b>	Yearly
Select Board (Each)	\$	<b>3,750</b>	Yearly
Moderator	\$	<b>500</b>	Yearly
Water Commissioner (Each)	\$	<b>2,550</b>	Yearly <sup>1</sup>
Sewer Commissioner (Each)	\$	<b>3,000</b>	Yearly <sup>1</sup>
Light Commissioner (Each)	\$	<b>2,550</b>	Yearly <sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Paid for by an enterprise.

<sup>2</sup> Paid for by the Light Department.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:25pm**

**ARTICLE 21: FUNDING FOR AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer Five Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$534,500.00) from the Fire Department/Ambulance- Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, to be spent by the Fire Chief to pay for the operation of the ambulance service within the Fire Department during FY 2024, with any unexpended monies in the ambulance budget being returned to the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and with any unexpended balances in the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account being carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 21, with a vote of 3-0-1 present.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to transfer Five Hundred Thirty Four Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (**\$534,500.00**) from the Fire Department/Ambulance- Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, to be spent by the Fire Chief to pay for the operation of the ambulance service within the Fire Department during FY 2024, with any unexpended monies in the ambulance budget being returned to the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and with any unexpended balances in the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account being carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:26pm**

**ARTICLE 22: FY 2024 GENERAL FUND OPERATING (OPEX) BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Million Four Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$10,423,968.00) for the operations of General Government for Fiscal Year 2024.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 22, with a vote of 3-1.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Million Four Hundred Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty-Eight Dollars and No Cents (**\$10,423,968.00**) for the operations of General Government for Fiscal Year 2024.

<b>Dept Code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>FY 24 Budget</b>
120	Select Board (1)	\$ 390,237
130	Advisory Committee (2)	\$ 50,000
135	Town Accountant	\$ 180,500
141	Assessor	\$ 113,850
147	Treasurer/Collector	\$ 164,800
155	IT & Communications	\$ 120,000
161	Town Clerk	\$ 133,500
200	Police & Dispatch	\$ 1,578,000
220	Fire	\$ 822,000
230	Emergency Management	\$ 1,750
250	Development Services	\$ 207,750
400	Highway	\$ 829,453
410	Building & Grounds	\$ 386,175
420	Snow & Ice	\$ 148,750
430	Parks & Recreation	\$ 50,511
500	Veterans Service	\$ 121,099
600	Senior Services	\$ 144,220
610	Library	\$ 91,275
620	Historical & Culture	\$ 1,750
700	Debt Service	\$ 2,128,348
900	Insurance & Benefits	\$ 2,760,000
		<b>\$ 10,423,968</b>

(1) Contains Reserve Transferrable by Select Board for Merit & Equity Raises for Non-Union Personnel/CBAs

(2) Contains MGL Ch. 40 §6 Reserve Transferrable by Advisory Committee for "...emergency or unforeseen expenditures..."

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:38pm**

**ARTICLE 23: FY 2024 CAPITAL BUDGET-ROLLING STOCK & IMPROVEMENTS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$180,268.00) toward a capital purchase and improvement as generally illustrated below:

<b>DPW-B&amp;G</b>	Truck, Swap Loader	\$180,268
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,268</b>

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$180,268.00) from certified free cash.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 23, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$180,268.00) toward a capital purchase and improvement as generally illustrated below:

<b>DPW-B&amp;G</b>	Truck, Swap Loader	\$180,268
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$180,268</b>

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of One Hundred Eighty Thousand Two Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars and No Cents (**\$180,268.00**) from certified free cash.

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:41pm**

**ARTICLE 24: FY 2024 CAPITAL FUNDED THROUGH CAPEX**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty One Dollars and No Cents (\$69,241.00) towards capital purchases and improvements as generally illustrated below:

<b>DPW - Highway</b>	Software, work orders and asset management	\$40,942
<b>DPW-B&amp;G</b>	Mower, zero-tum	\$16,060
<b>Parks &amp; Rec.</b>	Water-reel device for irrigation	\$12,239
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,241</b>

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer from the Capital (CAPEX) Stabilization Fund the sum of Sixty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty One Dollars and No Cents (\$69,241.00).

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 24, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of

Sixty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty One Dollars and No Cents (**\$69,241.00**) towards capital purchases and improvements as generally illustrated below:

<b>DPW - Highway</b>	Software, work orders and asset management	\$40,942
<b>DPW-B&amp;G</b>	Mower, zero-tum	\$16,060
<b>Parks &amp; Rec.</b>	Water-reel device for irrigation	\$12,239
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$69,241</b>

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer from the Capital (CAPEX) Stabilization Fund the sum of Sixty Nine Thousand Two Hundred Forty One Dollars and No Cents (\$69,241.00).

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:42pm**

**ARTICLE 25: FY 2024 SPECIAL ARTICLES**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$18,930.00) toward a program of special articles as generally illustrated below:

<b>DPW - Highway</b>	Street Sign Replacement	\$7,500
<b>DPW - Highway</b>	Community Sand Pile Shed	\$4,500
<b>Town Hall - B&amp;G</b>	Electrical Panels	\$6,930
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,930</b>

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Eighteen Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$18,930.00) from certified free cash.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 25, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (**\$21,430.00**) toward a program of special articles as generally illustrated below:

<b>DPW - Highway</b>	Street Sign Replacement	\$7,500
<b>DPW - Highway</b>	Community Sand Pile Shed	\$4,500
<b>Town Hall - B&amp;G</b>	Electrical Panels	\$6,930
<b>Emergency Management</b>	Municipal Funds – Hazard Mitigation Grant	\$2,500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$21,430</b>

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Twenty-One Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (**\$21,430.00**) from certified free cash.

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:44pm**

**ARTICLE 26: AUTHORIZE LEASE OF A TANKER FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT**

To see if the Town, will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (\$97,789.78) to pay for the first year of a five year lease for a tanker for the Fire Department with said lease not to exceed Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Ninety Cents (\$488,949.90) in total, including provisions for an early pay-off, without penalty, and a One Dollar (\$1.00) buy- out upon the conclusion of all regularly scheduled lease payments, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract with the lessor containing the said terms and conditions.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 26, with a vote of 3-0-1 present.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ninety Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty-Nine Dollars and Seventy-Eight Cents (**\$97,789.78**) from free cash to pay for the first year of a five year lease for a tanker for the Fire Department with said lease not to exceed Four Hundred Eighty-Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Dollars and Ninety Cents (**\$488,949.90**) in total, including provisions for an early pay-off, without penalty, and a One Dollar (**\$1.00**) buy- out upon the conclusion of all regularly scheduled lease payments, and to authorize the Select Board to enter into a contract with the lessor containing the said terms and conditions.

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:50pm**

**ARTICLE 27: MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Five Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars and No Cents (\$588,189.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2024 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 2024.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 27, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of

Five Hundred Eighty Eight Thousand One Hundred Eighty Nine Dollars and No Cents (**\$588,189.00**) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2024 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 2024.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:53pm**

**ARTICLE 28: NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million Six Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$7,692,433.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2024 assessment by the Narragansett Regional School District for the purposes of educating and transporting the Town's enrolled students 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 2024.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Narragansett Regional School District  
Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 28, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million Six Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and No Cents (**\$7,692,433.00**) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2024 assessment by the Narragansett Regional School District for the purposes of educating and transporting the Town's enrolled students 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 2024.

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:55pm**

**ARTICLE 29: AMENDING THE NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT AGREEMENT**

To see if the Town will approve the amendments to the Narragansett Regional School District Agreement as recommended and approved by the Regional School District Committee,

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Narragansett Regional School District  
School Committee**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee is split on their recommendation vote on Article 29, with a vote of 2-2.

On an **amended** motion that was duly made and seconded the Town voted to approve the amendments to the Narragansett Regional School District Agreement as recommended and approved by the Regional School District Committee with it to be amended further to revise the

Agreement by striking Section VI(G)(2) as proposed and replacing it to read: (2) All capital costs in town-owned buildings used by the District shall be apportioned among the member towns on the basis of their respective student enrollments in the PK-12 District.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30pm**

**ARTICLE 30: ACCEPT LAYOUT OF LAUREL VIEW ROAD AS TOWN WAY**

To see if the Town will vote to accept Laurel View Road, as laid out in the As-Built Plan approved by the Select Board and filed with the Town Clerk on January 30, 2023, as a public way pursuant to Chapter 82, Section 23 of the General Laws.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 30, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to accept Laurel View Road, as laid out in the As-Built Plan approved by the Select Board and filed with the Town Clerk on January 30, 2023, as a public way pursuant to Chapter 82, Section 23 of the General Laws.

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:31pm**

**ARTICLE 31: ESTABLISH OPIOID REMEDIATION STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to establish an Opioid Abatement Stabilization Fund, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be used, upon further appropriation, for the purposes of implementing the abatement strategies set forth in the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements, dated March 4, 2022.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 30, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to establish an Opioid Abatement Stabilization Fund, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be used, upon further appropriation, for the purposes of implementing the abatement strategies set forth in the Massachusetts State-Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements, dated March 4, 2022.

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:33pm**

**ARTICLE 32: ACCEPT FOURTH PARAGRAPH OF CHAPTER 40, SECTION SB**

To see if the Town will vote to accept the fourth paragraph of Chapter 40, Section SB, of the Massachusetts General Laws, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Chapter 40, Section SB of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be effective for all fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2023. This will allow the Town to take the action described in Article 33.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select  
Board Majority Vote  
Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 30, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to accept the fourth paragraph of Chapter 40, Section SB, of the Massachusetts General Laws, which allows the dedication, without further appropriation, of all, or a percentage not less than 25 percent, of particular fees, charges or receipts to a stabilization fund established under Chapter 40, Section SB of the Massachusetts General Laws, to be effective for all fiscal years beginning on July 1, 2023. This will allow the Town to take the action described in Article 33.

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:35pm**

**ARTICLE 33: DEDICATE RECEIPTS FROM STATEWIDE SETTLEMENT**

To see if the Town will vote to dedicate all or a percentage, which may not be less than 25 percent, of the receipts from the Statewide Opioid Settlements, as defined in the State- Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements, to the Opioid Abatement Stabilization Fund established in accordance with Chapter 40, Section SB of the Massachusetts General Laws, effective for the fiscal year 2024, beginning on July 1, 2023..

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board  
Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 30, with a vote of 4-0.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to dedicate all of the receipts from the Statewide Opioid Settlements, as defined in the State- Subdivision Agreement for Statewide Opioid Settlements, to the Opioid Abatement Stabilization Fund established in accordance with Chapter 40, Section SB of the Massachusetts General Laws, effective for the fiscal year 2024, beginning on July 1, 2023.

**Passed Unanimously/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:39pm**

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

**Passed/May 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8:39pm**

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 12<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year AD 2023.

SELECT BOARD

\_\_\_\_\_  
Timothy Toth, Chairman

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Michael Currie, Vice Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_  
Terry Griffis, Clerk

\_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Richard, Member

\_\_\_\_\_  
Jeff Bennett, Member

A True Copy ATTEST

Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton

John White  
Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

**OFFICER’S RETURN**

WORCESTER, SS

April 18, 2032

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.

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Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton

John White  
Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

A True Copy, ATTEST:

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Carol A. Harris  
Town Clerk of Templeton

Meeting Attendance 05-10-2023  
Voters Total 170

