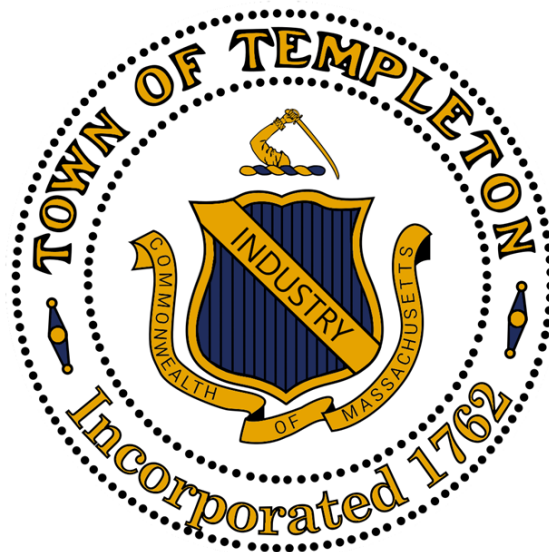


# TOWN OF TEMPLETON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

May 15, 2024 @ 6:00PM



**Narragansett Regional Middle School  
460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville**

<https://www.templetonma.gov/>

## A WELCOME FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Templeton has an Open Town Meeting/Select Board form of government. While there are many things the Select Board can do on a day-to-day basis, there are many things it cannot do, which is why we have Town Meeting. In our Town, the legislative body is the Open Town Meeting and is how we adopt by-laws, accept certain state laws, appropriate money, buy/sell land, and the like.

The Town will hold its Annual Town meeting on May 15, 2024, under a “warrant” issued by the Select Board. This is my seventh Town Meeting as Town Administrator. The warrant has a variety of articles that the voters as our legislative body will act upon, including making capital purchases and improvements, establishing or continuing revolving funds, operating the Town for the coming Fiscal Year, adopting by-law changes to conform to state law or improving the operations of Town government.

Each item included in the warrant is called an article and provides the voters with a sense of the scope of the action they are being asked to take. You will find that each article is published at length in this guide and this time around you will see the anticipated motion follows the same.

This Voter Information Guide provides you plenty of information so you may be prepared. Here is the format the guide follows:

**Article # and Title**  
**Article Sponsor**  
**Vote Required**

**Summary: A brief description of the reasons for – and impact of - the article.**  
**Comments and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee**

Citizen's Petitions await motions by those who filed them.

Please feel free to contact me directly at Town Hall via office line at 978.894.2778 or by email at [alamontagne@templetonma.gov](mailto:alamontagne@templetonma.gov), if you have questions you would like to ask before the meeting.

I look forward to meeting you at the Meeting.

Sincerely Yours,



Adam Lamontagne

Town Administrator

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## **Moderator's Rules**

On a general note, there are often materials on a display table near the check-in tables for people to use at Town Meeting or that provide general information to Town residents. These materials have been pre-approved by me prior to placement to ensure they are appropriate to be distributed at this forum. If you would like to make such materials available to Town Meeting members, please submit them to me for approval at least 72 hours (i.e. three days) before the start of Town Meeting. Only those materials approved by me will be on the display table. Any unapproved materials will be removed at my direction. You should submit any materials you wish to have pre-approved to me at the following email address ([blaster25jhg@gmail.com](mailto:blaster25jhg@gmail.com)) at least 72 hours (i.e. three days) before the meeting. I will respond as quickly as possible.

Town Meeting is run by a Town Moderator who the voters elect for a one-year term. Our By-Laws call for the most current issue of TOWN MEETING TIME to be considered the general guideline for all procedures of town meetings, except those procedures already provided for by the by-laws. Subject to change, I have some additional rules that I follow. Those are to:

- 1) Call the meeting to order and go over some housekeeping issues such as the location of fire exits, asking you to silence cell phones and electronic devices, and the like.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Read the Constables' return of the Warrant to show that it was properly served and posted.
- 4) Introduce Special Guests, and the like.
- 5) As I call each Article, a Motion will be read and seconded (generally by the Select Board, unless it is a citizen petition) and shown on the screen behind me unless there was no ability for the room to readily accommodate such a screen.
- 6) I will then ask for the Recommendation of the Advisory Committee (just their vote on their "Advisory Committee Recommendation's" document).
- 7) Return to the Motion maker for any explanation.
- 8) Open the floor for discussion (including first recognizing the Advisory Committee for any particular reasons behind their recommendation).
- 9) Anyone wishing to speak on any issue must first proceed to a microphone and be recognized by the Moderator. I will not entertain any shout outs and you must use a microphone unless I permit otherwise. You will be asked to state your name and address every time you are given permission to speak. You may also be asked if you are speaking as a resident or on behalf of a board or committee.

Any amendments to the main motion must be submitted to me in writing, and signed by the motion maker of said amendment.

Anyone unruly or disorderly will be given a warning and advised that they are out of order. If the situation continues they will be escorted out of the meeting and placed in a convenient place until the meeting is adjourned.

10) If I am not certain of a voice vote or if a vote declared by me is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more people standing and or recognized by me, I will proceed to a hand count.

Otherwise general parliamentary procedure and common courtesy rule the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Graves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

John H. Graves

Town Moderator

## Common Terms of Finance

As you read the warrant articles there will be some terms that are unique to public finance or particular to Massachusetts. Below are some definitions of those terms to help you better understand what the request might be for and how it is to be funded.

**Fiscal Year:** Most government entities follow a budget year of their choosing, or that is specified by the state, that is different than the January 1 to December 31 calendar year. Templeton follows a Fiscal Year (FY) of July 1 of a year to June 30 of the following year. We always refer to the Fiscal Year as of the year in which it ends (June 30, 2023 is FY '23).

**Free Cash:** Most budgets assume you collect every dollar - and spend every dollar - you think you will. That never really happens. There are often variations. Free Cash is defined as the remaining, unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year (i.e. after any liabilities or potential variances you cannot account for) including unexpended free cash from the prior year. In simplest terms, it is actual receipts in excess of revenue estimates and unspent amounts in the appropriation line items. Free cash is not available for appropriation until certified by the Department of Revenue (DOR) Director of Accounts.

**Retained Earnings:** This is the phrase used for free cash of an enterprise fund such as the Sewer fund.

**Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB):** We promise the people we hire (under certain conditions) that we will give them other benefits (health, dental, and life insurance) beyond just their retirement monies. We are required to calculate how much money it would take to pay for those other benefits and to develop a plan to set that money aside to cover this promise.

**Stabilization Fund:** The state allows the Town to set up funds in which it can set aside monies in anticipation of paying for allowable, generally unforeseen (i.e. think “rainy day” funds) or high cost items expenditures. Generally speaking, it takes a majority vote to put money into these funds and a 2/3 vote to withdraw money from them. The Town has two such funds.

**Capital Expense (CAPEX):** This covers replacement or major repair of our equipment or facilities such as Town Hall and the like.

**Operating (OPEX):** This provides monies to getting through major economic downturns without having to devastate services, high cost unforeseen assessments the state or others might require of us, and the like.

# ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

**ARTICLE 1  
PAYMENT OF LATE BILLS  
Submitted by the Select Board  
4/5ths Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of late bill(s) from the FY 2023 budgets of the following departments in the following amounts:

Building & Grounds                      \$5,896

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

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This is for the remaining street light bill that was invoiced to the Town.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a NO vote on Article 1, with a vote of 3-2.

**ARTICLE 2  
FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT(S)  
Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$115,000.00) for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget as follows:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
Select Board	\$9,000	Litigation
Assessors	\$6,000	Additional Consulting Services
Snow & Ice	\$100,000	FY '24 Deficit

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



Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary:** This appropriation will allow us to fund a civil litigation matter and potentially close an ongoing case as well. In addition, this appropriation will allow us to fund additional consulting services for Fiscal Year 2024. The free cash contained in this article will cover the entire amount of our snow & ice deficit. The anticipated motion will include Insurance & Benefits as well due to an increase in our insurances above what we budgeted and a Workers Comp Audit.

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 2, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 3**  
**FISCAL YEAR 2024 SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET SUPPLEMENT**  
**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Sewer Commissioners**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$70,000.00), to increase the FY 2024 Sewer Department Budget by said sum to total, in the aggregate, the sum of One Million Five Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$1,510,723.00) and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified retained earnings.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary:** This article is due to the unexpected repairs/replacement of a septage receiving pump and plant water pump at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Note that these are a onetime repair and not a yearly expense. Also, to continue expanding on the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) plan for the Collection system. (The Collection System O&M plan is a requirement of the discharge permit.)

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 3, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 4**  
**CONSENT AGENDA**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

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 2023 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	\$75,000
Salt Brine Production System Fund	\$25,000

**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.

**Summary: Paragraphs A and B are annual housekeeping items to accept certain reports. Paragraph C sets the maximum amount that can be spent out of the currently existing revolving funds established in the By-Laws. This includes an increase from \$60k to \$75k for the Parks and Recreation Fund. The Salt Brine Production System Fund was approved by Town Meeting on November 15, 2023. Paragraph D appropriates Templeton’s portion of the state surcharge on ride share companies to the MART Dial A Ride account.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

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

**ARTICLE 5**  
**MAIN STREET BRIDGE DEBT EXCLUSION FOR REPAIR**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money for the purposes of repairing the Main Street bridge, including all incidental and related expenses, and to meet said appropriation, to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow such sum under and consistent with G.L. c.44, §7, or any other source of authority, said amount contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion ballot question in accordance with G.L. c.59, §21C(k), and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that any Federal or State grants awarded prior to issuance of bonds will be used to reduce the amount borrowed by the Town of Templeton.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: Article 5 requests authorization to appropriate funds for the purposes of repairing the Main Street bridge, and to authorize the Treasurer to act (including borrowing funds and issuing bonds and notes) to facilitate this project. The amount required shall be contingent on a Proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion ballot vote—the Town election date is May 20, 2024, but residents may vote early as well.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

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

**ARTICLE 6**  
**ADOPT CHAPTER 39, SECTION 23D OF THE GENERAL LAWS**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23D for all types of adjudicatory hearings by any municipal board, committee or commission.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This article would accept the Mullin Rule. The Mullin Rule prohibits a member of a public body from voting on a permit or similar legal authorization if that member was not present for the entirety of all sessions of a public hearing that**

preceded the vote. The only narrow exception to this rule is contained in G.L. c. 39, § 23D, which allows a member of a public body to miss one prior public hearing session and still participate in a vote if that member listens to a recording or reviews a transcript of the session that was missed, examines all evidence received at that session, and files a certification to that effect.

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 6, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 7  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (EDIC) FOR  
ACCEPTANCE  
Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the EDIC  
Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to declare the need for an Economic Development Industrial Corporation because unemployment or the threat thereof exists in the Town or that security against future unemployment and lack of business opportunity is required and that attracting new industry into the Town and substantially expanding existing industry through an economic development project or projects financed under Chapter 121C of the General Laws and implemented by such a corporation would alleviate the unemployment and lack of business opportunity problems, and to authorize the Select Board to organize said corporation pursuant to the provisions of said Chapter 121C, for further certification by the Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary:** *On October 10, 2017, the Select Board issued an order creating an Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (EDIC), three in favor, zero opposed, and two absent; including the designation of a seven member board; signed by then Chair, John Caplis.*

*At the annual Town meeting May 13, 2017, Glenn Eaton made a presentation for the creation of an Economic Development and Industrial Corporation.*

**Originally before the Select Board on October 11, 2016 – 4. New Business c) Action RE:** *“Economic Development Committee: Ms. Haley Brooks made a motion to appoint Steve Castle to the Economic Development Committee and expand the committee from three to five people, Mr. Morrison seconded the motion, the vote was four yes.”*

**Brought before the Select Board on October 14, 2014 – “Discuss Economic Development Committee & Possible Appointments: Ms. Farrell made a motion to create an Economic Development Committee to consist of no more than three members from the community. Ms. Haley Brooks seconded the motion. The vote was five yes. Ms. Farrell made a motion to appoint Linda Coucher and Glenn Eaton to the Economic Development Committee, Ms. Haley Brooks seconded the motion, the vote was five yes.”**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 7, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 8  
AMEND THE BYLAWS RE: ADVANCED RECYCLING FACILITIES  
Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Planning Board  
Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws, Commercial-Industrial-A Zoning District (C-I-A), by adopting amendments to Sections 300-8, 300-9, and § 300-32, and by inserting definitions into Section 300-7, as follows:

§ 300-8 Commercial-Industrial-A Zoning District (C-I-A).

The purpose of the C-I-A Zoning District is to reserve an area for tax-generating nonresidential uses that can be located in Templeton without detrimental impact to the community or the surrounding neighborhood. The C-I-A District accommodates larger business and industry than in the other business districts and maintains a quality of design through vegetative buffers to residential areas and other design standards. No building or use shall be constructed, altered, or expanded without site plan approval by the Planning Board (PB) in accordance with § 300-32, Site plan review. The location of the C-I-A District shall be as described on the Zoning Map at the office of the Town Clerk.

A. Uses allowed by right in the C-I-A District. The following uses are allowed by right in the C-I-A Zoning District, with site plan approval from the PB in accordance with § 300-32, Site plan review:

- (1) Retail establishments with a minimum of 20,000 square feet in size.
- (2) Lumber yard, contractor's yard, building trade supplier or other open-air establishment, at a minimum of 20,000 square feet in building size, not stated elsewhere herein for the storage, distribution, or sale, at wholesale or retail, of materials (excluding salvage materials), merchandise, products or equipment, provided that any and all open storage of materials and vehicles is screened from public view.
- (3) Research and development (R&D) or light manufacturing with a minimum of 20,000 square feet in size, including general offices with research, testing, training, light

manufacturing or warehouse facilities for computer, telecommunications, photographic, instrumentation, biomedical or similar high-technology or light manufacturing uses, including processing, fabrication and assembly; where such uses are conducted within the confines of a building.

(4) Distribution facilities with a minimum of 20,000 square feet in size; including wholesale product preparation, storage and transfer of goods, provided that any and all open storage of materials and vehicles is screened from public view.

(5) Restaurant and restaurant, fast-food.

(6) Nonresidential uses allowed by right in the Village District (V). (See § 300-13B.)

(7) Nonresidential uses allowed by right in the Highway-Business District (H-B). (See § 300-14A.)

(8) Marijuana establishment and medical marijuana treatment center.

[Added 11-20-2019 STM by Art. 8]

**(9) Advanced recycling facilities issued a site assignment by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection consistent with Chapter 40A, § 9 and Chapter 111, § 150A of the General Laws, and with DEP regulations promulgated thereunder.<sup>1</sup>**

#### § 300-9 Commercial-Industrial-B Zoning District (C-I-B)

[Amended 5-15-2013]

The purpose of the C-I-B District is to reserve an area for tax-generating nonresidential uses that can be located in Templeton without detrimental impact to the community or the surrounding neighborhood. The C-I-B District accommodates larger business and industry than in the other business districts and maintains a quality of design through vegetative buffers to residential areas and other design standards. No building or use shall be constructed, altered, or expanded without site plan approval by the Planning Board (PB) in accordance with § 300-32, Site plan review. The location of the C-I-B District shall be as described on the Zoning Map at the office of the Town Clerk.

A. Uses allowed by right in the C-I-B District. The following uses are allowed by right in the Commercial-Industrial-B (C-I-B) District, with site plan approval from the PB in accordance with § 300-32, Site plan review.

(1) Retail establishments with a minimum of 20,000 square feet in size.

(2) Lumber yard, contractor's yard, building trade supplier or other open-air establishment, at a minimum of 20,000 square feet in building size, not stated elsewhere herein for the storage, distribution, or sale, at wholesale or retail, of materials (excluding salvage materials), merchandise, products or equipment, provided that all open storage of materials and vehicles is screened from public view.

(3) Research and development (R&D) or light manufacturing with a minimum of 20,000 square feet in size, including general offices with research, testing, training, light manufacturing or warehouse facilities for computer, telecommunication, photographic,

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<sup>1</sup> For this use, the Planning Board may determine the need to retain a consultant technical expert to assist in its review of a site plan, at the Applicant's expense as provided in rules promulgated by the Planning Board pursuant to MGL chapter 44 section 53G.

instrumentation, biomedical or similar high-technology or light manufacturing uses, including processing, fabrication and assembly; where such uses are conducted within the confines of a building.

(4) Distribution facilities with a minimum of 20,000 square feet in size; including wholesale product preparation, storage and transfer of goods, provided that all open storage of materials and vehicles is screened from public view.

(5) Restaurant and restaurant, fast-food.

(6) Nonresidential uses allowed by right in the Village District (V). (See § 300-13B.)

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(8) Marijuana establishment and medical marijuana treatment center.

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§ 300-32 Site plan review.

[Amended 5-14-2002; 3-6-2008]

A. Applicability. The following types of activities and uses require site plan review by the Planning Board:

(1) Construction, exterior alteration or exterior expansion of, or change of use within any nonresidential or nonagricultural building or structure or lot.

(2) Construction or expansion of a parking lot for any nonresidential or nonagricultural building or structure or lot.

B. Procedure. Applicants shall submit five copies of the site plan to the Planning Board for review, and within three days thereafter shall also submit a copy of the site plan to the Board, Board of Health, Building Inspector, and Conservation Commission for their advisory review and comments. **The Planning Board may engage a consultant technical expert to assist in its review as provided in section C.** The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing on any complete application within 60 days of its submission. Public notice of said hearing shall be given in accordance with the requirements of MGL c. 40A, § 11. The Planning Board shall review and act upon the site plan, with such conditions as may be deemed appropriate, within 60 days of the closing of the public hearing, and notify the applicant of its decision. The decision of the Planning Board shall be upon a majority of the Planning Board, shall be in writing, and shall be filed with the Town Clerk within 14 days thereafter. No building permit or certificate of occupancy shall be issued by the Building Inspector without the written approval of the site plan by the Planning Board, or unless 60 days lapse from the closing of the public hearing without action by the Planning Board. All time limits may be extended in writing by mutual agreement of the applicant and the Planning Board.

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<sup>2</sup> For this use, the Planning Board may determine the need to retain a consultant technical expert to assist in its review of a site plan, at the Applicant's expense as provided in rules promulgated by the Planning Board pursuant to MGL chapter 44 section 53G.

**C. Consultant Review: For proposed Advanced Recycling Facilities, the Planning Board may determine the need to retain a consultant technical expert to assist in its review of a site plan, at the Applicant's expense as provided in rules promulgated by the Planning Board pursuant to MGL chapter 44 section 53G.**

€D. Preparation of plans; contents. Applicants are invited to submit a pre-application sketch of the proposed project at a regular meeting of the Planning Board. Site plans shall be submitted on twenty-four-inch by thirty-six-inch sheets. Plans shall be prepared by a registered professional engineer, registered land surveyor, architect, or landscape architect, as appropriate. Dimensions and scales shall be adequate to determine that all requirements are met and to make a complete analysis and evaluation of the proposal. All plans shall have a minimum scale of one inch equals 20 feet.

(1) The contents of the site plan are as follows:

(a) Six separate plans prepared at a scale of one inch equals 20 feet or such other scale as may be approved by the Planning Board. The plans are as follows:

[1] Locus plan, at a scale of one inch equals 100 feet, showing the entire project and its relation to existing areas, buildings and roads for a distance of 1,000 feet from the project boundaries or such other distance as may be approved or required by the Planning Board.

[2] Site layout, which shall contain the boundaries of the lot(s) in the proposed development, proposed structures, drives, parking, fences, walls, walks, outdoor lighting, loading facilities, areas for snow storage after plowing, and all proposed recreational facilities and open space areas.

[3] Topography and drainage plan, which shall contain the existing and proposed final topography at two-foot intervals and plans for handling stormwater drainage, and all wetlands, including floodplain areas.

[4] Utility plan, which shall include all facilities for refuse and sewage disposal or storage of all wastes, the location of all hydrants, fire alarm and firefighting facilities on and adjacent to the site.

[5] Architectural plan, which shall include the ground floor plan and architectural elevations of all proposed buildings and a color rendering.

[6] Landscaping plan, showing the limits of work, existing tree lines, and all proposed landscape features and improvements, including screening, planting areas with size and type of stock for each shrub or tree, and including proposed erosion control.

(b) The site plan shall be accompanied by a written statement indicating the estimated time required to complete the proposed project and any and all phases thereof. There shall be submitted a written estimate, showing in detail the costs of all site improvements planned.

(c) A written summary of the contemplated projects shall be submitted with the site plan indicating, where appropriate, the number of dwelling units to be built and the acreage in residential use, the evidence of compliance with parking and off-street loading requirements, the forms of ownership contemplated for the property and a summary of the provisions of any ownership or maintenance thereof, identification of all land that will become common or public land, and any other evidence necessary to indicate compliance with this bylaw.

(d) The site plan shall be accompanied by drainage calculations by a registered professional engineer. Storm drainage design must conform to Planning Board Subdivision Regulations.[1]



[1] Editor's Note: See Ch. 310, Subdivision of Land.

(2) The Planning Board may waive any requirement of this Subsection ~~ED~~.

~~DE~~. Approval. Site plan approval shall be granted upon determination by the Planning Board that the plan meets the following standards. The Planning Board may impose reasonable conditions. New building construction or other site alterations shall be designed to:

(1) Minimize the volume of cut and fill, the number of removed trees six inches caliper or larger, the length of removed stone walls, the area of wetland vegetation displaced, the extent of stormwater flow increase from the site, soil erosion, and threat of air and water pollution;

(2) Provide adequate access to each structure for fire and service equipment and adequate utilities and stormwater drainage consistent with the functional requirements of the Planning Board's Subdivision Rules and Regulations;[2]

[2] Editor's Note: See Ch. 310, Subdivision of Land.

(3) Maximize pedestrian and vehicular safety both on the site and egressing from it;

(4) Minimize obstruction of scenic views from publicly accessible locations and visual intrusion by screening parking, storage, or other outdoor service areas viewed from public ways or premises residentially used or zoned;

(5) Minimize glare from headlights and lighting intrusion;

(6) Minimize unreasonable departure from the character, materials, and scale of buildings in the vicinity, as viewed from public ways and places;

(7) Ensure compliance with the provisions of this Zoning Bylaw.

~~EF~~. Lapse. Site plan approval shall lapse after two years from the grant thereof if a substantial use thereof has not sooner commenced except for good cause. Such approval may, for good cause, be extended in writing by the Planning Board upon the written request of the applicant.

~~FG~~. Regulations; fees. The Planning Board may adopt and from time to time amend reasonable regulations for the administration of this section. The Planning Board may adopt reasonable administrative fees and technical review fees for site plan review.

~~GH~~. Appeal. Any decision of the Planning Board pursuant to this § 300-32 shall be appealed in accordance with the provisions of MGL c. 40A, § 17 to a court of competent jurisdiction.

Definitions to be inserted in Section 300-7:

**Advanced Recycling**

**A process for the conversion of plastics into basic hydrocarbon raw materials, feedstocks, chemicals, liquid fuels, waxes, lubricants, or other products, through thermochemical processes that convert plastics into their basic molecular components. Examples of such processes include but are not limited to pyrolysis and gasification.**

**Advanced Recycling Facility**

A facility that receives, stores and converts plastics it receives using advanced recycling.

**Gasification**

A process through which plastics are heated and converted in an oxygen-deficient atmosphere into a fuel and gas mixture that is then converted to crude oil, diesel fuel, gasoline, home heating oil, ethanol, transportation fuel, other fuels, chemicals, waxes, lubricants, chemical feedstocks, diesel and gasoline blendstocks, or other valuable raw, intermediate, or final products that are returned to economic utility in the form of raw materials, products, or fuels.

**Pyrolysis**

A process through which plastics are heated in the absence of oxygen until melted and thermally decomposed and are then cooled, condensed, and converted to crude oil, diesel fuel, gasoline, home heating oil, ethanol, transportation fuel, other fuels, chemicals, waxes, lubricants, chemical feedstocks, diesel and gasoline blendstocks, or other raw, intermediate, or final products that are returned to economic utility in the form of raw materials, products, or fuels.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This request was initiated by the Select Board; the Planning Board members believe that site plan review for permitting would be sufficient and special permitting may not be required.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 8, with a vote of 4-1.

**ARTICLE 9  
AMEND THE BYLAWS RE: ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Advisory Committee  
Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to amend § 9-6 of the Bylaws as follows:

The Advisory Committee shall meet jointly with the Select Board whenever there is a request to consider adjusting spending limits on any revolving fund, **and** any end of year financial transfer. ~~or any request of transfer from the Town reserve fund.~~

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This would eliminate a need for a joint meeting of the Select Board and Advisory Committee for transfers from the Town Advisory reserve fund.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 9, with a vote of 4-1.

**ARTICLE 10  
AMEND THE BYLAWS RE: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE  
Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Capital Improvements Committee  
Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to amend § 9-7 of the Bylaws as follows:

- A. There is hereby authorized a Capital Improvements Committee, to be composed of five members, as follows:
  - (1) One from the Select Board (~~Board~~);
  - (2) One from the Advisory Committee;
  - (3) Two from the community at large to be appointed by the Select Board; and
  - (4) The Town Treasurer/Collector **or designee**.
  
- B. The Town Administrator, or designee, shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member; provided, however, that this person shall be designated by the Chairman as a voting member whenever the Committee lacks a quorum because of a recusal of a member or to provide a sufficient number of members to establish a quorum and conduct business.
  
- C. The Committee shall choose its own officers; provided, however, that an ex-officio member may not serve as an officer of the Committee.
  
- D. The members of the Committee shall be appointed prior to September 15<sup>th</sup> and serve until the Annual Town Meeting of the following year is dissolved. The Chair of the Committee shall, after presenting the report to the Select Board, approve the minutes of the proceedings. Should a vacancy occur in any of the above seats, the appointment to fill such vacancy shall be for the balance of the term.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This would change the bylaw of the Capital Improvements Committee to allow a designee to represent the Treasurer/Collector at their meetings.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 10, with a vote of 4-1.

**ARTICLE 11  
BALDWINVILLE SCHOOL SALE  
Submitted by the Select Board  
Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting to 1.) correct map references by deleting “Map 1-4, Parcel, 383, 384, and 385, and a portion of Map 1-4 Parcel 407” and inserting “Map 1-4-1, Parcels 383, 384, and 385, and Lots 407-2 and 407-1 as shown on the Approval Not Required Plan, dated December 6, 2023, recorded in the Worcester County Registry of Deeds at Book 00976, Page 34” and 2.) by deleting “3.08+/-” and inserting in its place “2.46+/-”.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: The Town has received and approved a plan for the Baldwinville School Apartments project. This is to make some adjustments so the Town can proceed with the sale. See Appendix A in the back of the Voter’s Guide for a map.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 11, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 12  
FUNDING OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACCOUNT(S)  
Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee  
Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Sixty-Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$465,000.00) to the several accounts of the Community Preservation Committee, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

	Amount	% of Total
Administrative Account	\$23,250	5%
Historic Resources Reserve	\$46,500	10%
Community Housing Reserve	\$46,500	10%

Open Space & Recreation Reserve	\$46,500	10%
General Reserve	<u>\$302,250</u>	65%
Total	\$465,000	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 2024 state match for CPC permissible expenses.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This is the annual article where we distribute the local CPA tax surcharge and the state match to its several sub-accounts in accordance with the statutory provisions. Specific projects are then considered by Town Meeting under separate warrant articles (such as Article 13, 14, and 15).**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 12, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 13  
CPA FUNDING FOR GRANGE HALL PROJECT  
Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee  
Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) 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	\$50,000	ADA Lift Access at Grange Hall <sup>1</sup>	\$50,000 Undesignated

<sup>1</sup> Provide funding to the Narragansett Historical Society to create an Americans with Disabilities Act compliant lift access to the second floor at the Templeton Grange Hall, 9 Hubbardston Road. 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.

**Summary: Contained within Article.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 13, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 14**  
**CPA FUNDING FOR FIRST CHURCH PROJECT**  
**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf the Community Preservation Committee**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty-One Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$331,700.00) for the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
First Church of Templeton	\$331,700	Historic Exterior Renovation <sup>1</sup>	\$331,700 Undesignated

<sup>1</sup> Provide funding to the First Church of Templeton for structural renovation of the front exterior, including steeple, pediment, and façade at the historic First Church of Templeton on 1 Wellington Road.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: Contained within Article.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 14, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 15**  
**CPA FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUILDING ENGINEERING DESIGN (Phase 1)**  
**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$5,500.00) for the below mentioned project as follows:

<b>Item Agent to Expend</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>	<b>CPA Fund/Source</b>
Templeton Emergency Management (CERT)	\$5,500	Building Engineering Plans [Phase 1] <sup>1</sup>	\$5,500 Historic Resources

<sup>1</sup> Provide funding for engineering drawing and other associated detailed specifications which would be used for putting Phase 1 work for the historic building on 1 Elm Street out for bid.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: Contained within Article.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 15, with a vote of 3-2.

**ARTICLE 16  
TEMPLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND  
Submitted by the Select Board for the Templeton Scholarship Committee  
Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$4,000.00) to the Templeton Scholarship Fund to be expended by the Templeton Scholarship Committee for the purpose of awarding scholarships to eligible applicants from the Town of Templeton.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This is an appropriation to help our high school graduates pay the high costs of going on to higher education.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 16, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 17  
PROPERTY VALUATION ACCOUNT  
Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Board of Assessors  
Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

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 FY25 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.

**Summary: This is the annual appropriation to pay for the costs of keeping our property values up to date in accordance with state requirements.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a NO vote on Article 16, with a vote of 4-1.

**ARTICLE 18**  
**FY 2025 SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET**  
**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Sewer Commission**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Four Hundred Seventy-Nine Thousand Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Dollars and No Cents (\$1,479,886.00) to operate the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2025 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Twenty Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$20,225.00) 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.

**Summary: This article is the annual operating budget for the Sewer Department. This Department is an enterprise fund and operates with the payments made to it by users of the system.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 18, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 19**  
**FY 2025 CABLE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**



To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty-Five Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$235,455.00) to operate the Cable Department for Fiscal Year 2025 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of One Hundred Ten Thousand Four Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$110,455.00) 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.

**Summary: This is the annual operating budget for the Cable Department. The Department is operated as an enterprise fund and is funded with the payments made to the Town by the local cable franchisee.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 19, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 20**  
**SET THE SALARIES OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

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 2025 as follows:

Town Clerk	\$	77,515	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.

**Summary: It is a requirement of statute that the compensation of these elected officials be set at a Town Meeting. In general, this is done at an Annual Town Meeting.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 20, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 21**  
**FUNDING FOR AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS**  
**Submitted by Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer Four Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$482,500.00) 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 2025, 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.

**Summary: The Town has broken out the ambulance expenses and will be fully funded by the Ambulance Receipts.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 21, with a vote of 4-0-1 present.

**ARTICLE 22**  
**FY 2025 GENERAL FUND OPERATING (OPEX) BUDGET**  
**Submitted by Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Million Eight Hundred Seventy-One Thousand Ninety Dollars and No Cents (\$10,871,090.00) for the operations of General Government for Fiscal Year 2025.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This is the annual operating budget for the general fund. The Select Board acknowledges a degree of concern over the uncertain picture on what the local aid and the school budget will eventually be and understands the challenge for the out years. If that final figure puts the budget out of balance, we will present an article to the Fall Town Meeting to “right-size” the budget.**

<b>Dept Code</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>FY 25 Budget</b>
120	Select Board (1)	\$ 393,996
130	Advisory Committee (2)	\$ 52,500
135	Town Accountant	\$ 188,000
141	Assessor	\$ 104,500
147	Treasurer/Collector	\$ 169,000
155	IT & Communications	\$ 129,000
161	Town Clerk	\$ 143,000
200	Police & Dispatch	\$ 1,708,000
220	Fire	\$ 802,500
230	Emergency Management	\$ 2,750
250	Development Services	\$ 227,750
400	Highway	\$ 880,500
410	Building & Grounds	\$ 432,500
420	Snow & Ice	\$ 165,000
430	Parks & Recreation	\$ 61,500
500	Veterans Service	\$ 122,000
600	Senior Services	\$ 148,050
610	Library	\$ 97,100
620	Historical & Culture	\$ 2,450
700	Debt Service	\$ 2,100,994
900	Insurance & Benefits	\$ 2,940,000
		<b>\$ 10,871,090</b>

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

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

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 22, with a vote of 4-1.

**ARTICLE 23  
 FY 2025 POLICE VEHICLE  
 Submitted by the Select Board  
 Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$67,730.00) toward a capital purchase as generally illustrated below:

<b>Police</b>	Vehicle	\$67,730
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$67,730</b>

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Sixty-Seven Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars and No Cents (\$67,730.00) from certified free cash.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This is to continue funding our police fleet of vehicles.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 23, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 24**  
**FY 2025 CAPITAL & SPECIAL ARTICLES – ROLLING STOCK & IMPROVEMENTS**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Six Dollars and No Cents (\$75,906.00) toward a capital purchase and improvements as generally illustrated below:

<b>Building &amp; Grounds</b>	Replacing Oil Tanks	\$29,400
<b>Fire</b>	Bunker Coats & Pants (FF Equipment)	\$22,500
<b>Senior Services</b>	Wheelchair Accessible Vehicle (town portion of grant)	\$16,506
<b>Highway</b>	Street Sign Replacement	\$7,500
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$75,906</b>

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Seventy-Five Thousand Nine Hundred Six Dollars and No Cents (\$75,906.00) from certified free cash.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: Information contained within the article. These are the capital and special articles for FY 2025.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 24, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 25  
ADDITIONAL FY 2025 CAPITAL & SPECIAL ARTICLES – ROLLING STOCK &  
IMPROVEMENTS  
Submitted by the Select Board  
Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen Dollars and No Cents (\$63,916.00) towards a capital purchase and improvements as generally illustrated below:

<b>Highway</b>	Road Widener Attachment – Purchase with Winchendon	\$34,046
<b>Highway</b>	MS4 Compliance	\$20,000
<b>B&amp;G</b>	7' x 16' Enclosed Trailer	\$9,870
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$63,916</b>

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) from certified free cash and a transfer from the Capital (CAPEX) Stabilization Fund for the sum of Thirteen Thousand Nine Hundred Sixteen Dollars and No Cents (\$13,916.00).

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: Information contained within article; however, the full amount with come from the CAPEX Stabilization. Should this article be approved with the full amount then we would still have nearly \$140k in the CAPEX Stabilization.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 25, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 26**  
**GAAMHA OPIOID SERVICES AGREEMENT PAYMENT**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars and No Cents (\$7,416.00) from the Opioid Abatement Stabilization Fund, to pay the first year of the Town of Templeton Agreement with GAAMHA, a non-profit organization having a principal location at 208 Coleman Street, Gardner, MA 01440.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: The Select Board entered into an agreement with GAAMHA to provide services for Templeton residents impacted by opioids.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 26, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 27**  
**WATER PLANT DEBT AUTHORIZATION**  
**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Templeton Municipal Water Plant**  
**Two-Thirds Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town of Templeton will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of financing the design and construction of a replacement water distribution main on Maple Street in Baldwinville, MA 01436 for Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) including, without limitation, all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) and issue bonds or notes thereof under Chapter 44 or Chapter 29 of the General Laws as most recently amended; that such bonds or notes are expected to be paid from the Water Plant Enterprise Fund Revenues (water receipts), but nevertheless shall be general obligation bonds of the Town of Templeton and that any Federal or State grants awarded prior to issuance of bonds will be used to reduce the amount by the Town of Templeton.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This is additional for the Maple Street project should the funds be needed.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 27, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 28**  
**MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL**  
**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Montachusett Regional Vocational**  
**Technical School District**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Forty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and No Cents (\$647,232.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2025 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 2025.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This is our annual article to pay the assessment upon us by the District.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 28, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 29**  
**NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Submitted by the Narragansett Regional School District**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eight Million Six Hundred Ninety-Nine Thousand Nine Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and No Cents (\$8,699,925.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2025 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 2025.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This is the annual assessment of over a million increase that was voted on by the Narragansett Regional School Committee.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a NO vote on Article 29, with a vote of 4-1.

**ARTICLE 30  
NORFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL TUITION  
Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Seven Thousand Nine Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$27,905.00) to pay for the tuition of a Templeton resident admitted to Norfolk County Agricultural School as required by Chapter 74 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This article is for the tuition of the Templeton student attending Norfolk Agricultural High School. This is in accordance with MGL Ch. 74.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 30, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 31  
NORFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION  
Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**



To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty-Three Thousand Four Hundred Seventy Dollars and No Cents (\$43,470) to pay for the transportation of a Templeton resident admitted to Norfolk County Agricultural School as required by Chapter 74 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This article is for the transportation of the Templeton student going to Norfolk Agricultural High School. The Town will be eligible for state reimbursement covering some of the costs of the transportation. This is in accordance with MGL Ch. 74.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 31, with a vote of 5-0.

**ARTICLE 32**  
**NONBINDING QUESTION RE: BRIDGE ON STONE BRIDGE ROAD**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

A nonbinding question to see if the Town will vote to recommend that an Article or Articles be placed on a future Town Meeting warrant to discontinue the public way in the location of the former bridge on Stone Bridge Road and replace it with a pedestrian bridge, to allow for the use of the free-flowing stream and land in that location for recreational purposes.

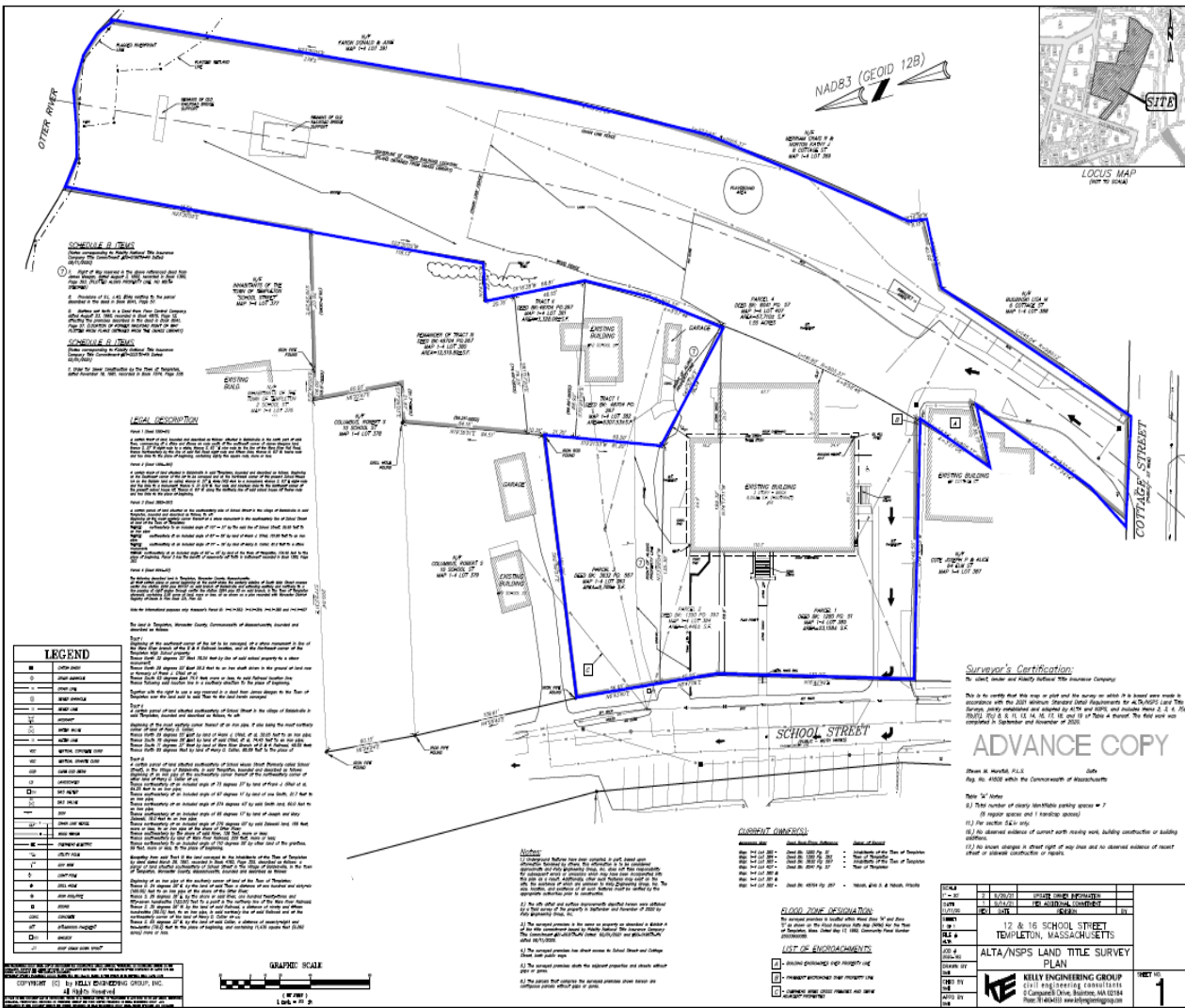
Or take any other action related thereto.

**Summary: This will give the Town of Templeton guidance on how to proceed relative to the bridge on Stone Bridge Road project.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

The Committee has no recommendation.

# APPENDIX A



**SCHEDULE B ITEMS**  
1. Right of Way located on the plan adjacent to the Otter River...  
2. Easement of Use...  
3. Easement of Use...  
4. Easement of Use...

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**  
Part 1 (See sheet)...  
Part 2 (See sheet)...  
Part 3 (See sheet)...  
Part 4 (See sheet)...

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DATE: [Date]

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I, [Name], State of Massachusetts, Licensed Professional Surveyor, No. [Number], do hereby certify that this map is a true and correct copy of the original map as shown to me by the client.

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