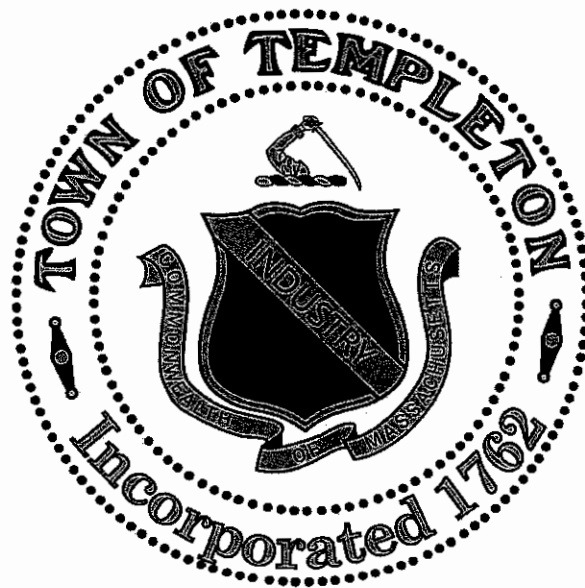


TOWN OF TEMPLETON

FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

November 2, 2022



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

TOWN OF TEMPLETON
WARRANT FOR FALL TOWN MEETING
November 2, 2022

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, November 2, 2022, 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 bills from prior fiscal years from the FY 2022 budgets of the following departments in the following amounts:

Sewer Department	\$3,099.60
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Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
9/10ths Vote Required

ARTICLE 2: FISCAL YEAR 2023 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventy Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$75,000) for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2023 Operating Budget as follows:

Department	Amount	Reason
Select Board	\$22,500	Hire Grant Writer
Insurance & Benefits	\$12,500	Additional for Benefits
Select Board	\$20,000	Intergovernmental* – Pay Raises
Assessors	\$20,000	Training Transition

*Contains Reserve Transferrable by Select Board for Merit & Equity Raises for Personnel

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**

**ARTICLE 3: FISCAL YEAR 2023 SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET
SUPPLEMENT**

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 2023 Sewer Department Budget by said sum to total, in the aggregate, the sum of One Million Four Hundred Thirty Nine Thousand Dollars Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$1,439,750.00) 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 for the Sewer Commissioners
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 4: SPECIAL ARTICLE RE: GENERAL FUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$25,000.00) for a special article as generally described below:

Department	Amount
Treas/Coll – Tax Title Work	\$25,000

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**

ARTICLE 5: ROOSTER BYLAW

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 133 of the General Bylaws by placing the existing Sections 133-1 to 133-11 under the heading "Article I Dogs," and inserting the following "Article II Roosters and Chickens":

§ 133-12 Applicability.

This subsection shall not apply to property that is used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture and (a) contains five or more acres or (b) contains between two and five acres where the sale of products produced from the agricultural use generates at least \$1,000 per acre annually based on gross sales dollars.

§ 133-13 Responsibility of owner or keeper.

- A. No person shall own or keep a rooster which, by crowing or by any other noise that is plainly audible from an abutting or nearby residential property between the hours of 9:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., or unreasonably disturbs the peace and quiet of any other person.
- B. Any person owning or keeping roosters/chickens that are allowed to free range upon abutting or neighboring properties, can at any time be required to discontinue the practice at the request of the property owner, and the owner of the fowl must provide suitable deterrent to keep said roosters/chickens from trespassing.

§ 133-14 Violations; enforcement; disposition.

- A. Upon receipt of a complaint under this subsection, the police department shall investigate. Upon a determination that a violation of said subsection exists, the police department shall deliver to the keeper of the rooster notice of violation, along with an information brochure, to be prepared and published by the Town of Templeton's Agricultural Commission, discussing best practices for the keeping of roosters and outlining various methods for abating the noise impacts associated therewith. Upon delivery of such brochure, enforcement under this subsection shall be stayed for a period of three weeks for the purpose of allowing the keeper of the rooster the opportunity to take remedial measures in response to the complaint.
- B. At least three weeks after the delivery of the brochure, the Police Department shall renew its action on the complaint and shall impose a non-criminal disposition.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board for the Board of Health
Majority Vote Required**

**ARTICLE 6: AMENDING THE BYLAWS RE: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION
COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote, subject to the acceptance of the Special Act by the General Court, to amend Chapter 9 of the General Bylaws as follows:

§ 9-9 Establishment; members; terms; vacancies; removal.

- A. There is hereby established a Community Preservation Committee ("CPC"), consisting of nine voting members pursuant to MGL Chapter 44B (the "Act"). The composition of the CPC, the appointment authority and the terms of office for the CPC members shall be as follows:
 - (1) One member of the Templeton Conservation Commission as designated by that Commission.
 - (2) One member of the Templeton Historical Commission as designated by that Commission.
 - (3) One member of the Templeton Housing Authority as designated by that Authority.

(4) One member of the Templeton *Parks and* Recreation Commission as designated by that Commission.

(5) One member of the Templeton Planning Board as designated by that Planning Board.

(6) One member of the Templeton Board of Assessors as designated by that Board of Assessors.

(7) Three members to be elected at large from the registered voters of the Town.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board for the Community Preservation Committee
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 7: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE APPROPRIATIONS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$124,000.00) for various activities and special articles as follows:

Item Agent to Expend	Amount	Purpose	CPA Fund/Source
Narragansett Historical Society	\$75,000	Grange Hall ¹	Historic Resources
Narragansett Historical Society Building & Grounds	\$9,000	Drape Restoration ²	Historic Resources
	\$40,000	Gilman Waite ³	Open Space

¹ Continued rehabilitation of Grange Hall at 9 Hubbardston Road, a historic building in Templeton contingent upon the demonstration of public benefit by continued free admission to public events held at said Grange Hall for Templeton residents.

²This allocation will be used for the preservation of 2 historic drapes for display in the Templeton Grange Hall Building.

³Continued improvements to Gilman Waite making the public restrooms functional.

Or take any other action related thereto.

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

ARTICLE 8: CEMETERY RULES

To see if the Town will approve, pursuant to Chapter 114, Section 23 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the following amendments to the Cemetery Commission's Rules:

Lot Maintenance Section

- Shrubbery - May be planted by the lot owner on each side of the upright stone at the center of the burial lot. ****Prior approval must be obtained before planting any shrubbery.**
- Shrubbery will be maintained on an "as time allows" basis, however the owner may trim their own shrubs and dispose all waste in the receptacles.
- Shrubs will grow and exceed their decorative means; it is the responsibility of the lot owner to remove/replace the shrubs. **If shrubbery, encroaches on abutting lots, is deemed a hazard, or impedes safe passage for maintenance of lots it may be removed without notice.**
- Flowers may be planted with in the width of the upright stone not to exceed 12 inches from the stone, and **all plantings must be within the lot boundary, or they will be subject to removal without further notice.**
- Potted flowers placed at flat markers but must be able to be moved for mowing purposes. No flowers can be planted near flat markers.
- Holiday decorations may be placed on lots but must be removed with-in two weeks of the holiday.
- **Artificial flowers and greenery will only be permitted from November 15th until April 1st (due to maintenance and environmental impact).**
- **Excessive decorations are subject to removal upon the discretion of the Cemetery Department.**
- No fences are allowed.
- Objects that may cause damage to the equipment shall be removed, such as rocks, spikes and pottery.

Driving in the Cemeteries:

- Vehicle travel speed in the cemeteries should not exceed 5 MPH.
- Please do not park on the grass.
- Foot traffic and bicycles should stay on the road ways.
- Snowmobiles, ATV's, Dirt Bikes, Go Carts, and horses are prohibited from all cemeteries.

Monuments:

- Upright monuments and flat markers shall be placed by cemetery staff or by a professional company that specializes in monuments and markers.
- **All upright monuments will need to be submitted via draft to the Cemetery Foreman for prior approval before installation will be scheduled. Cemetery foreman reserves the right to submit said drafts to the Cemetery Commissioners for additional review if needed due to any concerns that may require additional fees or services, or possible refusal.**
- **Each lot may contain one upright monument. Additional monuments would be considered however they would require assessment of multiple factors including, but not limited to the location for placement and its impact on future plot use, maintenance, safety, visual aesthetics, etc. and will require unanimous approval from the Cemetery Commissioners.**
- All monuments and markers shall be tasteful and consistent with the history of the cemetery.
- All extraordinary markers such as benches and statues must be pre-approved by the cemetery commission. **Benches will be considered the upright monument for that lot.**
- Maintenance of the monument/Stone is the responsibility of the lot owner.
- One monument per lot is allowed.

Grounds:

- Animals are prohibited from the cemeteries, except for service ~~dogs needed for standing and balance~~ **animals.**
- Receptacles are provided for the disposal of flower pots and trimmings.
- The planting of trees is strictly forbidden.

Lot Purchases:

- To be considered for a lot in the cemeteries of Templeton, you must meet the following qualifications: you must be a resident or have been born in Templeton or have family buried in Templeton.
- The cost of various sized lots is available by contacting the cemetery department (978) 939-8666.
- A deed will be issued for each lot; however, no burial can take place until the lot is paid in full. Emergency situations will be handled with the commissioners on an as needed basis. Payment in full must be made within 30 days.
- Cemetery lots span many generations, and the subdivision of ownership should be clearly noted on the lot deed at purchase. Otherwise, family members will need a signed letter from the owner permitting they be added to the deed. A \$5.00 deed filing fee will be charged.
- If the lot owner is deceased, the heirs or devisees of such must show proof to transfer or subdivide ownership.
- Re-sale of lots is NOT permitted. A lot owner may gift a lot to a new owner, and they will need to purchase a new lot deed at the cost of \$5.00. The cemetery department will NOT buy back lots. **Unused lots can be gifted back to the town, pending approval of the Cemetery Commission with the understanding that they will be resold if applicable at current market value.**
- Approximately 90% of the cost of the lot is for perpetual care. Perpetual care provides for grass trimming of the lot. No one can perform this task other than cemetery staff.

The cemetery department is NOT responsible for personal belonging left at grave sites or for any vandalism to lots or monuments/stones.

The cemetery reserves the right to:

Enlarge, reduce, change plotting, or change boundaries or grading of the cemetery, or a section or sections, including the right to modify or change locations or regrade roadways, walkways or any part thereof.

Interments:

Most interments are managed through a funeral home and notification of place and time is done with them. However, there are times when a private burial is to be performed and contact should be made first with the cemetery department. The place and time and any fees can be discussed during that time.

Interment can be as follows:

One full casket in a burial vault with up to 3 cremation vaults on top. A cement vault is required for all burials.

Disinterment: The proper documentation prescribed by law must be provided when any body is moved from one cemetery to another or to a new lot location within the town.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board for the Cemetery Commission
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 9: DEPOSIT TO DEMOLITION REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote, subject to the acceptance of the Special Act of the General Court establishing the fund, to appropriate the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$2,500.00) to make a deposit into the Demolition Revolving Fund for the purpose of addressing problem properties which may require demolition.

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**

ARTICLE 10: DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION & OPEB ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Sixty Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$462,500.00) to make deposits into its Operations (OPEX), Capital (CAPEX) and Infrastructure stabilization accounts and the OPEB reserve account as follows:

OPEX	\$175,000
CAPEX	\$115,000
Infrastructure	\$115,000
OPEB	\$57,500

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**

ARTICLE 11: DELETE FIREWORKS CIVIL ASSESSMENT WITHIN Ch. 1-7

To see if the Town will vote to delete the text of Chapter 1-7, Subsection G, Part 4 of the Bylaws and to mark said Part as “(Reserved)”.

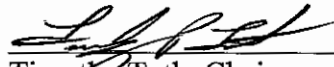
Or take any other action related thereto.

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

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, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

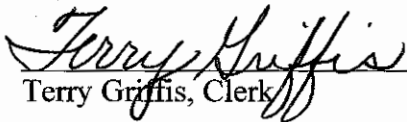
Given under our hands this 15th day of October, 2022.

SELECT BOARD




Timothy Toth, Chair

Michael Currie, Vice Chair



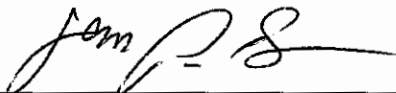
Terry Griffis, Clerk

Julie Richard, Member



Jeff Bennett, Member

True Copy: ATTEST



Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton

JOHN P. WHITE

Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

OFFICER'S RETURN
WORCESTER, SS

TEMPLETON TOWN CLERK
22 OCT 17 AM 9:15

October 17, 2022

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Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton

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A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol A. Harris
Town Clerk of Templeton