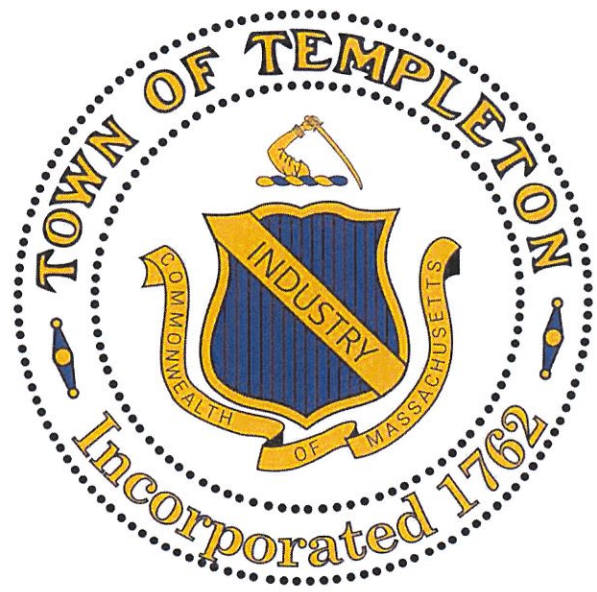


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TEMPLETON TOWN CLERK

TOWN OF TEMPLETON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MAY 12, 2021



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

TOWN OF TEMPLETON

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 12, 2021

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 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m.

Then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: FISCAL YEAR 2021 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT(s)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$105,000.00) for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2021 Operating Budget as follows:

Department	Amount	Reason
Select Board	\$15,000	Litigation/Collective Bargain
Snow & Ice	\$90,000	FY '21 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**

ARTICLE 2: 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 2020 Town Report:

B. REPORTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES

Allow any of the Town Committees to present their reports;

C. SET ANNUAL SPENDING LIMITS OF REVOLVING FUNDS

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

Burial & Improvement Fund	\$10,000
Recycling Fund	\$10,000
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Fund	\$20,000
Electrical Inspector Fund	\$25,000
Community Services Fund	\$60,000

D. ACCEPTING 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**

ARTICLE 3: FY 2022 SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Four Thousand One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$1,304,100.00) to operate the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2022 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Four Thousand One Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$4,100.00) 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 for the Sewer Commission
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 4: SEWER CAPITAL PROJECT – FY 2022

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) toward a program of capital purchases, improvements, and special articles as generally illustrated below:

Plant Transformer	\$30,000
Recirc Water System	\$20,000

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the certified retained earnings of the Sewer Fund.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board for the Sewer Commission
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 5: FY 2022 CABLE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Five Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$222,505.00) to operate the Cable Department for Fiscal Year 2022 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Ninety Seven Thousand Five Hundred Five Dollars and No Cents (\$97,505.00) 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

ARTICLE 6: DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION & OPEB ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$125,000.00) to make deposits into its Operations (OPEX) and Capital (CAPEX) stabilization accounts and the OPEB reserve account as follows:

OPEX	\$87,500
CAPEX	\$25,000
OPEB	\$12,500

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 7: FUNDING OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACCOUNT(S)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred and Fifteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$415,000.00) to the several accounts of the Community Preservation Committee, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

	Amount	% of Total
Administrative Account	\$20,750	5%
Historic Resources Reserve	\$41,500	10%
Community Housing Reserve	\$41,500	10%
Open Space & Recreation Reserve	\$41,500	10%
General Reserve	<u>\$269,750</u>	65%
Total	\$415,000	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 October 2022 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**

ARTICLE 8: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT BES APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million One Hundred Seventy Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$1,174,000.00) for various activities and special articles as follows:

Item Agent to Expend	Amount	Purpose	CPA Fund/Source
CC MPZ School Street LLC	\$1,174,000	Affordable ¹ Housing	\$205,000 Community Housing / \$969,000 Undesignated

¹ Commitment to MPZ Development for affordable housing. Subject to grant agreement between CPC and developer.

Or take any other action related thereto.

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

ARTICLE 9: COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT GILMAN WAITE APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$230,000.00) for various activities and special articles as follows:

Item Agent to Expend	Amount	Purpose	CPA Fund/Source
Building & Grounds	\$230,000	Gilman Waite ¹	\$53,760 Open Space & Recreation / \$176,240 Undesignated

¹ Continued improvements to Gilman Waite which will include fencing upgrades, irrigation system and making the public restrooms functional. Expenditures to apply to all allowed CPA uses, which will not include the concession stand.

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 10: RESCISSION OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED DEBT

To see if the Town will vote to rescind authorized but un-issued debt pursuant to the following town meeting approval(s):

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Warrant Article</u>	<u>Amount Rescinded</u>
Landfill Closure	October 27, 1988	5	\$469,609

Or take any other action related thereto.

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

ARTICLE 11: TEMPLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND

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.

**Submitted by the Select Board for the Templeton Scholarship Committee
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 12: 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 Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) from the FY22 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 for the Board of Assessors
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 13: 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 2022 as follows:

Town Clerk	\$	62,078.00	Yearly
Board of Selectmen (Each)	\$	500.00	Yearly
Sewer Commissioner (Each)	\$	3,000.00	Yearly

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 14: COUNCIL ON AGING

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following bylaw, pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 8B, relative to the Templeton Council on Aging established at the May 8, 1976 Annual Town Meeting, said bylaw to be inserted as Chapter 9, Article VI, and to read as follows:

§ 9-20 Establishment.

There shall be a Council on Aging for the Town of Templeton, as established by the Town of Templeton on May 8, 1976 by authority of Chapter 40, Section 8B of the Massachusetts General Laws.

§ 9-21 Purpose.

The Council on Aging shall have the duty and obligation to carry out programs designed to meet the problems of the aging in coordination with programs of the Massachusetts department of elder affairs.

§ 9-22 Membership; compensation; appointment; terms.

The Council shall consist of five members, who shall serve without pay. Potential Council members shall be nominated by a majority vote of the existing members of the Council, and no member so nominated for Council membership is to serve on the Council until appointed by the Select Board. Such persons shall be appointed on a rotating basis,

each for a three-year term. There shall be at least a one-year hiatus prior to re-appointment after the second full term is served.

§ 9-23 Officers.

The Board of Directors of the Council shall consist of a Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and a Secretary. Officers of the Council shall be elected at the Annual Meeting, in June, of the Council by majority vote of the members present, and shall take office upon election. Associate members may be nominated by any member and must be approved by the Board of Directors in a vote. Election of officers to fill vacancies created by death, resignation, or other cause, may take place at any regular or special meeting and shall be for the period of the unexpired term of the previous incumbent. The Chair shall be the chief executive officer of the Council, and subject to the direction of the members of the Council, shall have general knowledge of the business affairs and property of the council in its general operations. During the absence or disability of the Chair, the Vice-Chair shall exercise all the functions of the Chair and, when so acting, shall have all the powers and be subject to all the restrictions of the Chair. The Secretary shall: (1) cause all proceedings of the meetings of members to be recorded; (2) cause all notices to be duly given in accordance with these policies and procedures and M.G.L. c. 39, § 23B; (3) cause the performance of all duties, including correspondence pertaining to the office of Secretary; (4) Cause all retention of records in accordance with Secretary of State's Records Retention Schedule (DS-27-93) of September 9, 1993; (5) cause the maintenance of a roster of Council members with dates of term expiration, number of terms, as well as any office held and dates of said terms; (6) cause the record attendance of council members.

§ 9-24 Employees.

The Council may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may require.

§ 9-24 Report.

The Council shall submit an annual report to the Town and shall send a copy thereof to the state department of elder affairs.

§ 9-25 Quorum; voting.

At all meetings of the members of the Council, the presence of three board members shall be necessary and sufficient to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. The vote of at least a majority of the Council board members present shall be necessary and sufficient to decide such question or matter. The Council may adopt procedures and policies governing the conduct of its business, consistent with any applicable state or local laws.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board for the Council on Aging
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 15: DISABILITY COMMISSION

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 8J relative to the establishment of a commission on disability, Said commission shall consist of 5 members which shall be appointed by the Select Board. A majority of said commission members shall consist of people with disabilities, one member shall be a member of the immediate family of a person with a disability and one member of said commission shall be a current Select Board member. The terms of the first members of said commission shall be for one, two or three years, and so arranged that the term of one-third of the members expires each year, and their successor shall be appointed for terms of three years each. Any member of said commission may, after a public hearing, if so requested, be removed for cause by the appointing authority. A vacancy occurring otherwise than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired term in the same manner as an original appointment. The chairperson and other officers shall be chosen by a majority vote of said commission members.

Said commission shall keep records of its meetings and actions and shall file an annual report which shall be printed in the city or town annual report and shall have at least ten meetings annually.

Said commission may receive gifts of property, both real and personal, in the name of the town, subject to the approval of the Select Board, such gifts to be managed and controlled by said commission for the purposes of this section.

Or take any other action related thereto.

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

ARTICLE 16: FY 2022 GENERAL FUND OPERATING (OPEX) BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Million Nine Hundred Three Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Five Dollars and No Cents (\$9,903,495.00) for the operations of General Government for Fiscal Year 2022, and to meet said appropriation with a transfer of Two Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$270,000.00) from the Ambulance receipts reserved for appropriation, anticipated receipts, and the balance from taxation.

Or take any other action related thereto.

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

ARTICLE 17: FY 2022 CAPITAL BUDGET – ROLLING STOCK & IMPROVEMENTS

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Sixty Eight Thousand Five Hundred and No Cents (\$468,500.00) toward a program of capital purchases and improvements as generally illustrated below:

Police	Police SUV	\$59,000
	Bullet Proof Vests (9)	\$11,500
Fire/EMS	Breathing Air Compressor	\$72,000
	Station Vehicle Exhaust System	\$35,500
	4" Firefighting Supply Hose	\$30,000
	2.5" Firefighting Attack/Supply Hose	\$16,500
	Ambulance Computers (2)	\$10,000
DPW-Highway	MS-4 Compliance	\$30,000
	Ford Ranger XLT 4WD (H1 Replacement)	\$34,500
	Foreman Pickup with Plow & Tommy Gate	\$50,000
Town Hall-B&G	Electrical Panels	\$14,700
DPW-B&G	Replace Backhoe	\$61,000
	Fire/EMS Station #2 Fire Escape	\$18,800
Dev. Services	Shared Vehicle	\$25,000
	Total	\$468,500

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Four Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$458,500.00) from certified free cash and a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from ambulance receipts.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 18: FY 2022 SPECIAL ARTICLES

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and No Cents (\$38,200.00) toward a program of special articles as generally illustrated below:

Police	Portable Radio Replacement	\$9,200
	Addition ACO truck (2021 Capital Item)	\$7,500
DPW - Highway	Smoke Machine	\$1,100
	Transmission Flusher	\$7,150
	Street Sign Replacement	\$7,500
DPW – B & G	Fire/EMS Station #1 Deicer Cables	\$5,750
	Total	\$38,200

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$38,200.00) from certified free cash.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 19: TRACKLESS MULTI-PURPOSE MAINTENANCE VEHICLE

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$213,750.00) or any lower sum, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Department, with Select Board approval, for the purchase of a trackless vehicle, and to meet said appropriation by a transfer from the Capital (CAPEX) Stabilization Fund the sum of One Hundred Thirteen Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$113,750.00) and a transfer from free cash of One Hundred Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$100,000.00).

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Two-Thirds Vote Required

ARTICLE 20: MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thirty Eight Thousand Seven Hundred Eighty Dollars and No Cents (\$638,780.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2022 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 2022.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District

Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 21: NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million One Hundred Forty Three Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty Eight Dollars and No Cents (\$7,143,838.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2022 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 2022.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board for the Narragansett Regional School District

Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 22: FORM OF BUDGET

A nonbinding question to see if the Town will vote to recommend that the Town Administrator, pursuant to the discretion as to form and detail afforded by Art. II, § 28-7 of the Bylaws, continue to present the annual budget in an omnibus form, rather than in a line item or any other form.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 23: CITIZENS PETITION: FLUORIDE WARNING ON WATER BILLS

Shall the Town vote to approve a warning concerning Templeton citizen's fluorosis risk the additive poses to infants, to be added to all water bills and consumer confidence reports (which must be mailed to all water consumers, be posted online, and available at the Selectmen's Office and the Light and Water Department). The warning is as follows:

"Your public water supply is fluoridated. According to the Centers for Disease Control Prevention, if your child under the age of 6 months is exclusively consuming infant formula reconstituted with fluoridated water, there may be an increased chance of dental fluorosis. The National Academies of Sciences' (NAS) recent peer-review of the National Toxicology Program's (NTP) revised report, strengthens the NTP's conclusion that "fluoride is presumed to

be cognitive neurodevelopmental hazard to humans” lowering the IQ of children. Consult your child's health care provider for more information.”

A citizens petition submitted by Julie Farrell and 12 others

ARTICLE 24: CITIZENS PETITION: FLUORIDE LEGISLATION

Move that the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek Special Legislation as set forth below: provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition, as follows:

An Act authorizing Annual Town Meeting as the responsible party on any and all decisions involving fluoridating or not fluoridating the public water supply.

Section 1. Notwithstanding Section 8C, Chapter 111, Title XVI, Part 1 of the general laws or of any general or special law to the contrary, the legislative body at Annual Town Meeting with a majority vote shall be authorized to make any and all decisions in regards to fluoridating or not fluoridating the public water supply however should town meeting vote to fluoridate the public water supply oversight on fluoride dose shall go to the towns Board of Health. Annual town meeting shall also make decisions on health warnings involving water fluoridation and any other decisions involving fluoride and the public water supply.

Section 2. Upon effective date of this act the Legislative body at Annual Town Meeting shall become the responsible party for all matters concerning fluoride and the public water supply.


Section 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.

A citizens petition submitted by Julie Farrell and 12 others.

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.

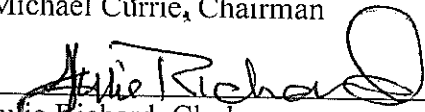
Given under our hands this 8th day of April, 2021.

SELECT BOARD

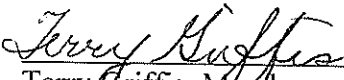


Michael Currie, Chairman

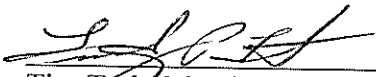
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Julie Richard, Clerk




Terry Griffis, Member

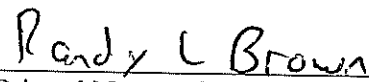


Tim Toth, Member

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Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton



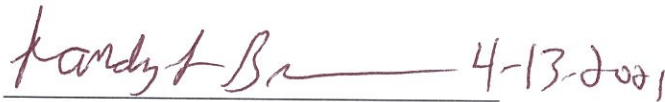
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OFFICERS RETURN

WORCESTER, ss.

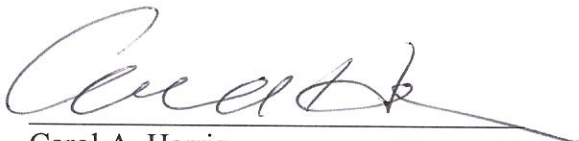
April 13, 2021

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Hall located at 160 Patriots Road in 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 County in the City of Gardner.

 Randy Brown 4-13-2021

Randy Brown
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:



Carol A. Harris
Town Clerk of Templeton