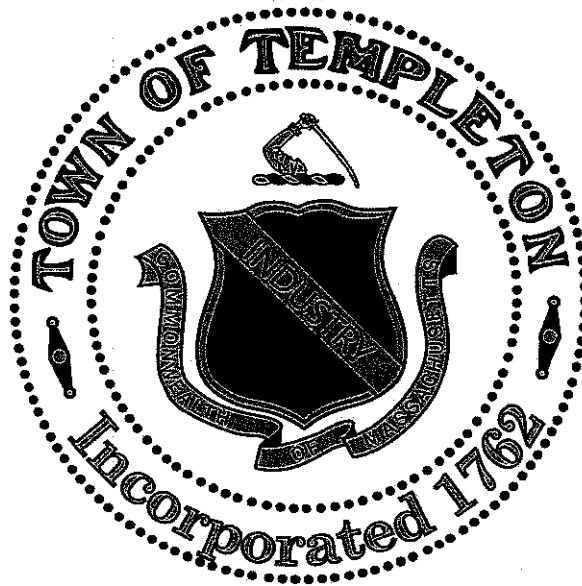


TOWN OF TEMPLETON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

MAY 15, 2024



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

TOWN OF TEMPLETON

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 15, 2024

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 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: PAYMENT OF LATE BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of late bill(s) from the FY 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.

**Submitted by the Select Board
4/5ths Vote Required**

ARTICLE 2: FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT(S)

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:

| Department | Amount | Reason |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 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.

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

**ARTICLE 3: FISCAL YEAR 2024 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 2024 Sewer Department Budget by said sum to total, in the aggregate, the sum of One Million Five Hundred Ten Thousand 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.

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

ARTICLE 4: 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 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.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 5: MAIN STREET BRIDGE DEBT EXCLUSION FOR REPAIR

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.

Submitted by the Select Board
Two-Thirds Vote Required

ARTICLE 6: ADOPT CHAPTER 39, SECTION 23D OF THE GENERAL LAWS

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.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 7: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & INDUSTRIAL CORPORATION (EDIC) FOR ACCEPTANCE

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.

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

ARTICLE 8: AMEND THE BYLAWS RE: ADVANCED RECYCLING FACILITIES

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.¹

§ 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, 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.)

¹ 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.

(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.²

§ 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.

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

² 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.

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 ~~CD~~.

~~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.

~~EG~~. 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.

~~EH~~. 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.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Planning Board
Two-Thirds Vote Required**

ARTICLE 9: AMEND THE BYLAWS RE: ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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.

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

ARTICLE 10: AMEND THE BYLAWS RE: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE

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 15th 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.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Capital Improvements Committee
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 11: BALDWINVILLE SCHOOL SALE

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.

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

ARTICLE 12: FUNDING OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACCOUNT(S)

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.

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

ARTICLE 13: CPA FUNDING FOR GRANGE HALL PROJECT

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:

| Item Agent to Expend | Amount | Purpose | CPA Fund/Source |
|---------------------------------|---------------|---|------------------------|
| Narragansett Historical Society | \$50,000 | ADA Lift Access at Grange Hall ¹ | \$50,000 Undesignated |

¹ 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.

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

ARTICLE 14: CPA FUNDING FOR FIRST CHURCH PROJECT

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:

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

¹ 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.

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

**ARTICLE 15: CPA FUNDING FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT BUILDING
ENGINEERING DESIGN (Phase 1)**

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:

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

¹ 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.

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

ARTICLE 16: 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 17: PROPERTY VALUATION ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$22,500.00) from the 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.

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

ARTICLE 18: FY 2025 SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET

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.

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

ARTICLE 19: FY 2025 CABLE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET

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.

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

ARTICLE 20: SET THE SALARIES OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

To see if the Town will vote, in accord with MGL Ch. 41 § 108, to fix or maintain the salaries of certain elected officials for Fiscal Year 2025 as follows:

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----|--------|---------------------|
| Town Clerk | \$ | 77,515 | Yearly |
| Select Board (Each) | \$ | 3,750 | Yearly |
| Moderator | \$ | 500 | Yearly |
| Water Commissioner (Each) | \$ | 2,550 | Yearly ¹ |
| Sewer Commissioner (Each) | \$ | 3,000 | Yearly ¹ |
| Light Commissioner (Each) | \$ | 2,550 | Yearly ² |

¹ Paid for by an enterprise.

² Paid for by the Light Department.

Or take any other action related thereto.

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

ARTICLE 21: FUNDING FOR AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS

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.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 22: FY 2025 GENERAL FUND OPERATING (OPEX) BUDGET

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.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 23: FY 2025 POLICE VEHICLE

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:

| | | |
|---------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Police | Vehicle | \$67,730 |
| | Total | \$67,730 |

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.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 24: FY 2025 CAPITAL & SPECIAL ARTICLES – ROLLING STOCK & IMPROVEMENTS

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:

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

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.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 25: ADDITIONAL FY 2025 CAPITAL & SPECIAL ARTICLES – ROLLING STOCK & IMPROVEMENTS

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:

| | | |
|----------------|--|-----------------|
| Highway | Road Widener Attachment – Purchase with Winchendon | \$34,046 |
| Highway | MS4 Compliance | \$20,000 |
| B&G | 7' x 16' Enclosed Trailer | \$9,870 |
| | Total | \$63,916 |

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.

Submitted by the Select Board
Two-Thirds Vote Required

ARTICLE 26: GAAMHA OPIOID SERVICES AGREEMENT PAYMENT

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.

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

ARTICLE 27: WATER PLANT DEBT AUTHORIZATION

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.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Templeton Municipal Water Plant
Two-Thirds Vote Required**

ARTICLE 28: MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL

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.

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

Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 29: NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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.

Submitted by the Narragansett Regional School District
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 30: NORFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL TUITION

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.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 31: NORFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

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.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 32: NONBINDING QUESTION RE: BRIDGE ON STONE BRIDGE ROAD

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.

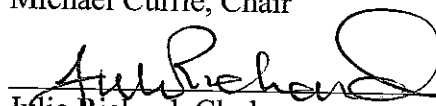
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

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, 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.

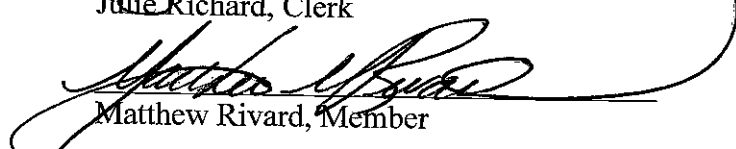
Given under our hands this 10th day of April, 2024.

SELECT BOARD


Michael Currie, Chair



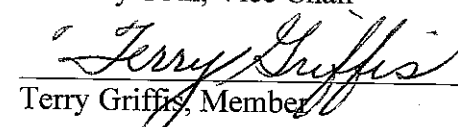
Julie Richard, Clerk



Matthew Rivard, Member




Timothy Toth, Vice Chair



Terry Griffiths, Member

True Copy: ATTEST

 04-19-2024

Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton

JOHN P. WHITE

Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

OFFICERS RETURN

WORCESTER, ss.

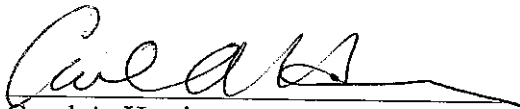
April 18, 2024

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.



John White
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:



Carol A. Harris
Town Clerk of Templeton