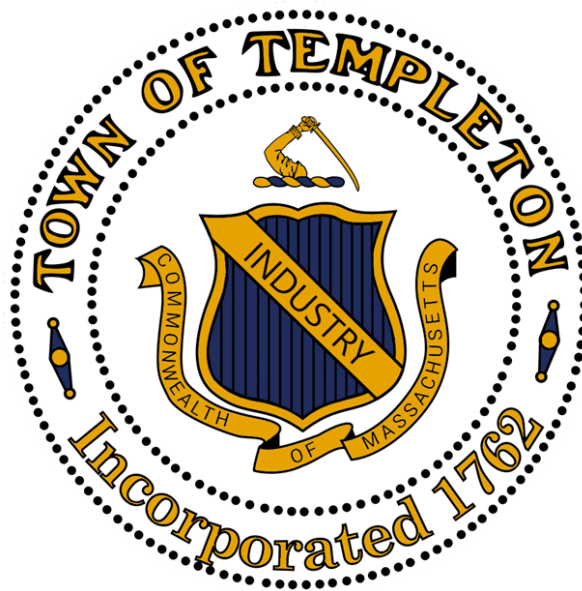


# TOWN OF TEMPLETON

## FALL TOWN MEETING VOTER GUIDE

**November 3, 2021**



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

<http://www.templetonma.gov>

**TOWN OF TEMPLETON, MA  
FALL TOWN MEETING  
VOTER INFORMATION**

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.

In our Town the legislative body is the Open Town Meeting; a form of government in which any registered voter can appear, ask questions, speak on matters under consideration, make motions and amendments, and cast their vote as they deem in the best interests of the Town.

This Voter Information Guide provides you with the original warrant articles, the anticipated motions to be made in support of the warrant articles, and a summary of the purpose of the articles and the consequences of the vote. Here is the format:

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

**Anticipated Motion:** The anticipated motion to be proposed by the Select Board. These all mirror the original warrant articles.

**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,



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) 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.

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, 2018 is FY '18).

**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.

**Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP):** This is a collection of accounting standards and common practices that have developed over many years to summarize an organization's accounting records and disclose supporting information such that anyone reading the financial statements of multiple companies has a reasonable basis for comparison.

**Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB):** This independent, private-sector organization establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for state and local governments that follow GAAP. We are not required to follow their rules, but we cannot get a "clean" audit without having done so. Such audits are important to how the bonding agencies view us.

**Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA):** An association of public finance officials throughout the United States and Canada with more than 20,000 members planning, financing, and implementing thousands of governmental operations in each of their jurisdictions.

**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 pensions when they retire. 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.

**Overlay:** This is an account established annually to fund anticipated property tax abatements, exemptions and uncollected taxes in that year. The overlay reserve is not established by the normal appropriation process, but raised on the tax rate recapitulation sheet (Recap). If more monies are built up in this account than are needed, the Assessors declare it "surplus" and it becomes available for appropriation.

**Recap:** This is the set of forms issued by the DOR for us to use in seeking their approval of the annual tax rate. It is shorthand for their Tax Recapitulation Sheet.

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

**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 get through major economic downturns without having to devastate services, high cost unforeseen assessments the state or others might require of us, and the like.

**ARTICLE 1: FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT(S)**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to appropriate the sum of Forty One Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$41,900.00) for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget as follows:

Department	Amount	Reason
Building & Grounds	\$13,900	Increase in heating costs and software subscription costs
Highway	\$16,000	Increased costs for road line painting
Highway	\$7,500	Unforeseen Baker Lane extension of street improvement
Highway	\$4,500	Unforeseen drainage failure on Royalston Road

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

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** This request is made in response to an unanticipated increase in costs which are necessary for the operation of the Buildings & Grounds and Highway Departments through the end of the fiscal year. This supplemental appropriation includes an extension of an improvement to Baker Lane which is a public way that needs to get fixed before winter sets in as well as address a drainage failure on Royalston Road.

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

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

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 2: AMEND THE FY22 CAPITAL BUDGET**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ *I move* to amend the FY22 capital budget accepted as Article 17 at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting by striking “SUV” and inserting in its place “truck.”

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This Article is a correction to the requested Police Department appropriation at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY22 capital budget accepted as Article 17 at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting by striking “SUV” and inserting in its place “truck.”

Or take any other action related thereto.

### ARTICLE 3: AMENDING THE BYLAWS RE: ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Submitted by the Select Board

Majority Vote Required

**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ *I move* to amend Chapter 22, Section 6 of the General Bylaws as follows:

#### § 22-6 Review of warrant articles by Advisory Committee.

All articles in any warrant for a Town Meeting shall be referred to the Advisory Committee for its consideration. The Board, after drawing any such warrant, shall transmit immediately a copy thereof to the Chairman of said Committee. A public hearing shall be held, upon all such articles, unless a public hearing by some other tribunal is required by law, and a notice of such hearing shall be given by inserting in the local newspaper and by posting on the Town website. Said Committee shall, after due consideration of the subject matter of such articles, report thereon to the Town Meeting, in writing, such recommendations as it deems best for the interests of the Town and its citizens. ~~Copies of the report of the Advisory Committee shall be made available to the voters at least two days before Town Meetings and at all Town Meetings.~~

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** This Article resolves inconsistencies in existing bylaws regarding the timing for the Advisory Committee to report to the community on the Town Meeting warrant.

#### **Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

#### **Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

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Or take any other action related thereto.

## ARTICLE 4: AMENDING THE BYLAWS RE: ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Submitted by the Advisory Committee

Majority Vote Required

**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to amend Chapter 9 of the General Bylaws as follows:

### § 9-3 Vacancies.

If a member resigns for any reason, or if any member is absent from five consecutive meetings of the Advisory Committee, except in case of illness, the position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as herein provided. ~~The Advisory Committee Chairman shall notify the Moderator to determine if there are any interested town registered voters to fill the vacancy. The Moderator shall be given 30 days to fill the vacant position by appointing a person to complete the unexpired term. In the event the Moderator is unable to fill the vacancy,~~ The Advisory Committee shall fill said vacancy by vote, an attested copy of which shall be sent by the Advisory Committee Secretary to the Town Clerk. The term of office of any person chosen by the Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator, at that time, shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term. ***If the Advisory Committee cannot conduct business due to lack of seated members for quorum, the Moderator may appoint to the Advisory Committee any registered voter(s) showing interest until a quorum has been seated.***

### § 9-4 Review of proposed warrant articles.

The second paragraph shall be changed to read, "The Advisory Committee shall report thereon to the community at least ~~5~~ ***two (2)*** days before the date set for the Annual Town Meeting and at least ~~four~~ ***two (2)*** days before the date set for a Special Town Meeting with such explanations and suggestions as it may deem most useful to the community."

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** This Article prioritizes the vote of the Advisory Committee in filling vacant seats on the Committee, with the Moderator only appointing members if the Advisory Committee does not have enough members for a quorum. It also includes language changes from when the Advisory Committee issues their report to the community before Town Meeting, this would change it from 5 to 2 days before Annual Town Meeting and 4 to 2 days before Special Town Meeting.

### Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

### Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

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

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Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 5: AUTHORIZE SPECIAL LEGISLATION RE:  
PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION  
Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Required**

**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, as set forth below, to establish an appointed Parks and Recreation Commission.

**AN ACT CREATING A PARKS AND RECREATION  
COMMISSION IN THE TOWN OF TEMPLETON**

Be it enacted as follows:

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding the provisions of section two of chapter forty-five of the General Laws, there is hereby established in said town a Parks and Recreation Commission which shall consist of seven members, each of whom shall be appointed by the Select Board for a term of one year. The initial members of said Commission shall be members of the Recreation Commission in existence immediately prior to the effective date of this act and they shall continue to serve the remaining portion of their term. Said Commission shall be a policy-making board responsible for overseeing the management and maintenance of Town owned parks, fields and related facilities, and for providing year-round high quality indoor and outdoor recreation activities for children and adults with varying interests and physical abilities. It shall deliver diverse culturally, socially, mentally and physically based programs. It shall establish suitable policies and guidelines

relating to the programs it shall offer, and the use, maintenance, and improvement of the facilities under its oversight. The Commission shall have all the powers and duties granted by the various provisions of the General Laws relative to park commissions and recreation commissions, except insofar as the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of this Act.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This Article would authorize the Select Board to petition the state legislature for acceptance of the special act, which is necessary to form an appointed, seven-member Parks and Recreation Commission.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, as set forth below, to establish an appointed Parks and Recreation Commission.

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Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 6: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Anticipated Motion:** ~~If Article 5 is accepted, to see if the Town will vote, I move,~~ subject to the acceptance of the Special Act by the General Court, to amend Article IV of the General Bylaws as follows:

ARTICLE IV *Parks and* Recreation Commission

§ 9-16 Membership; appointment; terms; vacancies

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

§ 9-17 *Powers and duties*

*The Commission shall have all the powers and duties granted by the various provisions of the General Laws relative to park commissions and recreation commissions, except insofar as the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of the special legislation establishing said Commission.*

§ 9-18 *Purpose*

*Said Commission shall be a policy-making board responsible for overseeing the management and maintenance of Town owned parks, fields and related facilities, and for providing year-round high quality indoor and outdoor recreation activities for children and adults with varying interests and physical abilities. It shall deliver diverse culturally, socially, mentally and physically based programs. It shall establish suitable policies and guidelines relating to the programs it shall offer, and the use, maintenance, and improvement of the facilities under its oversight.*

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** This Article would revise the bylaws to reflect the new Parks and Recreation Commission if the special act set forth in Article 5 is accepted by the legislature.

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

If Article 5 is accepted, to see if the Town will vote, subject to the acceptance of the Special Act by the General Court, to amend Article IV of the General Bylaws as follows:

ARTICLE IV ***Parks and*** Recreation Commission

§ 9-16 Membership; appointment; terms; vacancies

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

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***The Commission shall have all the powers and duties granted by the various provisions of the General Laws relative to park commissions and recreation commissions, except insofar as the same may be inconsistent with the provisions of the special legislation establishing said Commission.***

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***Said Commission shall be a policy-making board responsible for overseeing the management and maintenance of Town owned parks, fields and related facilities, and for providing year-round high quality indoor and outdoor recreation activities for children and adults with varying interests and physical abilities. It shall deliver diverse culturally, socially, mentally and physically based programs. It shall establish suitable policies and guidelines relating to the programs it shall offer, and the use, maintenance, and improvement of the facilities under its oversight.***

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 7: AUTHORIZE SPECIAL LEGISLATION RE:  
REVOLVING FUND FOR PROBLEM PROPERTIES**

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

**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ ***I move*** to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, as set forth below, to establish a fund for the demolition of blighted properties.

**AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL FUND FOR RECAPTURED  
FUNDS FROM DEMOLITION LIENS OR RELATED GRANTS  
IN THE TOWN OF TEMPLETON.**

Be it enacted as follows:

SECTION 1. (a) Notwithstanding section 53 of chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Templeton may establish a special fund for the deposit of any proceeds to the town of Templeton from funds recaptured through demolition liens and state or federal grants or local appropriations for such purpose after December 31, 2021. Interest earned on the fund shall be treated as general fund revenue of the town. Any balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall carry over to the next fiscal year and thereafter if not then expended for the purposes set forth in this act.

(b) Proceeds from the fund shall be used at the discretion of the Select Board without further appropriation, to secure, clear, make safe or demolish, together with any associated costs, residential or mixed-use properties considered unsafe, dangerous or unfit for human habitation under applicable building or health codes.

Expenditures shall not be made and liabilities shall not be incurred in excess of the balance of the fund.

The town administrator shall annually report to the Select Board on the total amount of receipts and expenditures for the fund for the prior fiscal year and for the current fiscal year through December 31 or such later date as the Select Board may, by vote, determine, together with such other information as the Select Board may, by vote, require.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This special act, if accepted by the state legislature, would establish a special fund for addressing blighted properties in town which are in need of demolition and cleanup.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the Massachusetts General Court for special legislation, as set forth below, to establish a fund for the demolition of blighted properties.

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FUNDS FROM DEMOLITION LIENS OR RELATED GRANTS  
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Be it enacted as follows:

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(b) Proceeds from the fund shall be used at the discretion of the Select Board without further appropriation, to secure, clear, make safe or demolish, together with any associated costs, residential or mixed-use properties considered unsafe, dangerous or unfit for human habitation under applicable building or health codes.

Expenditures shall not be made and liabilities shall not be incurred in excess of the balance of the fund.

The town administrator shall annually report to the Select Board on the total amount of receipts and expenditures for the fund for the prior fiscal year and for the current fiscal year through December 31 or such later date as the Select Board may, by vote, determine, together with such other information as the Select Board may, by vote, require.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

Or take any other action related thereto.

<p><b>ARTICLE 8: DEPOSIT TO DEMOLITION REVOLVING FUND</b> <b>Submitted by the Select Board</b> <b>Majority Vote Required</b></p>
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**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote,~~ *I move*, subject to the acceptance of the General Court of the special act establishing the fund, to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) 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.~~

**Summary:** This appropriation would fund the demolition fund described in Article 7, if established.

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote, subject to the acceptance of the General Court of the special act establishing the fund, to appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) 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.

## **ARTICLE 9: DISSOLVE SENIOR CENTER OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE**

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ *I move* to dissolve the Senior Center Oversight Committee.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** The Senior Center Oversight Committee has completed its obligations and is no longer necessary.

### **Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

### **Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Senior Center Oversight Committee.

Or take any other action related thereto.

## **ARTICLE 10: DISSOLVE TES BUILDING COMMITTEE**

**Submitted by the Select Board**

**Majority Vote Required**

**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ *I move* to dissolve the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee upon satisfactory completion of the Massachusetts School Building Authority closeout process.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** The Templeton Elementary School Building Committee has completed its obligations and is no longer necessary.

### **Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

### **Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee upon satisfactory completion of the Massachusetts School Building Authority closeout process.

Or take any other action related thereto.

<p><b>ARTICLE 11: SPECIAL ARTICLES RE: GENERAL FUND</b> <b>Submitted by the Select Board</b> <b>Majority Vote Required</b></p>
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**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ *I move* to appropriate the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$49,447.00) for various special articles as generally described below:

Department	Amount
Treas/Coll – Tax Title Work	\$17,500
Emergency Management / CERT	\$24,447
Baldwinville School Caretaking	\$7,500

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

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** There are three that we believe need attention as soon as possible.

**The Tax Title Account:** The operating budget is stretched thin just to do the annual advertisement of taking and filing of liens on tax delinquent properties (about \$200/parcel). Once that is completed, one must go through a lengthy process in Land Court of foreclosing the right of redemption and offering the properties for sale to return them to the tax rolls. These funds will allow us to continue to make modest progress against the backlog of properties awaiting that process.

**Emergency Management / CERT article:** The Select Board adopted a work plan for when this department made up of volunteers puts in their hours (that were worked during the COVID pandemic) that are covered under CARES as an eligible reimbursement to come back to the town. This is simply a pass through to provide resources to the Emergency Management / CERT for them to utilize funds that were ultimately brought in from their volunteer hours.

**The Baldwinville Elementary School** had been declared surplus by the school district and become our responsibility with the New Elementary School. The Select Board voted to designate MPZ Development LLC of Milton, MA (which has been moved to CC MPZ School Street LLC) as the preferred developer with its proposal

**of 50+/- market/affordable housing units to buy the building for \$500k which is roughly a \$20 million dollar investment in our community. We still have expenses to maintain it until such time as we can officially close the sale.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Forty Nine Thousand Four Hundred and Forty Seven Dollars and No Cents (\$49,447.00) for various special articles as generally described below:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Treas/Coll – Tax Title Work	\$17,500
Emergency Management / CERT	\$24,447
Baldwinville School Caretaking	\$7,500

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

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 12: CAPITAL BUDGET RE: GENERAL FUND**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Ninety Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$196,000) for various capital activities as generally described below:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Highway – Purchase a 2021 CAT Loader	\$183,500
Conservation – Additional Appropriation	
River's Edge Conservation Area Project	\$12,500

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

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: Both of these have been presented to the Capital Improvements Committee. The Select Board decided to hold on moving forward with the loader at the last Annual Town Meeting until we had our free cash certified in the Fall. This loader would replace our 2014 volvo loader that has transmission issues to improve our winter operations. The**

**River's Edge Conservation Area is in its last phase as bids came in above the amount of roughly \$32,500 we have on the books. The bidders are willing to hold their price. This additional appropriation would allow us to finish the project that first got approved by Town Meeting in November of 2015.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Ninety Six Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$196,000) for various capital activities and special articles as generally described below:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Highway – Purchase a 2021 CAT Loader	\$183,500
Conservation – Additional Appropriation	
River's Edge Conservation Area Project	\$12,500

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

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 13: APPOINTMENT OF TREE WARDEN**  
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote,~~ ***I move***, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, § 106, to make the position of tree warden an appointed position, with such appointment to be made by the Select Board for a term of three years.

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** Under *M.G.L. c. 41, §106*, a town may vote to make its Tree Warden an appointed position, with appointment to be made by the Select Board.

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41, § 106, to make the position of tree warden an appointed position, with such appointment to be made by the Select Board for a term of three years.

Or take any other action related thereto.

<b>ARTICLE 14: DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION &amp; OPEB ACCOUNTS</b> <b>Submitted by the Select Board</b> <b>Majority Vote Required</b>
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**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ **I move** to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$355,000.00) to make deposits into its Operations (OPEX) and Capital (CAPEX) stabilization accounts and the OPEB reserve account as follows:

OPEX	\$250,000
CAPEX	\$70,000
OPEB	\$35,000

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

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary: This article will make contributions to the Town's several reserve funds from our certified free cash in keeping with the Town's Financial Management Policy. The formula is as follows:**

<b>50%</b>	<b>Reserved for Working Capital</b>
<b>35%</b>	<b>Transferred to the General Stabilization Fund</b>
<b>10%</b>	<b>Transferred to the Capital Stabilization Fund</b>
<b>5%</b>	<b>Transferred to the OPEB reserve</b>

**This allocation follows that formula with us depositing half at the Fall Town Meeting in anticipation of doing the other half at the Annual Town Meeting.**

**After the proposed transfers we will have roughly \$1,218,500 on deposit in the OPEX reserve, \$198,500 in the CAPEX reserve and \$277,500 in the OPEB Reserve.**

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Five Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$355,000.00) to make deposits into its Operations (OPEX) and Capital (CAPEX) stabilization accounts and the OPEB reserve account as follows:

OPEX	\$250,000
CAPEX	\$70,000
OPEB	\$35,000

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

Or take any other action related thereto.

<p align="center"><b>ARTICLE 15: RESCISSION OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED DEBT</b>  <b>Submitted by the Select Board</b>  <b>Majority Vote Required</b></p>
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**Anticipated Motion:** ~~To see if the Town will vote~~ *I move* 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>
FEMA Emergency- Storm Drain Repair	May 12, 2009	3	\$391,369

~~Or take any other action related thereto.~~

**Summary:** This debt was originally authorized by Town Meeting on May 12, 2009, but was never utilized.

**Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:**

These will be issued by them under separate cover.

**Original Warrant Article in its Entirety**

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>
FEMA Emergency- Storm Drain Repair	May 12, 2009	3	\$391,369

Or take any other action related thereto.

## NOTES

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