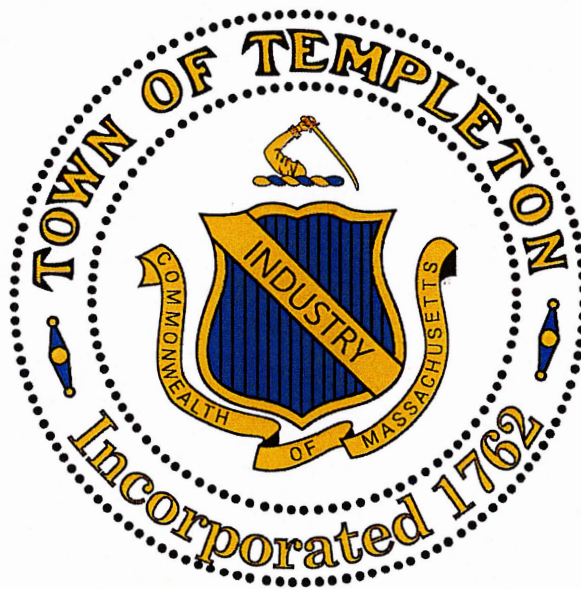


# TOWN OF TEMPLETON

## FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

November 3, 2021



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

**TOWN OF TEMPLETON**  
**WARRANT FOR FALL TOWN MEETING**  
**November 3, 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, November 3, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.**

Then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1: FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT(s)**

To see if the Town will vote 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:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Reason</b>
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.

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

## **ARTICLE 2: AMEND THE FY22 CAPITAL BUDGET**

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.

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

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

To see if the Town will vote 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.

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

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

To see if the Town will vote 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.

**Submitted by the Advisory Committee  
Majority Vote Required**

## **ARTICLE 5: AUTHORIZE SPECIAL LEGISLATION RE: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

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.

### **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.

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

## ARTICLE 6: PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION

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.

#### § 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.

Submitted by the Select Board  
Majority Vote Required

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

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.

### 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.

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

#### **ARTICLE 8: DEPOSIT TO DEMOLITION REVOLVING FUND**

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.

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

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

To see if the Town will vote to dissolve the Senior Center Oversight Committee.  
Or take any other action related thereto.

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

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

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.

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

## **ARTICLE 11: SPECIAL ARTICLES RE: GENERAL FUND**

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.

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

## **ARTICLE 12: CAPITAL BUDGET RE: GENERAL FUND**

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 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.

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

### **ARTICLE 13: APPOINTMENT OF TREE WARDEN**

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.

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

### **ARTICLE 14: DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION & OPEB ACCOUNTS**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Five Thousand 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.

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

### **ARTICLE 15: 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>
FEMA Emergency- Storm Drain Repair	May 12, 2009	3	\$391,369

Or take any other action related thereto.

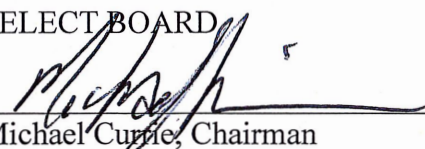
**Submitted by the Select Board**  
**Majority Vote Required**

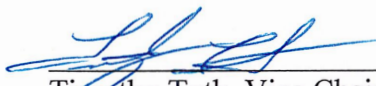


And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Hall at 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Given under our hands this 13<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

SELECT BOARD

  
Michael Currie, Chairman


  
Timothy Toth, Vice Chairman

  
Terry Griffiths, Clerk

Julie Richard, Member

  
Jeff Bennett, Member

True Copy: ATTEST

 10-14-21  
Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton

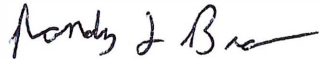
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TEMPLETON TOWN CLERK  
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OFFICER'S RETURN  
WORCESTER, SS

October 14, 2021

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely, at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Hall at 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.



Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton



Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

A True Copy, ATTEST:



Carol A. Harris

Town Clerk of Templeton