

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL  
7 MAIN STREET - WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588  
October 17, 2016 AT 7:00 PM  
**REVISED****

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. September 12, 2016

**II. PUBLIC HEARING**

**III. APPOINTMENTS:**

**IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**

B. Mike Lebrasseur / Re: School Department Budget Forums

**V. DECISIONS**

C. Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 25, 2016] / Vote position on warrant articles/**Present:** Plato Adams, Finance Committee Chairman

~~D. Daniel O'Neill / Vote to accept monetary donations for the Fire Department, Police Department, and Veteran's Services~~ Withdrawn per Mr. O'Neill

E. Koopman Lumber Co., Inc. / Vote to accept monetary donation for the Police Department to be used towards the School Resource Officer for the next Summer Youth Police Academy

F. State Election Warrant [Tuesday, November 8, 2016] / Vote to sign

G. Downtown businesses/Request to hang a banner across Church Street from Sunday, November 20, 2016 to Sunday, November 27, 2016 to promote "Small Business Saturday" in Whitinsville

**VI. DISCUSSIONS**

H. School Committee Resolution regarding Question II/**Present:** Michael Lebrasseur, School Committee Chairman & Dr. Catherine Stickney, School Superintendent

I. Early voting / Present: Doreen Cedrone

J. BPCC DPW Facility Update/Present: Michael Beaudoin

**VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

K. 1. Evergreen Center Public Safety Workshop

2. Senior Center Open House

3. DPW Leaf Pickup Program

4. Town Department Record Retention Project

5. Announcement: Annual Town Meeting Tuesday, October 25, 2016

**VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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Web: Post time-stamped copy	<input type="checkbox"/>

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**September 12, 2016**



A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chairman James Marzec at 6:30 PM, Northbridge Town Hall, 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA. Present: Messrs. Ampagoomian, Athanas, Melia, Nolan, and Marzec. **Also Present:** Theodore D. Kozak

Chairman Marzec announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session and declared that having an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the litigation position of the body.

A motion was made and seconded to go into Executive Session under **M.G.L Chapter 30A, S. 21 #3 - To discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations** – and to reconvene in Open Session. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Athanas/Yes, Mr. Ampagoomian/Yes, Mr. Marzec/yes, Mr. Melia/Yes, and Mr. Nolan/Yes.

Open Session Adjourned: 6:31 PM

Executive Session Convened: 6:32 PM

Executive Session Adjourned: 6:42 PM

Open Session Reconvened: 7:00 PM

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present

**Presentation: Employee and Volunteer Recognition awards for 25 years or more of service to the Town**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES. July 18, 2016.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the July 18, 2016 minutes. Vote yes/Unanimous. **August 15, 2016.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan. Vote yes/Messer. Ampagoomian, Nolan, Melia, and Marzec. Abstain: Mr. Athanas.

**PUBLIC HEARING / None**

**RESIGNATIONS: William Dausey, Conservation Commission.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to accept Mr. Dausey's resignation and send a letter of appreciation to him for his years of service. Vote yes/Unanimous.

**APPOINTMENTS: By the Board of Selectmen: Barbara McNamee, Conservation Commission / Present: Justin Arbuckle.** Mr. Arbuckle was unable to attend and Ms. Cindy Campbell was present in his absence. Ms. Campbell introduced Ms. McNamee. Ms. McNamee is from Lee, New Hampshire, and is a new resident to the Town of Northbridge and has relocated to Northbridge to be closer to her family. Ms. McNamee was previously a Library Trustee, and worked on the Building Committee. She is now interested in participating in a public service in Northbridge with a focus on environmental issues. Ms. McNamee looks forward to this opportunity to partake in community service. She explained she is interested in learning more about the town and would like to become more involved. A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Nolan to appoint Ms. McNamee to the Conservation Commission. Vote yes/Unanimous. **2) Lori Gannon, Cultural Council / Present: Christine Fung-a-fat.** Ms. Fung-a-fat introduced Ms. Gannon, stating she was interested in becoming a member of the Cultural Council. Ms. Gannon is a resident of 20 years and was a substitute teacher, and also teaches Sunday school at the Village Congregational Church. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to appoint Ms. Gannon to the Cultural Council. Vote

yes/Unanimous. **3) Melissa Dognazzi, Cultural Council.** Ms. Fun-a-fat introduced Ms. Dognazzi to the Board. Ms. Dognazzi is a graduate candidate of Worcester State University and will be finishing her senior year. She has been a resident of Northbridge her whole life and just relocated back to Northbridge. Ms. Dognazzi is furthering her career in grant writing, and works in the Worcester Community Action Council in the City of Worcester as well as the Dance Studio in Northbridge. She has always had a passion for arts and culture and would love the opportunity to add to her experience. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to appoint Ms. Dognazzi to the Cultural Council. Vote yes/Unanimous.

#### **CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT / None**

**Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 25, 2016]/Vote to sign warrant upon completion and final review by Town Counsel.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to sign the warrant upon completion and final review by Town Counsel. Vote yes/Unanimous

**Alternatives Unlimited, Inc., 50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, MA/1) Application for a one-day Wines & Malt License for a fundraising event [Bag Toss Competition] to be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016, from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM on the outdoor Community Plaza or in the Singh Performance Center [in case of inclement weather].** A motion/ Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to approve the one-day Wine and Malt license to be held Saturday, September 24, 2016 from 12 PM to 5 PM on the outdoor Community Plaza or in the Singh Performance Center. Vote yes/Unanimous. **2) Application for an Annual Weekday Entertainment License.** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Ampagoomian to approve the application for an Annual Weekday Entertainment License. Vote yes/Unanimous.

**Lease Renewals: 1) Rockdale Village Foundation / Vote to renew.** Town Manager Kozak announced that there were no changes to the agreements. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to vote to renew the Rockdale Village Foundation. Vote yes/Unanimous **2) Oliver Ashton Post #343, Inc. / Vote to renew.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to vote to renew the Oliver Ashton Post #343, Inc. Vote yes/Unanimous. **3) Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center License Agreement / Vote to renew.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to vote to renew the Oliver Ashton Post #343, Inc. Vote yes/Unanimous.

**Pine Grove Cemetery Deeds/1) Oscar Bedigian [Lot No. 58, Fir Avenue].** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the purchase of Lot No. 58, Fir Avenue. Vote yes/Unanimous. **2) Thomas H., and Sandra L. March [Lots No. 48 & 49, Birch Path North].** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the purchase of Lot No. 48 & 49, Birch Path North. Vote yes/Unanimous. **3) Karen Thomas Johnson [Lot No. 301A, Woodlawn Ave North].** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the purchase of Lot No. 301A, Woodlawn Avenue North. Vote yes/Unanimous. **4) Margaret Creaser [Lot No. 7, Hawthorne Path South].** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the purchase of Lot No. 58 Fir Avenue. Vote yes/Unanimous. **5) Harold Hartmann [Lot No. 30, Locust Ave. North].** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan to approve the purchase of Lot No. 30, Locust Ave. North. Vote yes/Unanimous.

**Shining Rock Drive/Vote intent to layout Shining Rock Drive (remaining portion of).** A motion/Mr. Melia, seconded/Mr. Nolan to vote the intent to lay out the remaining portion of Shining Rock Drive. Vote yes/Unanimous.

**Donna Picard d/b/a Maison de Manger, 670 Linwood Avenue, Suite 13A/Application to amend Entertainment License (add Friday's from 4 PM - 7 PM and change Saturday's from 11 AM - 5 PM to 10 AM - 7 PM) / Present Donna Picard.** A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Athanas, to

approve the application to amend the current entertainment license to be Friday's from 4 PM - 7 PM and Saturday's from 10 AM - 7 PM. Vote yes/Unanimous.

**Selectmen's Meeting Schedule.** Town Manager Kozak reminded the Board that he would not be in attendance for the September 26, 2016 meeting as he would be out of town, and noted that there was nothing urgent on the agenda. Mr. Kozak recommended the Board cancel the September 26, 2016 meeting, and move everything to the October 3, 2016 meeting. A motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Nolan, to cancel the September 26, 2016 Board of Selectmen's meeting. Vote yes/Unanimous.

**Departmental Reports: Council on Aging; Library; Building Inspector; Board of Health and School Department.** Town Manager Kozak mentioned that the above Department Heads were present to provide updates on their departments including accomplishments and future needs. The above Department Heads provided their departmental updates covering the period of January 2016 through July 2016. A copy of the Department Heads' reports can be found attached to these minutes.

Selectman Ampagoomian directed a question to Ms. Bol, Director of the Council on Aging, regarding the painting that took place at The Council on Aging facility and how it took place. Ms. Bol replied it was done during the Blackstone Valley student's school time, and the COA adjusted their schedule to the students. Selectman Melia asked Ms. Bol if there would be a registry employee present for the "RMV Near Me" program or if employees would be trained to run the program. Ms. Bol replied the employees would be trained.

Selectman Ampagoomian asked how the membership was for the Library were advertised. Ms. Woodward, Library Director replied that the Library does not do any advertising for memberships since most residents knowingly have access.

Selectman Ampagoomian asked Mr. Sheehan regarding the leveling of the former St. Peter's School and the reasoning the foundation was kept. Mr. Sheehan replied the architect stated the original design was to keep the foundation. Selectman Melia asked if there was a reason for the construction value tripling from last year to this year. Mr. Sheehan replied he believes the Whitinsville Christian School would have caused a big increase.

Selectman Ampagoomian asked Ms. Gniadek if the landfill reporting was still underway and if there were any issues. Ms. Gniadek replied that everything was going very well, and will be tested again in 2027.

Selectman Ampagoomian asked Dr. Stickney when the student's capstone project topic would be decided. Dr. Stickney replied the Students are in charge of determining their topic, and working with staff, and advisors to develop and present their own capstone. Selectman Ampagoomian asked if a survey study was completed by graduated students on the preparation from Northbridge High School for college. Dr. Stickney replied a survey was completed 2 years ago, and she would like to continue the survey. Selectman Ampagoomian suggested Northbridge hold adult classes for a fee, for any residents interested. Selectman Melia asked if Dr. Stickney could explain level service vs. level funding and the school receiving more money. Dr. Stickney replied the School received more money but the services did not change, one position was added for the increasing population. Dr. Stickney explained that level funded would be the same amount of money and because of rising costs it would necessitate reduction in cuts. Dr. Stickney stated that fortunately they were able to maintain level services, which means no cuts for the students however with increase in fixed costs the budget goes up.

**Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy.** Town Manager Kozak explained that in becoming a part of the Community Compact, part of the process is to convert to a green community. The Town is also required to adopt a vehicle policy plan to help decrease the mileage on vehicles. The purpose is for when future vehicles are

purchased that they are more energy efficient vehicles. Selectman Melia asked if there would be any issues with transferring vehicles from one department to another. Mr. Kozak replied there shouldn't be an issue as long as the vehicles are not older than 2011.

**Hiring Process for Department Heads.** Chairman Marzec announced that he requested this be on the agenda per the request of Selectman Ampagoomian. Selectman Ampagoomian stated that over the next several years there will be a number of Department Heads retiring and the Town will be in need of replacing those Department Heads. Selectman Ampagoomian expressed his concern that the placement of Department Heads should be filled from within since they would already be familiar with the work environment. Selectman Ampagoomian explained if employees are not qualified or interested, then the position should be opened to the public. Selectman Melia stated he believes it is important that the Board of Selectmen work in conjunction with the Town Manager in the hiring process. Selectman Melia announced 2 items he was interested in, the first being that there is a fair process. He elaborated it should be advertised well in advance, pending there is an exam, the candidates will need time to study, and be should be informed with which materials will be on the exam, and the weight of percentage for the written exam vs. the interviews. The second item is the internal vs. external, which Selectman Melia expressed if an employee within the department is qualified and interested, then they should be promoted within the Fire Department. Town Manager Kozak stated that this position is very important and he does not doubt that there are employees within the Fire Department that would be able to maintain that position. Town Manager Kozak stated that he believes it is best for the community to not only look internally but externally as well. Mr. Kozak announced that he had not reached a final plan as of yet and was still seeking input, and thanked the Board for their input. Selectman Athanas asked what the cost associated with an assessment center and what the time frame is for the Board to make their decision on the process and the final candidate. Mr. Kozak replied that currently the Chief has not announced when he is retiring, which would be the first step. We do know that by the end of May if he has not retired by then he would be required to because of age. Mr. Kozak stated the cost of the assessment would be around 8 to 10 thousand dollars, which he will be asking for at the Fall Town Meeting. Selectman Melia stated he believes first we should evaluate the current staff for qualifications and see if there is an interest. Chairman Marzec mentioned the idea of creating a Board of 5-7 people who could go through the candidates that they feel are the best and present them to the Town Manager for approval. Selectman Nolan stated he can see both sides but was currently going to hold back his opinion as he wishes for more time to digest all of the information before making a statement.

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT 1. Correspondence from the Southbridge Town Manager**- the Town received a letter of appreciation from the Town of Southbridge, Town Manager, thanking the Fire Department for their assistance in responding to two Southbridge fires. **2. M.O.R.E /CMRPC Meeting**- attended the CMRPC meeting with various managers to discuss the Modernization Bill, Public Records Law, and Economic Development Legislation. Communities that are still in need of Other Post Employee Benefits (OPEB) and prevailing wages were also addressed. **3. Regional Stormwater Meeting**- will be attending the Regional Stormwater meeting to update the requirements for communities in Massachusetts on the new regulations, which have been implemented. The town has met the current requirements and will be examining the new future requirements that will be necessary. **4. Open Space & Recreation Plan Forum** - the Planning Board hosted an Open Space Recreation Plan Forum for Town Department Heads and other interested individuals with the Planning Board's consultant. There is also a public meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 20, 2016 (6 PM –Town Hall). The public is encouraged to attend. A stakeholders meeting was held on 8/31/16. **5. State Primary Update**- the State Primary was held on September 8, 2016. Unfortunately, due to the lack of competition, there was an insignificant turn out of voters. **6. Rockdale Youth Center Relocation Project** - (Disaster Recovery Funds) – the project is nearly complete. The Rockdale Youth Center has now relocated to 57 Church Avenue and the former building (Providence Road) has been razed. The property shall be conveyed to the town (to be considered at the Fall Annual Town Meeting). The Whitin Community Center will host an Open House event on Thursday, September 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 to celebrate the project. **7. 2016 MassWorks Infrastructure Grant**

**Application** - submitted grant request in the amount of \$1.6 million to support the continued build-out of the Osterman Commerce Park located off on Church Street Extension. To date, approx. \$7 million has been spent from private investment).

**SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS** **Selectman Athanas 1)** asked Mr. Luchini if all of the roads were completed. Mr. Luchini replied looming and punch list items should be finishing up on the roads that were not paved. With the funds that are available Quaker Street will be patched up as usual. **2)** asked Mr. Shuris how the list of the Town owned building maintenance schedule is coming along. Mr. Shuris replied as of right now they have made the following repairs at the Council on Aging; repaired the sockets, power washed the exterior. Mr. Shuris continued to state that they were in the process of getting prices for painting the exterior of the Library and the Annex. Town Manager Kozak asked Mr. Shuris if he could put together a report to share with the Board on what has been done and what will be done. **Selectman Melia 1)** gave credit to the Police Department, and School Department for taking part in the Jr. Police Academy that is ran by the School Resource Officer in conjunction with the School. **Selectman Nolan 1)** announced that he attended the Central Mass. Regional Planning Commission's quarterly meeting where there was a lawyer who spoke at length on unfunded mandates, which was very informative. **Selectman Ampagoomian 1)** asked if Mass DOT was working on Plummer's Corner yet and if so how it was coming along. Mr. Luchini replied he is still calling every week to try to get on Mass DOT. **2)** stated that on Providence Road near the Shaw's parking lot across from McDonald's there is a 2 inch difference between the main road and the berm, which is dangerous for bicyclists traveling south. Mr. Shuris explained he has been talking to the Whitinsville Water Company and believes there might be a small leak there, which would make the soil consolidate, but he is working with the Whitinsville Water Company on that matter. **3)** mentioned that there are some headstones that have been knocked over in Bachelor Cemetery and Riverdale Cemetery. **4)** announced he received a compliment on the fence in front of Riverdale Cemetery. **5)** asked Mr. Kozak when the renovations to the Great Hall would commence. Mr. Kozak announced there is no date in particular right now, but the town has hired the architect to put the specs together. Town Manager Kozak explained that the first step was to complete a led and asbestos test, which we are awaiting the results. **6)** asked the Board if they had any topics they would wish for him to bring up at the Worcester County Selectmen's Association Meeting and asked that the let him know before Thursday. **Chairman Marzec 1)** stated that the ballot question 2 regarding the Charter Schools if approved will harm public schools throughout Massachusetts and felt as though the public should be aware of that matter. Mr. Marzec announced that he would like to take a stand as a Board at the next meeting to make the public aware.

Charmain Marzec announced that the next scheduled meeting will be Monday October 3, 2016 at 7 PM.

A motion/Mr. Athanas, seconded/Mr. Nolan to adjourn the public meeting. Vote yes/ Unanimous.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:04 PM**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**James Athanas, Clerk**

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## **LIST OF DOCUMENTATION**

### **BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING - OPEN SESSION**

**September 12, 2016**

#### **I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **A. July 18, 2016**

-Copy of the July 18, 2016 minutes

##### **B. August 15, 2016**

-Copy of the August 15, 2016 minutes

#### **II. PUBLIC HEARING / None**

#### **III. RESIGNATIONS**

##### **C. 1) William Dausey, Conservation Commission**

-Copy of William Dausey's letter of resignation

##### **APPOINTMENTS: By the Board of Selectmen:**

##### **D. 1) Barbara McNamee, Conservation Commission / Present: Justin Arbuckle**

-Copy of Barbara McNamee's Talent Bank Application

##### **2) Lori Gannon, Cultural Council / Present: Christine Fung-a-fat**

-Copy of Lori Gannon's Talent Bank Application

##### **3) Melissa Dognazzi, Cultural Council**

-Copy of Melissa Dognazzi's Talent Bank Application

#### **IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**

#### **V. DECISIONS**

##### **E. Fall Annual Town Meeting [October 25, 2016]/Vote to sign warrant upon completion and final review by Town Counsel**

-Copy of Fall Annual Town Meeting Warrant

##### **F. Alternatives Unlimited, Inc., 50 Douglas Road, Whitinsville, MA/1) Application for a one-day Wines & Malt License for a fundraising event [Bag Toss Competition] to be held on Saturday, September 24, 2016, from 12:00 Noon to 5:00 PM on the outdoor Community Plaza or in the Singh Performance Center [in case of inclement weather]. 2) Application for an Annual Weekday Entertainment License**

-Copy of Application for special license

-Copy of REAP Attestation

-Copy of Hold Harmless Agreement

-Copy of Application for Entertainment License

-Copy of REAP Attestation

-Copy of Workers Compensation Insurance Affidavit

-Copy of License Routing Slip

##### **G. Lease Renewals: 1) Rockdale Village Foundation / Vote to renew**

-Copy of Rockdale Village Lease Agreement

##### **2) Oliver Ashton Post #343, Inc. / Vote to renew**

-Copy of Oliver Ashton Post #343 Lease Agreement

##### **3) Blackstone Valley Regional Recycling Center License Agreement / Vote to renew**

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**5) Harold Hartmann [Lot No. 30, Locust Ave. North]**

-Copy of Pine Grove Cemetery Deed

**I. Shining Rock Drive/Vote intent to layout Shining Rock Drive (remaining portion of)**

-Copy of memo regarding Shining Rock Drive from the Planning Board voting to sponsor the street acceptance

-Copy of public meeting notice for a public meeting notice for Tuesday, September 13, 2016 to consider the layout of Shining Rock Drive

-Copy of exhibit A of Shining Rock Drive

**J. Donna Picard d/b/a Maison de Manger, 670 Linwood Avenue, Suite 13A/Application to amend Entertainment License (add Friday's from 4 PM - 7 PM and change Saturday's from 11 AM - 5 PM to 10 AM - 7 PM) / Present Donna Picard**

-Copy of application to amend the current entertainment license

-Copy of REAP Attestation

-Copy of Workers' Compensation Insurance Affidavit

-Copy of Certificate of Liability insurance

-Copy of License Routing Slip

**K. Selectmen's Meeting Schedule /No documentation**

**VI. DISCUSSIONS**

**L. Departmental Reports: Council on Aging; Library; Building Inspector; Board of Health and School Department**

-Copy of the Council on Aging's departmental report

-Copy of the Whitinsville Social Library's departmental report

-Copy of the Building Inspector's departmental report

-Copy of the Board of Health's departmental report

-Copy of the School's departmental report

**M. Fuel Efficient Vehicle Policy**

-Copy of email regarding the following appendices

-Copy of appendix A

-Copy of attachment B

**N. Hiring Process for Department Heads / No documentation**

**VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**O. 1) Correspondence from the Southbridge Town Manager**

-Copy of letter expressing gratitude towards the Northbridge Fire Department

**2) M.O.R.E./CMRPC Meeting / No documentation**

**3) Regional Stormwater Meeting / No documentation**

**4) Open Space & Recreation Plan Forum / No documentation**



- 5) Rockdale Youth Center Relocation Project / No documentation**
- 6) 2016 MassWorks Infrastructure Grant Application / No documentation**

**VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/No documentation**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA / None**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE / None**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION: 6:30 PM**

**Under M.G.L Chapter 30A, Section 21 #3 - To discuss strategy with respect to contract negotiations. /No documentation**

# Northbridge School Budget Community Input Forums

The Northbridge School Committee and Administration  
invite you to a Community Input Forum  
to discuss the 2017-2018 School Budget.

As the school district begins to develop next school year's  
budget, we want to hear from you directly.

- *Hear the School District's goals and priorities*
- *Learn how the School Budget is funded*
- *Share your input directly with those developing  
and approving the budget*
  - *What is working well in our schools?*
  - *What can use some improvement?*
  - *What are key programs that are missing?*

**Please join to help us provide the best to all  
children in the Northbridge schools.**

***STRONG SCHOOLS, STRONG COMMUNITY***

**Daytime Session: Northbridge Senior Center**

October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:45AM

**Evening Sessions Scheduled for 6:30-8:00 pm:**

October 27<sup>th</sup> at W.E. Balmer Elementary School

November 3<sup>rd</sup> at Northbridge High School

For more information, visit [www.nps.org](http://www.nps.org).

**FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT - 10/25/16 - 7:00 PM**

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Presenter		Selectmen	Finance Committee	Town Meeting
<b>Article 1.</b> Prior year bills	Selectmen	Support		
		Non-support		
		No Position		
		Pass Over	x	
<b>Article 2.</b> FY '17 Budget Adjustments	Selectmen	Support	x	
		Non-support		
		No Position		
		Pass Over		
<b>Article 3.</b> Transfer to Stabilization Fund	Selectmen	Support	x	
		Non-support		
		No Position		
		Pass Over		
<b>Article 4.</b> Approve the conveyance of land located at 2219 Prov. Rd. from the Whitin Comm. Center to the Town	Selectmen	Support	x	
		Non-support		
		No Position		
		Pass Over		
<b>Article 5.</b> Purchase a Dump Truck for DPW	Selectmen	Support	x	
		Non-support		
		No Position		
		Pass Over		
<b>Article 6.</b> Adoption of the Stretch Energy Code	Selectmen	Support	x	
		Non-support		
		No Position		
		Pass Over		
<b>Article 7.</b> \$550,000 for Fire Department Pumper Truck Subject to capital exclusion	Selectmen	Support	x	
		Non-support		
		No Position		
		Pass Over		
<b>Article 8. Trustees of Soldiers Mem.</b> \$100,000 for restoration of repair of the Rockdale WWI Memorial Subject to capital exclusion		Support	x	
		Non-support		
		No Position		
		Pass Over		
<b>Article 9.</b> Funding to hire a consultant to assist the Planning Board with the Master Plan Update	Planning Board	Support	x	
		Non-support		
		No Position		
		Pass Over		

**Article 10. Planning Board**

Amend Table of Use Regulations: 1) Allow  
Misc. business offices and services by-right  
w/in Heritage Zoning District and 2) Allow  
Office for administrative, executive professional,  
sales and other similar uses by-right w/in the  
Heritage Zoning District

**Support**

**Non-support**

**No Position**

**Pass Over**

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**Article 11. Planning Board**

Street Acceptance – Remaining portion of  
Shining Rock Drive

**Support**

**Non-support**

**No Position**

**Pass Over**

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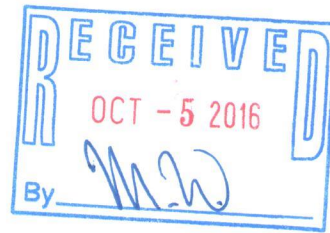
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October 3, 2016

Northbridge Chief of Police,

We at Koopman Lumber are proud to support our communities in a variety of ways. Most frequently this comes through support of schools, sports teams, and churches. Recently we were given the opportunity to help provide the "We Love Our Police" signs to the customers in our towns. We took this opportunity to give 100% of the proceeds to the Police Department in the towns where the signs were displayed.

Please accept this gift from Koopman Lumber on behalf of the thankful residents of your town. In the grand scheme of things, we know this amount won't make a big impact on your budgets, but we know it will be put to good use for your department.

Thank you for all of your efforts on behalf of your community. Your service is enormously appreciated.

All the Best,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Darrell Baker".

Darrell Baker  
VP Retail Operations

\$200.00

Koopman Lumber Co., Inc

665 Church Street

Whitinsville, MA 01588

Phone: 508-234-4545

Fax: 508-377-5199

## Melissa Wetherbee

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**From:** Walter J. Warchol <wwarchol@northbridgemass.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, October 10, 2016 3:37 PM  
**To:** Melissa Wetherbee  
**Subject:** RE: Donation

Melissa:

I spoke to Mr. Baker and he or Koopmans is leaving it up to the department heads to decide where to spend that. I would like to have that \$200.00 go to our School Resource Officer so he can use it towards his next summer youth police Academy.

Chief

**From:** Melissa Wetherbee [mailto:mwetherbee@northbridgemass.org]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 10:24 AM  
**To:** wwarchol@northbridgemass.org  
**Subject:** Donation

Good morning Chief,

Attached is a copy of a letter we received from Koopman Lumber, along with a donation of \$200.00. This item will be on the next Board of Selectmen's agenda 10/17/16. Mr. Kozak would like you to reach out to them to find out if there is anything in particular they would like their donation to go towards. Let me know as well so I can make note of it.

Thank you

*Melissa Wetherbee, Adm. Assistant  
Town Manager's Office  
Town of Northbridge  
7 Main Street Whitinsville, MA 01588  
Phone: 508-234-2095*



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

WARRANT FOR THE STATE ELECTION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2016

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Worcester, SS.  
To the Constables of the **Town of Northbridge**

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Northbridge who are qualified to vote in the State Election to vote at:

**Precincts 1, 2, 3, and 4**  
**Northbridge High School, 427 Linwood Avenue**

on **TUESDAY, THE EIGHTH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2016**, from 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the State Election for the candidates for the following offices and questions:

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT..... FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH  
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS..... SECOND DISTRICT  
COUNCILLOR ..... SEVENTH DISTRICT  
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (PRECINCTS 1 & 3).... WORCESTER & NORFOLK DISTRICT  
SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT (PRECINCTS 2 & 4) ..... SECOND WORCESTER DISTRICT  
REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT ..... NINTH WORCESTER DISTRICT  
SHERIFF..... WORCESTER COUNTY

**QUESTION 1: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would allow the state Gaming Commission to issue one additional category 2 license, which would permit operation of a gaming establishment with no table games and not more than 1,250 slot machines. The proposed law would authorize the Commission to request applications for the additional license to be granted to a gaming establishment located on property that is (i) at least four acres in size; (ii) adjacent to and within 1,500 feet of a race track, including the track's additional facilities, such as the track, grounds, paddocks, barns, auditorium, amphitheatre, and bleachers; (iii) where a horse racing meeting may physically be held; (iv) where a horse racing meeting shall have been hosted; and (v) not separated from the race track by a highway or railway.

**A YES VOTE** would permit the state Gaming Commission to license one additional slot-machine gaming establishment at a location that meets certain conditions specified in the law.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws regarding gaming.

**QUESTION 2: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

**SUMMARY**

This proposed law would allow the state Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to approve up to 12 new charter schools or enrollment expansions in existing charter schools each year. Approvals under this law could expand statewide charter school enrollment by up to 1% of the total statewide public school enrollment each year. New charters and enrollment expansions approved under this law would be exempt from existing limits on the number of charter schools, the number of students enrolled in them, and the amount of local school districts' spending allocated to them.

If the Board received more than 12 applications in a single year from qualified applicants, then the proposed law would require it to give priority to proposed charter schools or enrollment expansions in districts where student performance on statewide assessments is in the bottom 25% of all districts in the previous two years and where demonstrated parent demand for additional public school options is greatest.

New charter schools and enrollment expansions approved under this proposed law would be subject to the same approval standards as other charter schools, and to recruitment, retention, and multilingual outreach requirements that currently apply to some charter schools. Schools authorized under this law would be subject to annual performance reviews according to standards established by the Board.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2017.

**A YES VOTE** would allow for up to 12 approvals each year of either new charter schools or expanded enrollments in existing charter schools, but not to exceed 1% of the statewide public school enrollment.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws relative to charter schools.

### QUESTION 3: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

#### SUMMARY

This proposed law would prohibit any farm owner or operator from knowingly confining any breeding pig, calf raised for veal, or egg-laying hen in a way that prevents the animal from lying down, standing up, fully extending its limbs, or turning around freely. The proposed law would also prohibit any business owner or operator in Massachusetts from selling whole eggs intended for human consumption or any uncooked cut of veal or pork if the business owner or operator knows or should know that the hen, breeding pig, or veal calf that produced these products was confined in a manner prohibited by the proposed law. The proposed law would exempt sales of food products that combine veal or pork with other products, including soups, sandwiches, pizzas, hotdogs, or similar processed or prepared food items.

The proposed law's confinement prohibitions would not apply during transportation; state and county fair exhibitions; 4-H programs; slaughter in compliance with applicable laws and regulations; medical research; veterinary exams, testing, treatment and operation if performed under the direct supervision of a licensed veterinarian; five days prior to a pregnant pig's expected date of giving birth; any day that pig is nursing piglets; and for temporary periods for animal husbandry purposes not to exceed six hours in any twenty-four hour period.

The proposed law would create a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for each violation and would give the Attorney General the exclusive authority to enforce the law, and to issue regulations to implement it. As a defense to enforcement proceedings, the proposed law would allow a business owner or operator to rely in good faith upon a written certification or guarantee of compliance by a supplier.

The proposed law would be in addition to any other animal welfare laws and would not prohibit stricter local laws.

The proposed law would take effect on January 1, 2022. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

**A YES VOTE** would prohibit any confinement of pigs, calves, and hens that prevents them from lying down, standing up, fully extending their limbs, or turning around freely.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws relative to the keeping of farm animals.

### QUESTION 4: LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 3, 2016?

#### SUMMARY

The proposed law would permit the possession, use, distribution, and cultivation of marijuana in limited amounts by persons age 21 and older and would remove criminal penalties for such activities. It would provide for the regulation of commerce in marijuana, marijuana accessories, and marijuana products and for the taxation of proceeds from sales of these items.

The proposed law would authorize persons at least 21 years old to possess up to one ounce of marijuana outside of their residences; possess up to ten ounces of marijuana inside their residences; grow up to six marijuana plants in their residences; give one ounce or less of marijuana to a person at least 21 years old without payment; possess, produce or transfer hemp; or make or transfer items related to marijuana use, storage, cultivation, or processing.

The measure would create a Cannabis Control Commission of three members appointed by the state Treasurer which would generally administer the law governing marijuana use and distribution, promulgate regulations, and be responsible for the licensing of marijuana commercial establishments. The proposed law would also create a Cannabis Advisory Board of fifteen members appointed by the Governor. The Cannabis Control Commission would adopt regulations governing licensing qualifications; security; record keeping; health and safety standards; packaging and labeling; testing; advertising and displays; required inspections; and such other matters as the Commission considers appropriate. The records of the Commission would be public records.

The proposed law would authorize cities and towns to adopt reasonable restrictions on the time, place, and manner of operating marijuana businesses and to limit the number of marijuana establishments in their communities. A city or town could hold a local vote to determine whether to permit the selling of marijuana and marijuana products for consumption on the premises at commercial establishments.

The proceeds of retail sales of marijuana and marijuana products would be subject to the state sales tax and an additional excise tax of 3.75%. A city or town could impose a separate tax of up to 2%. Revenue received from the additional state excise tax or from license application fees and civil penalties for violations of this law would be deposited in a Marijuana Regulation Fund and would be used subject to appropriation for administration of the proposed law.

Marijuana-related activities authorized under this proposed law could not be a basis for adverse orders in child welfare cases absent clear and convincing evidence that such activities had created an unreasonable danger to the safety of a minor child.

The proposed law would not affect existing law regarding medical marijuana treatment centers or the operation of motor vehicles while under the influence. It would permit property owners to prohibit the use, sale, or production of marijuana on their premises (with an exception that landlords cannot prohibit consumption by tenants of marijuana by means other than by smoking); and would permit employers to prohibit the consumption of marijuana by employees in the workplace.



State and local governments could continue to restrict uses in public buildings or at or near schools. Supplying marijuana to persons under age 21 would be unlawful.

The proposed law would take effect on December 15, 2016.

**A YES VOTE** would allow persons 21 and older to possess, use, and transfer marijuana and products containing marijuana concentrate (including edible products) and to cultivate marijuana, all in limited amounts, and would provide for the regulation and taxation of commercial sale of marijuana and marijuana products.

**A NO VOTE** would make no change in current laws relative to marijuana.

#### QUESTION 5

Shall the Town of Northbridge be allowed to assess an additional \$650,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of financing the purchase of a new Fire Department pumper truck and financing the restoration and repair of the Rockdale World War I Memorial at the Rockdale Common, located at the intersection of Providence Road and School Street, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016?

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Whitinsville Post office and Salvation Army, both in Precinct 1; Gary's Variety and the Northbridge Post Office, both in Precinct 2; Town Clerk's Office and 1Quickstop, both in Precinct 3; and the Whitinsville Social Library and Town Hall Annex, both in Precinct 4; seven (7) days at least before the time and place of election aforesaid.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said voting.

GIVEN under our hands this 17TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2016.

#### SELECTMEN OF NORTHBRIDGE

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James R. Marzec, Chairman

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Charles Ampagoomian, Jr.

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James J. Athanas

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Thomas J. Melia

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Daniel J. Nolan

WORCESTER, SS

Northbridge

By virtue of this warrant, I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Northbridge qualified to vote in Town elections and Town affairs to vote at the time and place and for the purpose stated in warrant by posting attested copies thereof as within directed.

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Constable, Town of Northbridge

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Date

Warrant must be posted by **November 1, 2016**, (at least *seven days prior* to the **November 8, 2016** State Election).

Bus Agenda - Oct 17, 2016

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**Sharon Susienka**

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**From:** Art Make It Real <michelle@artmakeitreal.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, October 05, 2016 2:32 PM  
**To:** ssusienka@northbridgemass.org  
**Cc:** littlemanoriginals@yahoo.com; jessie@schotanusdesigncenter.com  
**Subject:** Street Banner

Hi Sharon,

Thank you so much for all your information and assistance with our request to hang a banner across Church Street in downtown Whitinsville. Should we receive permission from the selectmen to hang a banner, we will abide by the printed banner requirements you gave me. **We would like to reserve the banner from Sunday, November 20 - Sunday, November 27.**

As discussed, the downtown businesses have come together to promote the nationwide event "Small Business Saturday" held this year on Sat, Nov 26 by staying open for the day, offering special promotions in their stores, and welcoming community members and visitors to the area. This is an opportunity to help re-vitalize our downtown and show appreciation to our present and future customers - other communities across the country will be developing their own strategies for promoting this day.

The details of the event are as follows:

What: Small Business Saturday - "Shop Small"  
When: Sat, Nov 26, 10 am-4 pm  
Where: Whitinsville

As mentioned, I have classes at my studio the night of the selectmen's meeting on Mon, Oct 17, so I will not be able to attend. If they have any questions, they can call me at 508-450-7120. I will also forward this information to the other organizers in case either of them can attend the meeting.

Thank you once again for your time and consideration.

Have a great day,  
-Michelle

**Michelle Siefken**

*Art ... Make It Real*  
105 Church Street  
Whitinsville, MA 01588  
508.450.7120  
www.artmakeitreal.com  
www.facebook.com/artmakeitreal

## Resolution Against Lifting the Cap on Commonwealth Charter Schools

**WHEREAS**, free public schools available to all students regardless of income, ability, need or English language proficiency are foundational to our democracy; and

**WHEREAS**, all of our students deserve high-quality public schools that teach the whole child, providing enrichment and addressing social and emotional needs in addition to core academic subjects; and

**WHEREAS**, local accountability for our public schools is necessary to ensure that schools are responsive to the needs of their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, public school districts across the state are losing more than \$450 million this year (FY2017) alone — a loss of funds that is undermining the ability of districts to provide all students with the educational services to which they are entitled; and

**WHEREAS**, Commonwealth charter schools are often approved over the objections of a majority of community residents and their elected officials and are not accountable to local elected officials once they are approved; and

**WHEREAS**, Commonwealth charter schools often fail to serve the same proportion of special needs students, low-income students and English language learners as the districts from which they receive students and often use high suspension rates to drive out students they don't want to serve; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commonwealth charter school system is creating separate and unequal opportunities for success; and

**WHEREAS**, lifting the cap on charter schools would greatly worsen the problems listed above and lead to a costly and divisive two-track school system;

**THEREFORE**, be it resolved that the Northbridge Board of Selectmen opposes lifting the cap on Commonwealth charter schools.

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James R. Marzec, Chairman

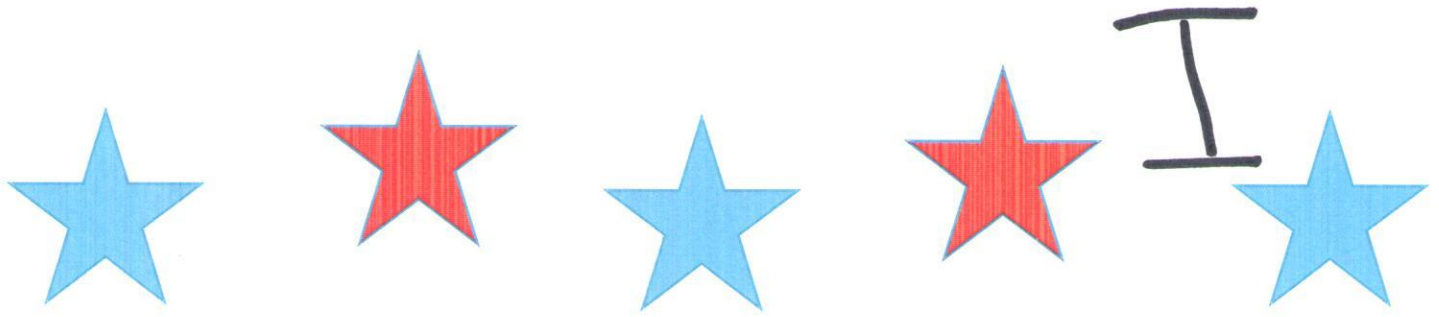
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*Issued This 3<sup>rd</sup> Day of October In The Year Of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen*



# EARLY VOTING

## For the November 8, 2016 State Election

For the first time, Massachusetts voters will be able to vote early without needing a reason!

- The early voting period will be Monday, October 24th – Friday, November 4th.
- During this time, early voting may be done in person or by mail. If done by mail, the ballot may be requested by application or any written form of communication. On the Town's website, we have links to the State's website for the application. We cannot mail early voting ballots until October 24<sup>th</sup>.
- For voting in person, we will hold early voting in the Town Clerk's Office during regular business hours PLUS on **Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 8:30A – 4:30P**.
- On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, we will hold it upstairs in the Great Hall.
- We will have a check-in table for each precinct and then one row of 10 voting booths.
- Linda and I will be working that day, and there will be one person at each precinct table, plus one additional person as a floater.
- We hope that the Saturday early voting day will be convenient and easy for voters. (i.e. parking)
- Tabulators (aka the voting machines) will not be used during the early voting period.
- Early voters will be given a ballot and an envelope (process is very similar to voting absentee).
- Early voting ballots will be stored in the safe and then brought to the polls on election day for processing through the tabulators.

**Grant money:** I am happy to report that the State offered grant money to cities and towns if open during the weekend of the early voting period. We will be receiving \$1200, which is based on our number of registered voters and the amount of hours we have agreed to be open for early voting during the weekend of October 29, 2016 and October 30, 2016. We had already planned on being open on Saturday, October 29; however, it is great that the State will now be helping us by giving grant money. (Please see attached letter.)



## **The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

William Francis Galvin, Secretary of the Commonwealth  
Elections Division

September 26, 2016

Doreen A. Cedrone  
7 Main Street  
Whitinsville, Massachusetts 01588

Dear Ms. Cedrone:

I am writing to confirm receipt of the application and signed agreement for the 2016 Early Voting Weekend Hours Incentive Grant. The application has been reviewed and approved.

Accordingly, the amount of the grant is \$1,200, based on the number of registered voters in your municipality and the amount of hours you have agreed to open for early voting during the weekend of October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2016 and October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016. The grant amount of \$1,200, will be disbursed to your municipality soon. Please note that after the early voting period ends, you will need to submit certification as to the actual weekend hours the municipality was open.

Thank you for participating in this program to expand voting opportunities. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Michelle K. Tassinari".

Michelle K. Tassinari  
Director and Legal Counsel  
Elections Division

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT – October 17, 2016**

- 1. Evergreen Center Public Safety Workshop** - Attended the public safety workshop provided by the Evergreen Center to discuss their community housing program for communities within the Blackstone Valley. The workshop allowed communities to meet with public safety personnel to enhance the working relationship with towns and the Evergreen Center.
- 2. Senior Center Open House** - The Senior Center will be hosting an open house on Saturday, October 22, 2016 from 10 AM to 2 PM. The dedication of the Billiard Room in honor of the late John Driscoll will be taking place at 1:30 PM.
- 3. Department of Public Works Leaf Pickup Program** - The Northbridge DPW will begin collecting bagged leaves from Town residents commencing on October 24, 2016 until Thanksgiving, weather permitting. For more information on this program please visit the Town's homepage at [www.northbridgemass.org](http://www.northbridgemass.org).
- 4. Town Department Records Retention Project-** King Information Systems has finalized the coordination of sorting records in the Town Hall and Town Hall Annex. We are currently awaiting permission from the State to allow us to destroy old records that are no longer needed.
- 5. Announcement:** The Fall Annual Town Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 25, 2016 at 7 PM located in the Auditorium of the Northbridge Middle School on Linwood Avenue.

# TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE

20 Highland Street  
Whitinsville, MA 01588

## COUNCIL ON AGING SENIOR CENTER



Phone: 508.234.2002

Fax: 508.234.0804

WWW.NORTHBRIDGEMASS.ORG/COUNCIL-ON-AGING

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October 4, 2016

Theodore Kozak, Town Manager  
Town of Northbridge  
7 Main Street  
Whitinsville, MA 01588

Dear Ted:

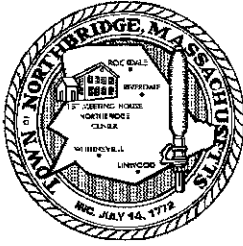
The Northbridge Senior Center will be hosting an **Open House on Saturday October 22, 2016 from 10am to 2pm**. On behalf of the Council on Aging, staff and volunteers, I would like to formally invite you to this special event. Over the past year, the Senior Center has had some exciting changes. Last December we hired a new Assistant Director....in March we acquired a brand new mini-bus....lastly, our Dining Room, the main hub of our Senior Center, has had several cosmetic updates! Our hope is to give many Seniors, along with their families the opportunity to visit the Center, meet staff and talk with us about the various services we provide.

In addition, we would like to take this occasion to honor the late John "Jack" Driscoll, Northbridge resident, former State Representative and longtime supporter of the Senior Center. The Northbridge Council on Aging unanimously voted in favor of dedicating our Billiard Room in Jack's name. Jack would often stop by the Senior Center for a visit and would spend time playing pool with the "regulars". This presentation will take place at 1:30pm. If you are available during that time, we would be honored to have you attend.

Sincerely,

*Kelly S. Bol*

Kelly S. Bol, Director



James Shuris, P.E., MBA  
Director of Public Works

# Town of Northbridge

## Department of Public Works

11 Fletcher Street, P.O. Box 88

Whitinsville, Massachusetts 01588-0088

Tel.: (508) 234-3581

Fax: (508) 234-0807

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### NEWS RELEASE

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**Date:** 5 October 2016

**Subject:** Northbridge DPW Announces "Bagged" Leaf Collection Program

**Contact:** Department of Public Works – Highway Division  
Tel. No. (508) 234-3581

The Northbridge DPW will begin collecting "bagged" leaves from Town residents commencing on October 24th. Leaves must be in bio-degradable paper leaf bags and placed by the curb or the property line. Plastic bags are not acceptable. Do not block sidewalks with bagged leaves. The Town will not furnish bags.

The program will run until Thanksgiving or as long as weather permits. For additional information please refer to the Town's website and/or call the Northbridge Department of Public Works at (508) 234-3581.

James Shuris, P.E., MBA  
Director of Public Works

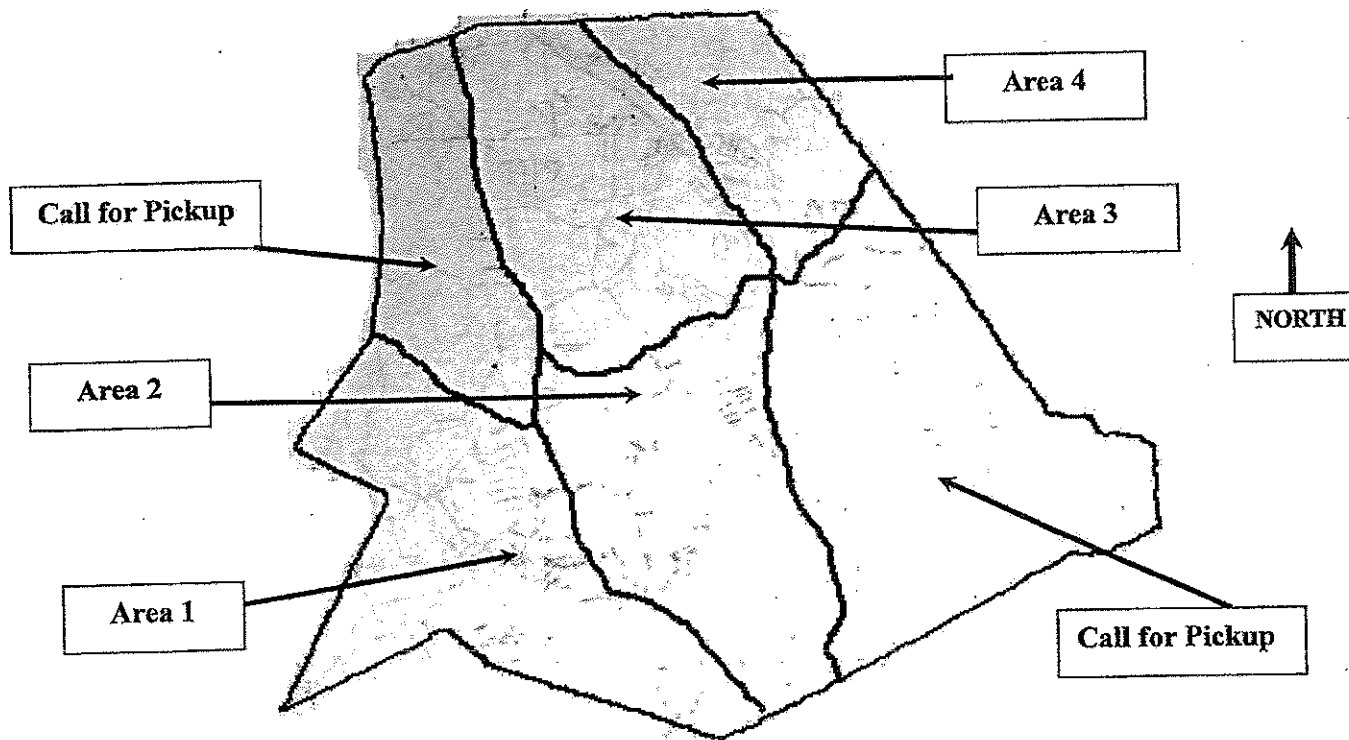


**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE**  
**2016 SCHEDULE**  
**“BAGGED” LEAF COLLECTION PROGRAM**

**The 2016 Schedule for the “Bagged” Leaf Collection Program will be performed in various locations throughout the Town in accordance with the following schedule:**

<b>AREA No.</b>	<b>DAY OF WEEK</b>	<b>LOCATION(S)</b>
Area 1	Monday	West of Fletcher Street, Hill Street & Carpenter Road
Area 2	Tuesday	Between Hill Street & Providence Road (South of Benson Road)
Area 3	Wednesday	Between Hill Street & Providence Road (North of Benson)
Area 4	Thursday	East of Providence Road (North of Quaker Street)

**NOTE: Residents located in outlying areas not indicated above are to contact the Northbridge Department of Public Works – Highway Division at (508) 234-3581 to schedule a “bagged” leaf collection. Refer to Map information below.**



Map of Collection Areas