

Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
WARRANT FOR SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TRANSACTION OF TOWN BUSINESS
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2016 - 7:00 P.M.

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NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
DORSEY A. DEARONE

WORCESTER, ss:

To any Constable of the Town of Northbridge in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Northbridge, qualified to vote in Town elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury and/or transfer from the unexpended appropriated funds of one or more of the departments of the Town the following sums of money and authorize the payment of prior year bills:

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2015 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 5, 2015), and under Article 2 of the 2015 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 27, 2015), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: (Finance Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury and/or transfer from the Health Insurance Stabilization Fund such sums of money not to exceed \$40,699,321 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for FY 2017, beginning July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund a sum of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2017; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from the Retained Earnings Account of the Water Enterprise Fund a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2017; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money and such additional funds as may become available from the Commonwealth's Department of Transportation, Chapter 90 Bond Issue proceeds, to be used by the Department of Public Works for the repair and maintenance of Town roads in conformance with MGL and further to see if the Town will vote to meet said appropriation by borrowing and to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with approval of the Board of Selectmen, to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor in anticipation of the receipt of said State Aid; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for FY 2017, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the M.G.L.; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: (Playground & Recreation Commission)

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving account pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the Playground & Recreation Commission, to which account shall be credited any grants, donations, program user fees and fund raising proceeds received by said Commission and from which funds may be expended by said Commission to maintain the Town's playgrounds and recreation fields, to make improvements thereto and to purchase, lease or rent equipment and support facilities for programs and activities taking place thereon provided, however, that the total amount which may be expended from the account in FY 2017 is \$20,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: (Board of Health)

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving account pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the Northbridge Board of Health to receive funds received from food related permit fees, plan reviews, and non-compliance fees and to authorize the Northbridge Board of Health to spend these funds to carry out the duties of the Board of Health including but not limited to inspections, plan reviews, purchasing of supplies and any other administrative related costs, provided, however, that the maximum amount of money that may be expended from the account for FY 2017 is \$20,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: (Board of Health)

To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize a revolving account pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ for the Northbridge Board of Health to receive funds from the sale of compost site stickers and to authorize the Northbridge Board of Health to spend these funds to carry out the duties of the Board of Health including but not limited to the salary of the compost site monitor, the purchase of supplies and any other administrative related costs, provided, however, that the maximum amount of money that may be expended from the account for FY 2017 is \$10,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2015 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 5, 2015), and under Article 2 of the 2015 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 27, 2015), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, by transferring a sum of money to the Compensated Absences Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and/or transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), and/or transfer from the Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the Compensated Absences Fund for FY 2017; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, and/or amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2015 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 5, 2015), and under Article 2 of the 2015 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 27, 2015), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, to transfer a sum of money, to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Pine Grove Cemetery Trust to fund operations of the Pine Grove Cemetery for FY 2017 beginning July 1, 2016 and ending on June 30, 2017, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Town Building Maintenance Fund, established pursuant to Chapter 438 of the Acts of 2012, for maintenance of Town-owned buildings and facilities in Fiscal Year 2017; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 64L, §2, authorizing the imposition of a local sales tax in the statutory amount of .75% on the sale of restaurant meals originating within the Town, such tax to take effect January 1, 2017; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: (Building, Planning and Construction Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury and/or transfer from the unexpended appropriated funds of one or more of the departments of the Town a sum of money for the purpose of financing the design and construction of a DPW Building at 11 Fletcher Street, including renovation of the current administration building and garage, permitting, site improvements and soil remediation, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 7(3) and 3(A), as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; to authorize the Board of Selectmen, and any other appropriate officials of the Town, to apply for and accept any forms of financial assistance that may be available to the Town on account of this project from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and its Rural Development programs, and in connection therewith to enter into any necessary agreements with the USDA for a loan, and otherwise to contract with the USDA with respect to any such loan or loans; and to authorize the Building, Planning and Construction Committee to take any action necessary to carry out this construction and renovation project provided, however, that no debt shall be incurred hereunder unless and until the Town first votes to exempt from the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½, so-called), the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of said debt; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or borrow, and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and/or transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), or any combination thereof, a sum of money for the purpose of funding the repair and renovation of the Great Hall at the Northbridge Town Hall, including design, preparation of bid documents, construction oversight and all other associated costs, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and/or the Building, Planning & Construction Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the remaining portion of Fairway Drive, located within the Shining Rock Golf Community Development, from its intersection with Sand Trap Court and Clubhouse Lane to the boundary line between the Towns of Northbridge and Upton, Massachusetts, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and as shown on a plan entitled "Street Acceptance Plan Fairway Drive Northbridge, Massachusetts Owned by Norwood Cooperative Bank," dated November 11, 2014, a copy of which plan is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift, purchase or eminent domain said

public way easement for the purposes for which public ways are used in the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 173 of the Code of Northbridge, Section 173-12 [Table of Use Regulations] by designating "Stores usually selling a combination of 2 or more of the following: dry goods, apparel and accessories, furniture and home furnishings, small wares, hardware and food" as a use allowed by-right (P) within the B-2 Zoning District, whereas such use is currently allowed by special permit (S), as follows:

USE	ZONING DISTRICT											
	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	B-1	B-2	B-3 (1)	I-1	I-2	H
Retail and Service:												
Stores usually selling a combination of 2 or more of the following: dry goods, apparel and accessories, furniture and home furnishings, small wares, hardware and food [Amended 10-23-2007 ATM, Art. 12]	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	S-P	P	S (3)	S (3)	-

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 173 of the Code of Northbridge, Section 173-12 [Table of Use Regulations] by designating "Establishment primarily selling food and drink for home preparation and consumption or on its premises" as a use allowed by-right (P) within the B-2 and B-3 Zoning Districts, whereas such use is currently allowed by special permit (S), as follows:

USE	ZONING DISTRICT											
	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	B-1	B-2	B-3 (1)	I-1	I-2	H
Retail and Service:												
Establishment primarily selling food and drink for home preparation and consumption or on its premises [Amended 10-23-2007 ATM, Art. 12]	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	S-P	S-P	S (3)	S (3)	-

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 173 of the Code of Northbridge, Section 173-12 [Table of Use Regulations] by designating "Miscellaneous business offices and services" as a use allowed by-right (P) within the B-2 Zoning District, whereas such use is currently allowed by special permit (S), as follows:

USE	ZONING DISTRICT											
	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	B-1	B-2	B-3 (1)	I-1	I-2	H
Retail and Service:												
Miscellaneous business offices and services [Amended 10-23-2007 ATM, Art. 12]	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	S-P	P	S (3)	S (3)	-

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23: (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 173 of the Code of Northbridge, Section 173-12 [Table of Use Regulations] by designating "Office for administrative, executive, professional, sales and other similar uses" as a use allowed by-right (P) within the B-1, B-2 and B-3 Zoning Districts, whereas such use is currently not permitted (-), as follows:

USE	ZONING DISTRICT											
	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	B-1	B-2	B-3 (1)	I-1	I-2	H
Retail and Service:												
Office for administrative, executive, professional, sales and other similar uses <i>[Amended 2-21-2012 STM, Art. 3]</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	- P	- P	- P	S	P	S

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24: (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 173 of the Code of Northbridge, Section 173-4 [Establishment of Zoning Map] by extending the Business-Two (B-2) Zoning District along Church Street to include the property shown on Assessors' Map 14 as Parcel(s) 162 & 160, the former Milford Regional Medical Center located at 18 & 28 Granite Street, which property is currently included in the Residential-Three (R-3) Zoning District; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25: (School Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or borrow, and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and/or transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), or any combination thereof, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for the costs of a feasibility study relating to the replacement of the W. Edward Balmer Elementary School located at 21 Crescent Street, in Whitinsville, Massachusetts and as further described as parcels 138 (21.04 ac.) & 141 (9.04 ac.) on the Town of Northbridge Assessors' Map 7, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority; with the understanding that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto

ARTICLE 26: (Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of purchasing a LUCAS CPR Device for use by the Northbridge Fire Department; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27: (Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Northbridge Zoning Bylaw, Article II (Definitions), §173-2B, by inserting the following defined term.

Contractor's Yard: Premises, other than a construction site on which a building permit is in force, used by a building or construction contractor or subcontractor, or any other tradesman or landscaper, principally for storage of equipment and supplies, fabrication of subassemblies, and parking of equipment used by such contractor, subcontractor, other tradesman or landscaper, whether conducted inside or outside of a building; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28: (Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Northbridge Zoning Bylaw, Article V (Use Regulations), §173.12, by inserting the following in the Table of Use Regulations:

Use	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	B-1	B-2	B-3	I-1	I-2	H
Wholesale and Manufacturing:												
Contractor's Yard	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	S	S	S	S	-

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29: (Petition)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Northbridge Zoning Bylaw, Article VIII (Off-Street Parking and Loading), §173-27C, by inserting the following in the Table of Off-Street Parking Standards under the category "Industrial and institutional":

Contractor's Yard 1 per 750 square feet of nfs

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30: (Petition)

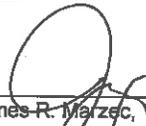
To see if the Town will vote to accept the donation of approximately 127 acres of open space land located off of Hill Street and Prospect Street, in and around the subdivision known as "The Hills at Whitinsville"; or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Whitinsville Post Office and the Salvation Army, in Whitinsville, all in Precinct 1; Gary's Variety and the Northbridge Post Office in Northbridge, all in Precinct 2; Town Clerk's Office and 1Quickstop in Whitinsville, all in Precinct 3; and the VFW Hall [875 Hill Street] and Town Hall Annex in Whitinsville, all in Precinct 4; twenty-eight (28) days at least before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

WHEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of the warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting. GIVEN under our hand this 28th day of March in the year Two Thousand Sixteen.

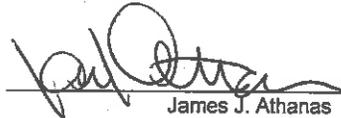
SELECTMEN OF NORTHBRIDGE


Thomas J. Melia, Chairman


James R. Marzec, Vice Chairman


Daniel J. Nolan


Charles Ampagooman, Jr.


James J. Athanas

WORCESTER, SS Northbridge

Date: 4-1-16

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


Constable, Town of Northbridge