

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRANSACTION OF TOWN BUSINESS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2014 - 7:00 P.M.**

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, October 28, 2014 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 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 2014 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 6, 2014), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, to raise and appropriate, and/or to transfer a sum or sums of money from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) and/or the Health Insurance Stabilization Fund to supplement appropriations under the Omnibus Budget Article; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or the Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the purchase of a Fire Department Ladder Truck and associated appurtenances and equipment; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300,000 for the purpose of a road maintenance and repair program, said sum of money to be spent under the direction of the Department of Public Works, contingent upon the passage of a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2½, so-called; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load for its residents and businesses, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134, and further, to adopt the following **Resolution to Seek Lower Electric Rates in a Competitive Market** as follows:

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by enacting Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, has established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry; and

Whereas, the citizens of the Town of Northbridge in Worcester County have substantial economic, environmental, and social interests at stake; and

Whereas, Northbridge's residential and business consumers are interested in reducing their electricity rates;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Town Meeting of Northbridge grants the Board of Selectmen authority to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, for power supply and other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities or regional governmental entities.

If such contracts are to be approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternative service they desire; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Selectmen may establish, and/or appoint representatives for, a committee to oversee such independent or joint action.

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or borrow a sum of money for the purchase and installation of water meters and associated equipment, including a

meter reading system, for the Town of Northbridge Water Distribution System; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to approve a Tax Payment Agreement pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, for a certain sum and a certain term of years, between the Town and the property owner for real property and personal property relating to a Renewable Energy Generation Facility on the land located on Lasell Road known as Oakhurst Farm and shown on Assessors' Map 1, as Parcel 97 [containing approximately 11.19 acres] and Assessors' Map 1, as Parcel 98 [containing approximately 9.40 acres]; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Sutton for the expansion of the sanitary sewer on Main Street in Whitinsville; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: (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, 2015; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: (School Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund the following capital purchases for the School Department: pick-up truck replacement; kitchen repairs at the Balmer School; air conditioner replacement for the Middle School auditorium; locker room HVAC unit replacement for the Middle School; building and grounds security cameras and key card/fob boxes at the High School, Middle School, Balmer School, and Northbridge Elementary School; and technology switch additions and replacements at the High School, Middle School, Balmer School, and Northbridge Elementary School, contingent upon the passage of a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under the provisions of Proposition 2½ so called, MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C (1/2); or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Northbridge Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 173 of the Code of Northbridge, Section 173-20 [Table of Height and Bulk Regulations] by (1) increasing the maximum permitted height in the I-1 and I-2 (Industrial) zones from 30 and 45 feet respectively to 60 feet and (2) increasing the maximum permitted height (stories) in the I-1 & I-2 (Industrial) zones from 2 and 3 stories respectively to 4 stories, as shown below:

Table of Height and Bulk Regulations

District	Maximum Permitted Height (feet) ¹	Maximum Permitted Height (stories)	Maximum Building Coverage of Lot (covered area as percent of total lot area)
R-1	40	3	10
R-2	35	2 1/2	20
R-3	35	2 1/2	25
R-4	40	2 1/2	40
R-5	45	3	50
R-6	40	2 1/2	see §173-17
B-1	30	2	75
B-2	20	1	75
B-3 ²	45	3	60
I-1	30 <u>60</u>	2 <u>4</u>	75
I-2	45 <u>60</u>	3 <u>4</u>	50

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: (Board of Health)

To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 9-400 of the Code of the Town of Northbridge by inserting the following paragraph in §9-402, PROHIBITED REFUSE:

- C. No person shall deposit within the Town of Northbridge any hazardous wastes or contaminated soils taken from without the Town limits, including but not limited to, those wastes or contaminated soils as defined in DEP Policy # COMM-97-001 (Reuse and Disposal of Contaminated Soil at Massachusetts Landfills), including Construction & Demolition fines and/or residuals, and grading and shaping materials, as well as sediments, including dredged sediments, which are subject to compliance requirements of DEP Interim Policy # COMM-94-

007 (Interim Policy for Sampling, Analysis, Handling and Tracking Requirements for Dredged Sediment Reused or Disposed at Massachusetts Permitted Landfills).

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 in Whitinsville and Brian's Restaurant in Linwood, in Precinct 1; Office of Polyfoam Corp., Gary's Variety and the Northbridge Post Office in Northbridge, all in Precinct 2; Town Clerk's Office and 1Quickstop in Whitinsville in Precinct 3; and the VFW Hall [875 Hill Street] and Town Hall Annex in Whitinsville 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 22nd day of September in the year Two Thousand Fourteen.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHBRIDGE

Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Chairman

James R. Marzec

Daniel J. Nolan

Thomas J. Melia

James J. Athanas

WORCESTER, SS Northbridge

Date:

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 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