

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
WARRANT FOR SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TRANSACTION OF TOWN BUSINESS
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015 - 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, May 5, 2015 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 2014 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 6, 2014), and under Article 2 of the 2014 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 28, 2014), 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 \$39,640,000 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for FY 2016, beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016; 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 2016; 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 2016; 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 2016, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the M.G.L.; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: (Playground & Recreation Commission and Board of Selectmen)

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 2016 is \$20,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: (Board of Health and Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2 for the Northbridge Board of Health to which shall be credited funds received for food related permit fees, plan reviews, and non-compliance fees and from which funds may be expended to carry out the duties of the Board of Health related thereto 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 can be expended from the account for FY 2016 is \$20,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: (Board of Health and Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E 1/2 for the Northbridge Board of Health to which shall be credited funds received from the sale of compost site stickers and from which funds may be expended to carry out the duties of the Board of Health related thereto 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 can be expended from the account for FY 2016 is \$10,000; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L c. 40, §13D for the creation of a reserve fund, to be known as the Compensated Absences Fund, for future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences owed to employees and full-time officers of the Town when they terminate employment; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: (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), and under Article 2 of the 2014 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 28, 2014), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, by transferring a sum of money to the newly created Compensated Absences Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: (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 2016; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: (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), and under Article 2 of the 2014 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 28, 2014), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, by transferring a sum of money to the Health Insurance Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: (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), and under Article 2 of the 2014 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 28, 2014), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, by transferring a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: (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 2016 beginning July 1, 2015 and ending on June 30, 2016, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the purchase of a 2015 Street Sweeper for use by the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works; and to determine whether such appropriation shall be subject to a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2½, so-called; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of financing the purchase of a 2015 Combination Dump Truck with Wing Plow for use by the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works; and to determine whether such appropriation shall be subject to a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2½, so-called; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and/or transfer from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund a sum of money for the purpose of financing the purchase of a 2015 4-Wheel Drive Utility Body Truck – with snow plow (with foil), hydraulic crane, radio and light safety package for use by the Sewer Division of the Department of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds [free cash and/or ambulance receipts reserve fund] a sum of money for the purchase of an ambulance and associated appurtenances and equipment; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: (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 for the purchase and installation of radio communication equipment for a meter reading system, for the Town of Northbridge's Water Distribution System; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and/or transfer from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works, for the purpose of financing reporting and document preparation required under the EPA issued Wastewater Treatment Plant NPDES discharge permit, including a collection system annual operations report, a full collection system operations and maintenance (O&M) plan with gap analysis, system capacity, management operations and maintenance (CMOM), user fees evaluation, public outreach, an emergency overflow response plan, a preventative maintenance plan, EPA coordination and an update of the collection system mapping; 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 6th day of April in the year Two Thousand Fifteen.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHBRIDGE

Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Chairman

Daniel J. Nolan

James R. Marzec

Thomas J. Melia

James J. Athanas

WORCESTER, SS Northbridge

Date:

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