Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Northbridge
PROCEEDINGS OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2012 – 7:00 P.M.
Northbridge Middle School
Linwood Avenue

The Special Town Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold D. Gould, Jr., at the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared the Town Quorum of 50 present (attendance at 6:59 P.M. was 156). The invocation was given by the Rev. Aram Stepanian, Pastor of the Armenian Apostolic Church and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

The following tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk:
John Crawford, Sharon Susienka, Normand Armstrong, Denis LaTour, Philip Cyr, and Faith Lane.

Upon motion made and seconded and voted unanimously, the reading of the warrant and the return of service thereof were dispensed with.

ARTICLE 1: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, an easement or other land interest in property located at or near 2-4 Fletcher Street for the purpose of accessing and maintaining Douglas Road and the Douglas Road bridge in order to maintain the roadway and bridge and their related appurtenances; and to appropriate from Chapter 90 proceeds the sum of $100 for said acquisition.

ARTICLE 2: Voted **DEFEATED** Secret Ballot: **YES** 139 **NO** 82
2/3 vote not attained
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase the parcel of land and building thereon located at 371 Douglas Road and owned by Douglas Road Associates, LLC, said parcel being shown on Assessors' Map 3, Parcel 126, and described in a deed recorded with the Worcester District Registry of Deeds in Book 24260, Page 130, and containing approximately 2.80± acres; to appropriate the sum of $995,000 for such purchase, and to further appropriate the sum of $2,105,000 to cover the costs to retrofit the building for use as a DPW Facility, including architectural and engineering costs, site improvements, construction, renovation, construction administration, equipment and other associated costs, and to cover the costs for demolition, site improvements, and renovation of buildings and structures located at 11 Fletcher Street, the site of the current Town DPW Facility; and that to meet the total appropriation hereunder the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow therefor under MGL Chapter 44, Section 7(3) and (3A), as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; 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 this appropriation shall not take effect unless and until the Town votes to exempt from the limitations on total taxes imposed by MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½, so-called) the amounts required to pay the principal and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote.

Attendance at 7:30 P.M. was 228.

Action having been completed on all of the Articles on the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Town Meeting.

Voted unanimously at 9:08 P.M. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Special Town Meeting.

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ATTEST: Doreen A. Cedrone
Doreen A. Cedrone, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk