Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Northbridge
PROCEEDINGS OF FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2011 – 7:00 P.M.
Northbridge Middle School
Linwood Avenue

The Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:05 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 7:00 P.M. was 78). The invocation was given by Rev. John D. Stubbs, Rector of Trinity Episcopal Church, in Whitinsville 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: Sharon Susienka, Norman Armstrong, Denis LaTour, Barbara Gaudette, Gerald Ouillette, and Marcia Nichols.

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 transfer from the unexpended appropriated funds of the Department of Public Works [Highway Division] the following sum of money and authorize the payment of a prior year bill: $66.19 to the Town of Northbridge Water Department.

ARTICLE 2: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2011 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 3, 2011), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY:
Line 18A: Civil Defense Expenses
By raising and appropriating the sum of $3,000
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY: $3,000

EDUCATION:
Line 20B: Trade School
By **reducing** the amount previously appropriated by $50,000
TOTAL EDUCATION: ($50,000)

HUMAN SERVICES:
Line 26B: Veterans Expenses
By raising and appropriating the additional sum of $20,000
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES: $20,000

CULTURE AND RECREATION
Line 27B: Library Expenses
By raising and appropriating the additional sum of $380
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION: $380

ARTICLE 3: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $76,220.00 from account number 16064200-596300 "Receipts Reserved-Insurance Proceeds Highway Department" for the purpose of the design and construction of a DPW facility, including preparation of plans and specifications and construction administration services, and all associated project costs; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning & Construction Committee.

ARTICLE 4: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from the Health Insurance Stabilization Fund [Account #80091310-596100] the sum of $50,000.00 to offset collective bargaining settlement costs.

ARTICLE 5: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100,000.00 to the Stabilization Fund (Line 44).

ARTICLE 6: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase and/or eminent domain permanent easements and temporary construction easements over properties located on the easterly and westerly sides of Douglas Road in conjunction with the reconstruction of the Douglas Road Bridge over the Mumford River, the easement parcels being shown on plans on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, including a plan entitled "Plan and Profile of Douglas Road over the Mumford River (Bridge No. N-21-004) in the Town of Northbridge Worcester County," revised September 9, 2011, Massachusetts Department of Transportation Project File No. 604161, sheet 5 – Property Plan; and to transfer from Chapter 90 proceeds the sum of $1,700.00 for said acquisitions.

ARTICLE 7:
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend its general by-laws in accordance with the Report and Recommendations of the By-law Review Committee appointed in 2010 pursuant to Section 7-8(b) of the Charter, said report, recommendations, and proposed amendments being on file with the Town Clerk.

Motion to amend the main motion:
Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the main motion with respect to Section 3-102(B) as proposed by the Bylaw Review Committee be amended by deleting therefrom the phrase "at least ~~28~~ 14 days before an annual meeting" and the phrase "at least ~~21~~ 14 days before any special meeting" and substituting in place thereof the phrase "at least 28 days before an annual meeting" and the phrase "at least 21 days before any special meeting" respectively.

Motion to amend the main motion:
Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the main motion with respect to Section 4-301(D)(2) as proposed by the Bylaw Review Committee be amended by putting a period after the word "Aging" and before the word "provided" in the first sentence and by deleting therefrom the phrase "provided that the Council on Aging may appoint such clerks and other employees as it may require".

Motion to amend the main motion:
Voted **APPROVED** STANDING VOTE
YES 74 NO 17
Moved and seconded that the main motion with respect to Section 4-321(B) be amended by deleting Section 4-321(B) in its entirety as proposed by the Bylaw Review Committee and substituting in place thereof the following new Section 4-321(B):
Section 4-321.
(B) Mode of Appointment. Two members shall be appointed by the Moderator, one member shall be appointed by the School Committee, one member shall be appointed by the Personnel Board and one member shall be appointed by the Planning Board.

Main Motion As Amended:
Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Attendance at 7:40 P.M.: 111 registered voters

ARTICLE 8: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $101,500 for making various repairs to the Whitinsville Social Library building (to include repairing the slate roof, replacing the gutters and downspouts, installing a heating element for the gutters with a temperature control and doing exterior wall repair work consisting of repairing the spalling concrete where necessary, replacing the EIFS system and replacing the caulking at designated windows and expansion joints) and for necessary design services in connection therewith (to include preparing the plans and specifications, assisting the Town in the procurement of construction services and providing contract administration services); said sum to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning, and Construction Committee.

ARTICLE 9: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over Article 9.

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from the FY'12 Omnibus Budget, and/or the Stabilization Fund, and/or transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), and/or any other funds that may become available, a sum of money for the repair and restoration of the Library roofing, including design, bidding, and construction services for the project; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $28,136 to be expended under the direction of the School Committee for the purpose of purchasing and installing six (6) SMART Boards in the Northbridge High School.

ARTICLE 11: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to AMEND the Town of Northbridge Zoning Map and Zoning Bylaw, Section 173-4 [Establishment of Zoning Map], by expanding the Residential–Two (R-2) Zoning District to include parcels of land currently zoned Industrial-One (I-1) located along Shining Rock Drive, Fairway Drive, Sandtrap Court, Clubhouse Lane, and Linkside Court within the Shining Rock Golf Community and designated as Northbridge Assessors' Map 25, Parcels: 99 & 106 and Map 26, Parcels: 119–151; 154-161 and 163-168.

ARTICLE 12: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to AMEND the Town of Northbridge Zoning Bylaw by ADDING thereto ARTICLE XII entitled "43D Expedited Permitting," a copy of which being on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 13: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, a portion of Shining Rock Drive [Shining Rock Golf Community Subdivision], as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town.

ARTICLE 14: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, a portion of Fairway Drive [Shining Rock Golf Community Subdivision], as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town.

ARTICLE 15: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Clubhouse Lane [Shining Rock Golf Community Subdivision] as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town.

ARTICLE 16: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Linkside Court [Shining Rock Golf Community Subdivision], as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by gift, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town.

ARTICLE 17: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Delwyn Barnes Drive [Delwyn Barnes Estates Subdivision] as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by eminent domain, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1.00 for said acquisition.

ARTICLE 18: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Hastings Drive [Castle Hill Estates Subdivision] as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase and/or eminent domain, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1.00 for said acquisition.

ARTICLE 19: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Cliffe Road [Castle Hill Estates Subdivision] as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase and/or eminent domain, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1.00 for said acquisition.

ARTICLE 20: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, Windsor Ridge [Castle Hill Estates Subdivision] as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase and/or eminent domain, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1.00 for said acquisition.

ARTICLE 21: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, a portion of Dublin Way [Castle Hill Estates Subdivision] as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase and/or eminent domain, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1.00 for said acquisition.

ARTICLE 22: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept as a public way, a portion of Clover Hill Road [Castle Hill Estates Subdivision] as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Town Clerk, and further authorize the Board of Selectmen, in the name and behalf of the Town, to acquire by purchase and/or eminent domain, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town and to raise and appropriate the sum of $1.00 for said acquisition.

Action having been completed on all of the Articles on the Warrant for the Fall Annual Town Meeting of October 25, 2011, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Town Meeting.

Voted unanimously at 9:06 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

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