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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
WARRANT FOR FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRANSACTION OF TOWN BUSINESS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2016 - 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 25, 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 various 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 2016 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 3, 2016), 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 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 to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: (Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to approve the conveyance of land located at 2219 Providence Road from the George Marston Whitin Memorial Community Association Inc. (Whitin Community Center) to the Town of Northbridge, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept said conveyance on behalf of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: (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 Dump Truck for use by the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: (Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to adopt a new Section 7-900 of the Town of Northbridge General Bylaws, entitled "Stretch Energy Code," as follows, with an effective date of January 1, 2017, for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto; or take any other action relative thereto:

§ 7-901 Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) - The International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) is a building energy code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many state and municipal governments in the United States for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three-year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards.

Stretch Energy Code - Codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA of the 9th edition Massachusetts Building Code, the Stretch Energy Code is an appendix to the Massachusetts Building Code, based on further amendments to the International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) to improve the energy efficiency of buildings built to this code.

§7-902 Purpose

The purpose of 780 CMR 115.AA is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for new buildings.

§7-903 Applicability

This code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 13, 34, 51, as applicable.

§7-904 Stretch Code

The Stretch Code, as codified by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards as 780 CMR Appendix 115.AA, including any future editions, amendments or modifications, is hereby made a part of the Town of Northbridge General Bylaws. The Stretch Code is enforceable by the Inspector of Buildings.

ARTICLE 7: (Board of Selectmen)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $550,000 to purchase a 2017 Fire Department Pumper Truck and associated appurtenances and equipment, contingent upon the passage of a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2½, so-called; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: (Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100,000 to finance the restoration and repair of the Rockdale World War I Memorial at the Rockdale Common, located at the intersection of Providence Road and School Street, contingent upon the passage of a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2½, so-called; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: (Planning Board)
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of hiring a consultant to assist the Planning Board in the preparation of a Master Plan for the Town of Northbridge pursuant to MGL CHAPTER 41, SECTION 81D [Master plan; economic development]; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: (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], to allow "Miscellaneous business offices and services" by right in the Heritage (H) zoning district, and to designate "Office for administrative, executive, professional, sales and other similar uses" as a use allowed by-right (P) within the Heritage (H) zoning district, whereas such use is currently allowed only by special permit, as follows:

1. **Amend Zoning Bylaw Chapter 173 Section 173-12 [Table of Use Regulations] as follows:**

a. Retail and Service-

USE												ZONING DISTRICT
Retail and Service:	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	B-1	B-2	B-3 (1)	I-1	I-2	H
Miscellaneous business offices and services	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	S (3)	S (3)	-- P

[Amend Section 173-12 by ALLOWING *"Miscellaneous business offices and services"* **by-right (P)** within the Heritage (H) Zoning District whereas such use is currently **not permitted (--).**]

b. Retail and Service-

USE												ZONING DISTRICT
Retail and Service:	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	B-1	B-2	B-3 (1)	I-1	I-2	H
Office for administrative, executive, professional, sales and other similar uses	--	--	--	--	--	--	P	P	P	S	P	~~S~~ P

[Amend Section 173-12 by ALLOWING *"Office for administrative, executive, professional, sales and other similar uses"* **by-right (P)** within the Heritage (H) Zoning District whereas such use is currently permitted **by special permit (S).**]

Or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: (Planning Board)
To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, the remaining portion of Shining Rock Drive, 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, eminent domain, gift or otherwise, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town; 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 12th day of September in the year Two Thousand Sixteen.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHBRIDGE

James R. Marzec, Chairman

Thomas J. Melia

Daniel J. Nolan

Charles Ampagoomian, Jr.

James J. Athanas

WORCESTER, SS Northbridge

Date: 9/27/16

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