Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Town of Northbridge
PROCEEDINGS OF SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2011
Northbridge Middle School
Linwood Avenue

The Spring Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:04 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. The number of registered voters in attendance at 6:55 p.m. was 108. The invocation was given by the Reverend Derek M. Zeyl, Pastor of Pleasant Street Christian Reformed Church, and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

In accordance with the Town Charter Article 2, Section 2-2, the Moderator appointed Dennis E. McCowan as Deputy Moderator.

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Moderator's appointment of Dennis E. McCowan as Deputy Moderator to serve as Acting Moderator in the event of the temporary absence or disability of the Moderator be ratified.

The following tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk: Richard Sasseville, Sharon Susienka, Barbara Gaudette, Denis Latour, Normand Armstrong and Marcia Nichols.

The Moderator thanked Dr. Michael F. Fitzpatrick, Superintendent-Director of the Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District, for the services provided to the Town by the Graphics Department in copying, collating, and stapling 750 copies of the 43- page Report and Recommendations of the 2010 Northbridge Charter Review Committee (a total of 32,250 pages) that were available at the meeting, and noted that the only cost to the Town was for the paper. He also stated that the Regional School District had provided the same services in 2006 for the 140-page Report and Recommendations of the Northbridge Bylaw Review Committee.

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 amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2010 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 4, 2010), and under Article 2 of the 2010 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 26, 2010), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article as follows:

BUDGET TRANSFERS:

PUBLIC SAFETY:

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Line 14B: Police Expenses
By **transferring from Line 14A [Police Personnel]**
the additional sum of $25,000
TOTAL POLICE: $25,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT
Line 15A: Fire Personnel
By **transferring from Line 15B [Fire Expenses]**
the additional sum of $30,000
TOTAL FIRE: $30,000

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY: $55,000

EDUCATION
Line 20B: Trade School
By **transferring from Line 41 [Employee Benefits]**
the additional sum of $22,000
TOTAL EDUCATION: $22,000

PUBLIC WORKS
Line 21B: DPW Highway Division Expenses
By **transferring from Line 21A [DPW Highway Personnel]**
the additional sum of $20,000
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS: $20,000

HUMAN SERVICES
Line 26B: Veterans Expenses
By **transferring from Line 14A [Police Personnel]**
the additional sum of $10,000
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES: $10,000

NON-DEPARTMENTAL
Line 40: Unemployment:
By **transferring from Line 41 [Employee Benefits]**
the additional sum of $39,000

TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL: $39,000

TOTAL ARTICLE 1: $146,000

ARTICLE 2: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 5 of the 2010 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 4, 2010), appropriation for expenses and debt service to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2011, by increasing the original appropriated sum of $1,352,586 by $200,000 to the new sum of $1,552,586, said increase to be applied to the Expenses line item of the budget resulting in a new total of $1,412,300 for Expenses; said additional sum to be offset by the sum of $200,000 from revenues received by the Water Department during Fiscal Year 2011.

ARTICLE 3:
Moved and seconded that the Town 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 $37,777,648 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for FY 2012, beginning July 1, 2011 and ending June 30, 2012 as follows:

LINE # ACCOUNT NAME	FY 2012 Approved
GENERAL GOVERNMENT	
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	
1 **SELECTMEN**	
1A Personnel	5,150
By allocating $1,150 to the Chairman and $1,000 to each of the other 4 Selectmen	
1B Expenses	121,485
Total Selectmen	**126,635**
2 **TOWN MANAGER**	
2A Personnel	223,406
2B Expenses	13,900
Total Town Manager	**237,306**
3 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**	
3B Expenses	10,000
Total Finance Committee	**10,000**
4 **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**	
4A Personnel	98,777
4B Expenses	18,775
Total Town Accountant	**117,552**
5 **ASSESSORS**	
5A Personnel	155,876
5B Expenses	10,745
Total Assessors	**166,621**
6 **TREASURER/COLLECTOR**	
6A Personnel	170,644
APPROPRIATE FROM PARKING TICKET RECEIPTS	
6A Personnel	5,000
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	
6B Expenses	31,714
Total Treasurer/Collector	**207,358**
7 **INFORMATION SYSTEMS**	
7A Personnel	63,849
7B Expenses	63,236
Total Information Systems	**127,085**
8 **TOWN CLERK/ELECTIONS**	
8A Personnel	106,473
8B Expenses	38,203
Total Town Clerk/Elections	**144,676**
9 **CONSERVATION**	
9A Personnel	13,612
APPROPRIATE FROM WETLAND FEES	
9A Personnel	5,000
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	
9B Expenses	325
Total Conservation	**$18,937**
10 **PLANNING BOARD**	
10A Personnel	81,345
10B Expenses	5,297

Total Planning Board		**86,642**
11 **ZONING/APPEALS BOARD**		
	11A Personnel	8,845
	11B Expenses	6,125
Total Zoning/Appeals Board		**14,970**
12 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**		
	12A Personnel & Expenses	0
Total Economic Development		**0**
13 **TOWN HALL/CENTRAL SERVICES**		
	13A Personnel	24,000
	13B Expenses	35,625
Total Town Hall/Central Services		**59,625**
Voted	**APPROVED** Unanimous	
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT		**1,317,407**

PUBLIC SAFETY		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
14 **POLICE**		
	14A Personnel	1,964,218
	14B Expenses	243,172
Total Police		**2,207,390**
15 **FIRE**		
	15A Personnel	552,878
	15B Expenses	118,512
Total Fire		**671,390**
APPROPRIATE FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS		
16 **AMBULANCE**		
	16A Personnel	480,000
	16B Expenses	70,000
Total Ambulance		**550,000**
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
17 **CODE ENFORCEMENT**		
	17A Personnel	131,611
	17B Expenses	9,765
APPROPRIATE FROM WEIGHTS AND MEASURES RESERVE ACCOUNT		
	17B Expenses	1,500
Total Code Enforcement		**142,876**
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
18 **CIVIL DEFENSE**		
	18A Expenses	0
Total Civil Defense		**0**
Voted	**APPROVED** Unanimous	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		**3,571,656**

EDUCATION		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
20 **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**		
20	SCHOOL DISTRICT	19,775,031
20A	TRANSPORTATION	0
20B	TRADE SCHOOL	338,142
20C	BLACKSTONE VALLEY REGIONAL	963,262
Voted	**APPROVED** Unanimous	
TOTAL EDUCATION		**21,076,435**

PUBLIC WORKS		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
21 **DPW HIGHWAY DIVISION (Includes Snow & Ice)**		
21A	Personnel	480,071
21B	Expenses	512,797
21C	Snow and Ice	75,000
TOTAL HIGHWAY DIVISION		**1,067,868**
21 **DPW FACILITIES DIVISION**		
21D	Energy & Utilities	0
21E	Building Maintenance (non-personnel)	0
Voted	**APPROVED** Unanimous	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		**1,067,868**

Attendance at 7:30 p.m.: 165 registered voters

BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMM.
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE
21F **BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMM.**

Expenses			0
Voted	**APPROVED**	Unanimous	
TOTAL BUILDING, PLAN, & CONSTRUC.			**0**

HUMAN SERVICES
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

22 **BOARD OF HEALTH**	
22A Personnel	51,213
22B Expenses	24,952
Total Board of Health	**76,165**
23 **LANDFILL ANALYSIS**	
23A Expenses	19,600
Total Landfill Analysis	**19,600**
24 **COUNCIL ON AGING**	
24A Personnel	94,995
24B Expenses	14,758
Total Council On Aging	**109,753**
26 **VETERANS**	
26A Personnel	48,114
26B Expenses	81,980
Total Veterans	**130,094**

Voted	**APPROVED**	Unanimous	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES			**335,612**

CULTURE & RECREATION
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

27 **LIBRARY**	
27A Personnel	79,800
27B Expenses	15,200
Total Library	**95,000**
28 **RECREATION**	
28A Personnel	0
28B Expenses	12,000
28C Youth League Equipment	0
Total Recreation	**12,000**
29 **HISTORICAL COMMISSION**	
29A Expenses	500
Total Historical Commission	**500**
30 **MEMORIALS**	
30A Soldiers Memorials	5,000
30B Veterans Celebrations	1,500
Total Memorials	**6,500**
31 **RECYCLING**	
31A Personnel	0
31B Expenses	0
Total Recycling	**0**

Voted	**APPROVED**	Unanimous	
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION			**114,000**

DEBT SERVICE
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

32 Debt Principal	1,636,000
APPROPRIATE FROM RECEIPTS RESERVED – TITLE V	
32 Debt Principal	15,248
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	
33 Debt Interest	913,988
34 Short Term Interest	20,000
35 BVRS Debt	101,024

Voted	**APPROVED**	Unanimous	
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE			**2,686,260**

NON-DEPARTMENTAL
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

36 Medicare	280,000
37 Life Insurance	10,000
38 Retirement System	1,132,865
39 Workers' Compensation	114,750
40 Unemployment Comp.	101,300
41 Employee Ins. Benefits	4,320,573
APPROPRIATE FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS [FREE CASH]	
41 Employee Ins. Benefits	1,114,427
APPROPRIATE FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS	
41 Employee Ins. Benefits	50,000

APPROPRIATE FROM HEALTH INSURANCE STABILIZATION FUND

41 Employee Ins. Benefits	100,000
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE	
42 Property & Liability Ins.	169,000
43 Reserve for Wage Adj.	12,500
44 Stabilization Fund	0
45 Reserve Fund	50,000
46 Retirement Benefits	24,750

Voted **APPROVED** **Voice Vote**
2/3 vote attained.
Moderator declared
2/3 vote by virtue
of Town Bylaw C. 3-106.

TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL **7,480,165**

TOTAL ARTICLE 3: **$ 37,649,403**

ARTICLE 4: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,124,358 for expenses and debt service to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2012, said sum to be offset by the sum of $2,124,358 from betterments and other revenues received by the Sewer Enterprise Fund during Fiscal Year 2012, said appropriations to be used for the following purposes:

Wages and Salaries	$ 337,183
Expenses	$ 866,975
Interest on long term debt	$ 173,200
Short term interest	$ 1,000
Sewer maturing principal	$ 566,000
Total:	**$1,944,358;**

and further vote to transfer $180,000 from said $2,124,358 to the General Fund as reimbursement for shared costs and fringe benefits.

Attendance at 8:00 p.m.: 177 registered voters

ARTICLE 5: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,637,104 for expenses and debt service to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2012, said sum to be offset by the sum of $1,637,104 from revenues received by the Water Enterprise Fund during Fiscal Year 2012, said appropriation to be used for the following purposes:

Wages and Salaries	$ 23,404
Expenses	$1,494,300
Interest on long term debt	$ 12,500
Water maturing principal	$ 75,000
Total:	**$1,605,204;**

and further vote to transfer $31,900 from said $1,637,104 to the General Fund as reimbursement for shared costs and fringe benefits.

ARTICLE 6: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $479,101 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 that the Town 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.

ARTICLE 7: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for FY 2012, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the M.G.L.

ARTICLE 8: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to reauthorize a revolving account pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E 1/2 for the Playground & Recreation Commission, to credit to such account any grants, donations, program user fees and fund raising proceeds received by said Commission and to authorize said Commission to expend from such account amounts required 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 2012 is $20,000.

ARTICLE 9: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the vote taken under Article 13 of the 2010 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 4, 2010), to authorize the transfer and expenditure of $7,000.00 of the unexpended balance

of the special revenue account established under said article for the purpose of purchasing park benches utilizing recycled materials and installing them in various parks and common areas, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works.

ARTICLE 10: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over Article 10.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and/or from the Stabilization Fund, and/or from the undesignated fund balance (Free Cash) the sum of $45,095 to be expended by the School Department to pay the cost incurred for emergency snow removal from the roofs of school buildings; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from account number 16102200-495199, "Receipts Reserved-Insurance Proceeds," a sum not to exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) for the purpose of reconstruction of the front entrance canopy at the W.E. Balmer School, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

ARTICLE 12: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to rescind the vote taken under Article 7 of the warrant for the 2010 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting [October 26, 2010].

ARTICLE 13: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over Article 13.

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain two permanent easements and eight 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 "Town of Northbridge Douglas Road over the Mumford River Bridge No. N-21-004," Massachusetts Department of Transportation Project File No. 604161; and to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) a sum of money for said acquisition; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $460,000 to purchase and equip a new fire truck, contingent upon the passage of a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under the provisions of Proposition 2½ so-called, MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C(i½), for FY 12 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012).

ARTICLE 15: Voted **APPROVED** Majority
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund, the sum of $225,000 to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works, for the purpose of financing the preparation of a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan as outlined in the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's "Guide to Comprehensive Wastewater Management Planning" for maintenance, repair and expansion of the Town's sanitary sewer system and wastewater treatment plant.

ARTICLE 16: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $1.2 million, to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works, for the purpose of financing the final design and construction of a project to upgrade and modernize the sludge management equipment at the Northbridge Wastewater Treatment Plant including computerized monitoring and control technology, additional sludge thickening and storage capacity, additional pumping capacity, chemical storage and feed equipment and odor control systems, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum of money and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws and/or Chapter 29C of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, that the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project.

ARTICLE 17: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $135,000 for a multi-purpose municipal tractor with snow blower attachment, vee plow, angle plow, and complete with radio equipment, warning lights and other accessories, for the use of the Department of Public Works contingent upon the passage of a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under the provisions of Proposition 2½ so-called, MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C(i½), for FY 12 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012).

ARTICLE 18: Voted **APPROVED** Majority
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $160,000 for the purpose of purchasing a new heavy duty dump truck with combination body and snow plow, complete with warning lights and radio equipment, for use by the Department of Public Works Highway Division, contingent upon the passage of a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under the provisions of Proposition 2½ so-called, MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C(i½), for FY 12 (July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012).

ARTICLE 19:
Request for secret ballot denied as 10 voters did not request the same per Town Bylaw C. 3-109.

Voted **APPROVED** **Voice Vote**
2/3 vote attained.
Moderator declared
2/3 vote by virtue of
Town Bylaw C. 3-106.

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $5,000,000 for the repair of Town roads, that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum and issue bonds or notes therefor under Chapter 44 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority provided, however, that no debt shall be incurred hereunder until and unless the Town first votes to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of said debt.

ARTICLE 20: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over Article 20.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from account number 15124200 "Receipts Reserved-Insurance Proceeds Highway Department" to Line 21B, DPW Highway Division Expenses, for the purpose of demolition and debris removal of a failed structure located at the DPW Garage; said funds to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the care, custody and control of a portion of the Northbridge Wastewater Treatment Plant site located at 644 Providence Road, and shown on Assessors' Map 24 as parcel 126, to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of lease or other transfer, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease or transfer agreement for, and take all actions necessary in connection with, the use of such portion of the site for the installation of solar panels and related power generation and distribution equipment; to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a solar power purchase agreement for a term of more than three years, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to administer and implement such power purchase agreement.

ARTICLE 22: Voted **APPROVED** **YES** 66 **NO** 30 **Standing Vote**
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept the provisions of MGL Chapter 138, §33B, which states that the local licensing authority of any city or town which accepts said section may authorize licensees under section twelve of Chapter 138 (sales for on premises consumption), to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May and on Christmas day or on the day following when said day occurs on Sunday.

ARTICLE 23: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Northbridge Zoning Bylaw Section 173-18 [Floodway and Floodplain Districts] as follows:

1. By deleting from Sub-paragraph (1) of Paragraph B, District delineation, and inserting in place thereof the following new Sub-paragraph:

(1) The Floodplain Overlay District is herein established as an overlay district. The District includes all special flood hazard areas within the Town of Northbridge designated as Zone A and AE, on the Worcester County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The map panels of the Worcester County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Northbridge are panel numbers 25027C0837E, 25027C0840E, 25027C0841E, 25027C0842E, 25027C0843E, 25027C0844E, 25027C0863E, 25027C1002E, 25027C1006E, 25027C1007E, 25027C1026E and 25027C1030 dated July 4, 2011. The exact boundaries of the District may be defined by the 100-year base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Worcester County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated July 4, 2011. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk.

2. By deleting from Sub-paragraph (2) of Paragraph B, District delineation, the words "one hundred year".

3. By deleting from Sub-paragraph (6) of Paragraph C, Floodway use regulations, the phrase "A1-A30 and" .

4. By deleting from Sub-paragraph (a) of Paragraph E, Base flood elevation and floodway data, the phrase ",A1-A30" .

5. By inserting in Sub-paragraphs (c) and (e) of Paragraph G, Notification of watercourse alteration, the addresses for the NFIP State Coordinator and NFIP Program Specialist as shown below:

(c) NFIP State Coordinator
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, Suite 600-700
Boston, MA 02114-2104

(e) NFIP Program Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I
99 High Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110.

ARTICLE 24: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Northbridge Zoning Bylaw Section 173-4 [Establishment of Zoning Map] by expanding the Business –One (B-1) Zoning District to include the following parcels designated as Assessors Map 14 Parcel(s) 57, 56 & 55. Said properties are located on Church Street within the vicinity of Plummer's Corner (Providence Road / Church Street) and are currently zoned Residential –Three (R-3).

ARTICLE 25: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Town of Northbridge Zoning Bylaw Section 173-12 [Table of Use Regulations] so as to allow "water filter plant" within the Residential, Business and Industrial Zones by-Right (P) and in the Heritage Zone by Special Permit (S) as follows:
(1) By deleting the words "water filter plant" from the category entitled "Public utility, except power plant, water filter plant, sewage treatment plant and refuse facility".
(2) By adding the words "water filter plant" after the words "Public utility," to a category to be entitled "Public utility, water filter plant, except power plant, sewage treatment plant and refuse facility".
(3) By deleting the words "water filter plant" from the category entitled "Power plant, water filter plant, sewage treatment plant and refuse facility".

ARTICLE 26: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to approve the acceptance of a supplemental annual allowance, fixed at the rate of $9,000, pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 32, Section 101, as amended by Sections 27 and 28 of Chapter 131 of the Acts of 2010, in order to increase the benefit paid under Section 101 – Allowance to widows of disabled public employees; supplemental annual allowance – from $6,000 per year to $9,000 per year.

ARTICLE 27: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to approve the acceptance of an increase in the maximum base amount on which the annual COLA (cost-of-living adjustment) for retirement benefits is calculated from $12,000 per year to $14,000 per year, pursuant to Section 103(j) of MGL Chapter 32, as amended by Section 19 of Chapter 188 of the Acts of 2010.

Voted **APPROVED** **Voice Vote**
2/3 vote attained
Moderator declared
2/3 vote by virtue of
Town Bylaw C. 3-106
Moved and seconded to suspend Town Bylaw C. 3-115 and continue the Spring Annual Town Meeting beyond 10:30 p.m.

ARTICLE 28: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $4,800 for the purpose of performing a forensic inspection, examination, evaluation and assessment including destructive test cuts, if necessary, of the slate roof and its associated components of the Whitinsville Social Library building, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee.

ARTICLE 29: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. C. 43B, to propose the several Amendments to its Home Rule Charter in accordance with the Report and Recommendations of the Charter Review Committee appointed in 2010 pursuant to Section 7-8(a) of the Charter, excepting, however, from the scope of this Article, the proposed amendments to Article 3, Sections 3-3(a) and 3-3(b) and Article 8, Section 8-2, said Report, Recommendations and Amendments being on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 30: Voted **APPROVED** **Voice Vote**
2/3 vote attained
Moderator declared
2/3 vote by virtue of
Town Bylaw C. 3-106
Moved and seconded that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. C. 43B, to propose the Amendments to Article 3, Sections 3-3(a) and 3-3(b) of its Home Rule Charter in accordance with the Report and Recommendations of the Charter Review Committee appointed in 2010 pursuant to Section 7-8(a) of the Charter, said Report, Recommendations and Amendments being on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 31: Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote, pursuant to M.G.L. C. 43B, to propose the Amendment to Article 8, Section 8-2 of its Home Rule Charter in accordance with the Report and Recommendations of the Charter Review Committee appointed in 2010 pursuant to Section 7-8(a) of the Charter, said Report, Recommendations and Amendment being on file with the Town Clerk.

Action having been completed on all of the Articles on the Warrant for the **Spring Annual Town Meeting of May 3, 2011**, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the meeting. Voted unanimously at 11:17 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Spring Annual Town Meeting.

A TRUE COPY

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