

Town of Northbridge
Finance Committee Meeting
February 15, 2023 @6:30

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Finance Committee (FinCom) Members in Attendance: Plato Adams, David Graham, Steve Gogolinski, Sean Ferry, Chris Thompson

Finance Committee Members not in Attendance: Jim Barron, Chris Pilla

Town Administration in Attendance: Adam Gaudette Town Manager

Others: Barry Gallant

Meeting called to order: 6:32pm

Motion made (Steve Gogolinski) seconded (David Graham) to make Chris Thompson Clerk Pro-Tem: vote unanimously approved.

Town Manager announced the Town Accountant Neil Vaidya had accepted a new job. Sharon Emerick the current town accountant in Holliston will be the new town accountant starting March 1, 2023.

The Town Manager reviewed the Budget Calendar noting the Warrant closes March 3, 2023. The Fincom has three Wednesday meetings scheduled in March and the annual Town Meeting is on May 2, 2023. Steve Gogolinski stated he would be unable to attend the annual town meeting. Revenue information is still unavailable because we have a new Governor. The Manager is hopeful that state aid and school choice will increase. He hoped to have more information for our March 8, 2023 meeting.

The Town Manager reviewed the schedule of 2023 Tax Rates in the area. The Town of Northbridge's rate is \$12.96 which is the 11th lowest rate in the area with Blackstone the highest rate at \$16.18. The tax rate includes 2 borrowings for the new school, borrowing for the turf field and 1 borrowing for the new fire station. The average single family 2023 tax is \$5,476 which is 9th lowest in the schedule.

The Town Manager reviewed the free cash history with free cash at \$3,188,184 which is 5.92% of the budget which is in accordance with the amount recommended by DOR.

The Town Manager reviewed the stabilization account history. Currently there is a balance in the stabilization account of \$2,287,762 and in the health care special stabilization account, the balance is \$1,001,117. The total stabilization balance of \$3,288,879 is 6.11% of the budget which is less than the 10% recommended by DOR.

There was a discussion regarding the special stabilization account and the Town Manager felt that the Town would be better served by moving the special stabilization account balance to the Town's stabilization account. The Manager didn't feel that at some point using the special stabilization account to supplement the health care line item in the budget would be its best use and may lead to the unsustainability of the budget balance in future years. The Manager suggested if the FinCom agreed that the FinCom could sponsor an article to move the special stabilization Fund balance to the stabilization Fund account. The FinCom agreed.

There was a motion made (David Graham) and seconded (Steve Gogolinski) to add an article to the Town meeting Warrant to move the balance(\$1,001,117) in the Special Purpose Stabilization Fund to the general Stabilization Fund. Vote Unanimous approved

The Town Manager reviewed the Fingroup Worksheet. The numbers were preliminary and would be updated over the next couple of weeks as information becomes available.

The Town Manager reviewed the Capital Program worksheet highlighting various needs including a feasibility studies for the School Department. There were requests from some of the departments including the DPW, Fire and Police Department, School Department, and Sewer Department. The total requests were over \$3,023,431.

The Town Manager reviewed the Warrant as it stands now. There will be two additional articles, one for zoning off Providence Road and the FinCom stabilization article.

There was a motion made (Steve Gogolinski) and seconded (David Graham) to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 pm. Vote Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted.

Chris Thompson, Clerk Pro-Tem

Town of Northbridge Finance Committee



NORTHBRIDGE FINANCE COMMITTEE
Northbridge Town Hall
7 Main Street
Whitinsville, MA 01588

AGENDA

February 15, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M. (EDT)

- I. Town Manager FY2024 Budget Development Kick-off**
 - a. FY24 Budget Calendar**
 - b. FY23 Tax Rate Comparison**
 - c. Current General Government Reserves**
 - d. FY2024 Revenue Outlook**
 - e. Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Draft**
 - f. Capital Funding Plan**
- II. Minutes (if any)**
- III. Other**
- IV. Adjourn**

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FY2024 BUDGET CALENDAR
for
SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 2, 2023

Nov. 22, 2022: Staff – Monthly Meeting: Discuss FY2024 Budget/Capital Plan Development Process

Dec. 5, 2022: BoS Meeting – Budget Goals for FY2024 for the Town Manager

Dec. 16, 2022: Staff Meeting – Monthly Meeting: FY2024 Budget/Capital Plan Development Update

Jan. 13, 2023: Department Budgets and Capital Plan Updates due to Town Manager

Jan. 23, 2023: BoS Meeting – **Vote to Close the SATM Warrant on March 3, 2023 (7 Fridays)**

Jan. 27, 2023: Staff Meeting – Monthly Meeting: FY2024 Budget/Capital Plan Development Update

Feb. 1, 2023: BPCC Meeting – Review & Approve 5-year Capital Improvement Plan Update

Feb. 1, 2023: Town Manager Submits Capital Improvement Plan to the BoS and FinCom (per Bylaws)

Feb. 13, 2023: BoS Meeting – Introduce Draft Warrant Articles for Annual Town Meeting Warrant

Feb. 15, 2023: FinCom Meeting – Preliminary FY2024 Budget Discussion / Introduce Draft Warrant

Feb. 17, 2023: (THURS) Staff Meeting – Monthly Meeting: Preliminary FY2024 Budget Discussion

Feb. 27, 2023: BoS Meeting – Preliminary FY2024 Budget Discussion and **Vote to Place Articles on the Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant**

March 1, 2023: FinCom Meeting – Public Safety Budget Presentations (Police, Fire, and DPW)

March 3, 2023: **Spring Annual Town Meeting Warrant Close Date** (at least 7 Fridays prior to SATM)

March 8, 2023: FinCom Meeting – BVT FY2024 Budget Presentation

Mar. 13, 2023: BoS Meeting – Town Manager FY2024 Budget Update

Mar. 15, 2023: FinCom Meeting – **Public Meeting:** SATM Warrant/FY24 Budget and NPS Budget

Mar. 17, 2023: Staff Meeting – Monthly Meeting – Budget and Warrant Update

Mar. 22, 2023: FinCom Meeting – Final Budget/Capital Plan Presentation & Vote Article Positions

Mar. 27, 2023: BoS Meeting – **Vote to Place Questions on the Annual Election Ballot and Vote to Sign SATM Warrant pending Town Counsel Review**

Mar. 31, 2023: **Last day to Post Warrant as required by Bylaw** (28 days prior to SATM is April 5)

Mar. 31, 2023: **Last day to publish Town Manager's Summary** (28 days prior to SATM is April 5)

April 7, 2023: FinCom Booklet Recommendations to the Town Manager's Office

Apr. 10, 2023: BoS Meeting – **Vote Positions on Town Meeting Warrant Articles**

Apr. 11, 2023: **Last day to notify Town Clerk of Ballot Questions** (at least 35 days prior to Election)

Apr. 14, 2023: FinCom Booklet to the Printer (mail postcards only – also post on-line when available)

May 2, 2023: Spring Annual Town Meeting

May 16, 2023: Annual Town Election



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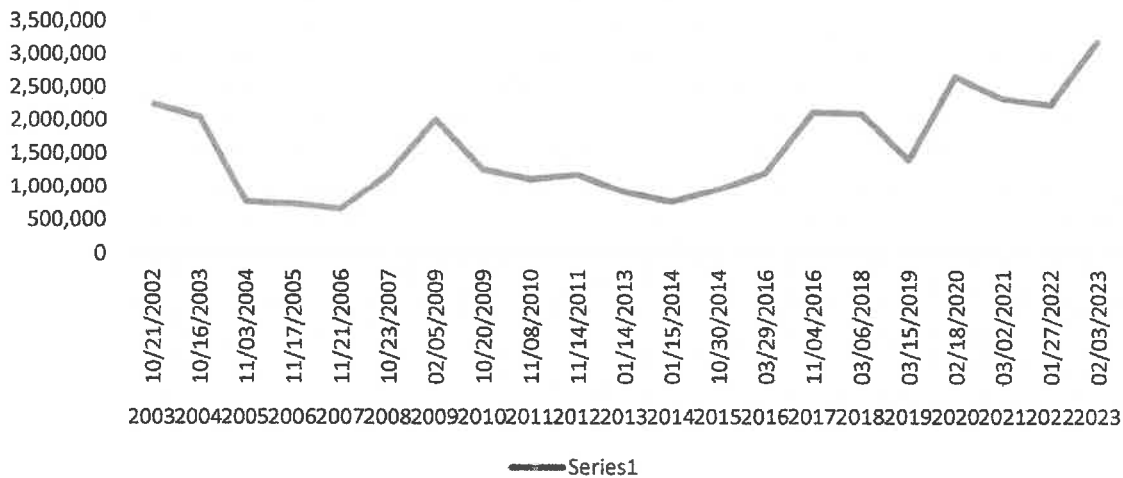
2023 TAX RATES IN DECENDING ORDER

	FY 2023 TAX RATES	AVERAGE SINGLE FAMILY FY 2023 TAX	AVERAGE SINGLE FAMILY FY 2023 VALUE
1. BLACKSTONE	\$ 16.18	\$ 6,129	\$ 378,798
2. HOPEDALE	\$ 16.15	\$ 7,238	\$ 448,169
3. GRAFTON	\$ 15.71	\$ 7,980	\$ 507,939
4. MENDON	\$ 14.60	\$ 8,090	\$ 554,090
5. MILLBURY	\$ 14.45	\$ 5,256	\$ 363,732
6. DOUGLAS	\$ 14.36	\$ 5,924	\$ 412,529
7. UXBRIDGE	\$ 13.95	\$ 5,735	\$ 411,094
8. MILLVILLE	\$ 13.89	\$ 5,241	\$ 377,311
9. UPTON	\$ 13.87	\$ 8,386	\$ 604,591
10. SUTTON	\$ 13.85	\$ 6,802	\$ 491,142
11. NORTHBRIDGE	\$ 12.96	\$ 5,476	\$ 422,524

FREE CASH HISTORY

Fiscal Year	Date Certified	Certified Free Cash as of 7/1/	Operating Budget Prior Year	% of the Budget
2002			28,366,163	
2003	10/21/2002	2,228,790	28,878,134	7.72%
2004	10/16/2003	2,037,220	31,546,094	6.46%
2005	11/03/2004	761,064	33,213,780	2.29%
2006	11/17/2005	725,630	35,161,873	2.06%
2007	11/21/2006	651,442	35,694,258	1.83%
2008	10/23/2007	1,200,000	39,872,522	3.01%
2009	02/05/2009	2,002,232	38,135,113	5.25%
2010	10/20/2009	1,256,665	40,616,975	3.09%
2011	11/08/2010	1,114,427	39,719,873	2.81%
2012	11/14/2011	1,179,071	38,496,839	3.06%
2013	01/14/2013	920,603	40,665,368	2.26%
2014	01/15/2014	765,775	40,696,679	1.88%
2015	10/30/2014	956,877	40,885,752	2.34%
2016	03/29/2016	1,206,219	41,349,260	2.92%
2017	11/04/2016	2,111,977	43,149,988	4.89%
2018	03/06/2018	2,094,040	44,314,785	4.73%
2019	03/15/2019	1,393,584	46,089,263	3.02%
2020	02/18/2020	2,661,646	47,604,306	5.59%
2021	03/02/2021	2,320,680	49,043,335	4.73%
2022	01/27/2022	2,221,617	52,802,719	4.21%
2023	02/03/2023	3,188,184	53,845,183	5.92%

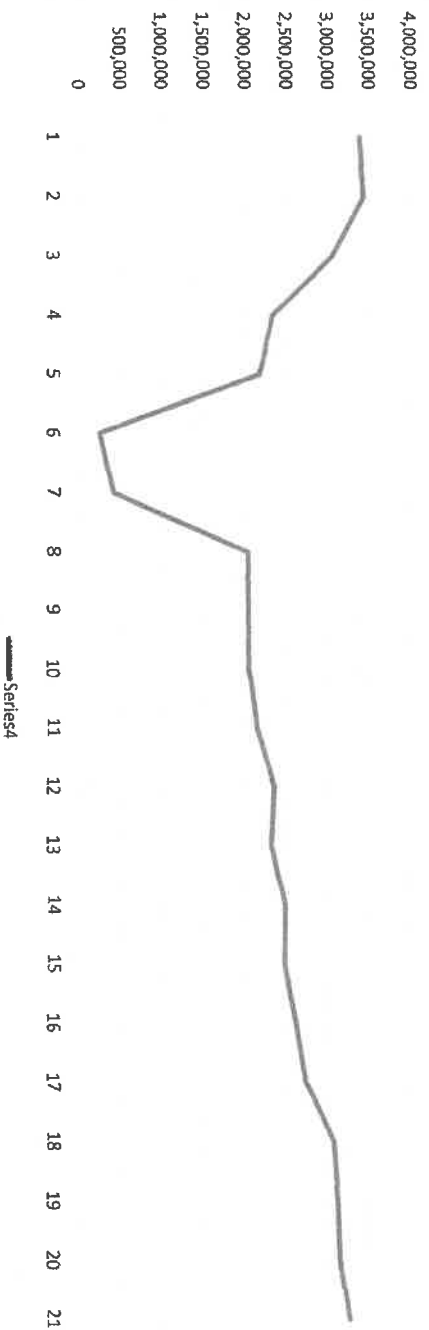
Free Cash History 2003-Present



STABILIZATION HISTORY

Schedule A Fiscal Year	Stabilization Fund Balance	Special Purpose Stabilization Fund Balance	Total Stabilization Fund Balance	Operating Budget	Stabilization Fund as % of Budget	Special Purpose Stabilization as % of Budget	Total Stabilization as % of Budget
2002	3,395,087	0	3,395,087	28,878,134	11.76%	0.00%	11.76%
2003	3,456,308	0	3,456,308	31,546,094	10.96%	0.00%	10.96%
2004	3,073,527	0	3,073,527	33,213,780	9.25%	0.00%	9.25%
2005	2,342,116	0	2,342,116	35,161,873	6.66%	0.00%	6.66%
2006	2,189,446	0	2,189,446	36,694,258	6.13%	0.00%	6.13%
2007	259,859	0	259,859	39,872,522	0.65%	0.00%	0.65%
2008	427,198	0	427,198	38,135,113	1.12%	0.00%	1.12%
2009	2,049,222	0	2,049,222	40,616,975	5.05%	0.00%	5.05%
2010	2,058,498	0	2,058,498	39,719,873	5.18%	0.00%	5.18%
2011	2,067,232	0	2,067,232	38,496,839	5.37%	0.00%	5.37%
2012	2,160,557	0	2,160,557	40,665,368	5.31%	0.00%	5.31%
2013	2,372,170	0	2,372,170	40,696,679	5.83%	0.00%	5.83%
2014	2,337,421	0	2,337,421	40,885,752	5.72%	0.00%	5.72%
2015	2,497,827	0	2,497,827	41,349,260	6.04%	0.00%	6.04%
2016	2,488,379	0	2,488,379	43,149,988	5.77%	0.00%	5.77%
2017	1,981,305	651,135	2,632,440	44,314,785	4.47%	1.47%	5.94%
2018	2,096,577	660,254	2,756,831	46,089,263	4.55%	1.43%	5.98%
2019	2,115,276	972,656	3,087,932	47,604,306	4.44%	2.04%	6.48%
2020	2,149,113	991,479	3,140,592	49,043,335	4.38%	2.02%	6.40%
2021	2,171,882	998,132	3,170,014	52,802,719	4.11%	1.89%	6.00%
2022	2,287,762	1,001,117	3,288,879	53,845,183	4.25%	1.86%	6.11%

Stabilization History 2003-Present



FINGROUP WORKSHEET

ESTIMATED

per Governor's Budget Proposal

Calculations for Levy Limit

November 28, 2022

APPROVED 2023

DRAFT 2024

Levy limit	24,383,206.00	25,522,442.15
2 1/2 Increase	609,580.15	638,061.05
New Growth	529,656.00	300,000.00
Existing Debt Exclusion (Balmer/Turf/Fire)	5,137,038.00	5,137,038.00
Projected Debt Exclusion		
2 1/2 override		
Allowable Tax Levy	30,659,480.15	31,597,541.20

Revenue Calculation

Actual Tax Levy	30,659,480.15	31,597,541.20	Additional Revenues:
Estimated Receipts (not actual)	2,890,916.49	2,890,916.49	938,061.05
State Aid	19,206,216.00	19,206,216.00	0.00
			0.00
Other Available Funds:			
Free Cash	400,000.00	400,000.00	0.00
Assessors Overlay Transfer	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00
(Wetlands/Ambulance/W&M/Title V res.)	1,014,398.00	1,014,398.00	0.00
Total Revenue	54,271,010.64	55,209,071.69	938,061.05

Charges Against Revenue

Deficit/Court Charges/Snow	0.00	0.00	Additional Charges:
State and County Charges	205,136.00	205,136.00	0.00
Allowances for Abatements	244,732.64	244,732.64	0.00
Tax Title Charges	20,000.00	20,000.00	0.00
School Choice Offset Charges	1,192,584.00	1,192,584.00	0.00
School Choice Offset to NPS	648,156.00	648,156.00	0.00
Charter School Sending Tuition	80,611.00	80,611.00	0.00
Other Offset (Library)	38,894.00	38,894.00	0.00
Transfers in current FY			
Total Charges	2,430,113.64	2,430,113.64	0.00
Total Funds Available	51,840,897.00	52,778,958.05	938,061.05 1.81%
Budget Requests	51,840,897.00	51,840,897.00	0.00 0.00%
ATM Requests/Capital Items			
Debt Exclusion Articles			
FATM Articles			
Total Uses of Funds	51,840,897.00	51,840,897.00	0.00 0.00%
Surplus on the Tax Rate	0.00	0.00	

Blackstone Valley Tech - Regional
Trade School Increase
Retirement System
Insurance (Employee Benefits)
Insurance (Liability / Workers Comp)
Debt Service

NPS Budget
General Government Budgets

TOTAL ADDITIONAL COSTS \$0

less

TOTAL ADDITIONAL REVENUE

Budget Deficit/Surplus

Department	Project / Item Description	Article #	Request Amount	Not Funded	Free Cash	Water R. Earnings	Sewer R. Earnings	Ambul. Receipts	Building Mainten.	P. Grove Transfer	Swr/Wtr Transfer	Account Transfer
General Government Projects and Purchases												
BPCC/NPS	Capital Needs Study / Feasibility Admin	17	\$100,000		\$100,000							
BOH	Landfill Water Treatment Funds	15	\$25,000		\$25,000							
Green	Community Match	15	\$25,000		\$25,000							
DPW	Pavement Maintenance Program	15	\$200,000		\$200,000							
DPW	Sidewalk Replacement Program	15	\$25,000		\$25,000							
DPW	Replace Park Christmas Trees	15	\$25,000		\$25,000							
DPW	Brush Removal at WWTP	15	\$30,000		\$30,000							
DPW	Complete Streets Match (Additional)	15	\$466,000		\$466,000							
DPW	Linwood Ave Guardrail (Additional)	15	\$37,900		\$37,900							
DPW	Repave Riverdale Cemetery	15	\$41,000		\$41,000							
DPW	MVP Match - Main St Sidewalks/Basins	15	\$163,000		\$163,000							
DPW	1 Ton Dump Truck w/Plow (F-550)	15	\$105,000		\$105,000							
DPW	Purchase Front End Loader	15	\$250,000		\$250,000							
Fire Dept	Purchase Command Vehicle	15	\$55,000		\$55,000							
Fire Dept	Replace Engine 5/Rescue Squad 1	15	\$350,000		\$350,000							
NES/DPW	Remove UST	15	\$50,000		\$50,000							
Pine Grove	Tree / Stump Removal	12	\$10,000							\$1,813		
Pine Grove	Road Improvements (270 tons)		\$20,000	X								
Police Dept	IT / Security Improvements (1)	15	\$11,362		\$11,362							
Police Dept	IT / Security Improvements (2)	15	\$15,382		\$15,382							
Police Dept	Public Sewer Connection (Additional)	16	\$20,000									\$20,000
Police Dept	Purchase 2 Motorcycles / Trailer	16	\$96,012									\$95,846
Police Dept	Police Station Gas Pump Replacement	15	\$132,000		\$132,000							
Public School Projects and Purchases												
MS	Replace Deteriorating Doors/Frames	17	\$70,300						\$70,300			
MS	Ride-on Scrubber Replacement	17	\$19,500						\$19,500			
MS	Replace Clocks	17	\$24,975						\$24,975			
MS/HS	Refinish Gymnasium Floors	17	\$79,000						\$79,000			
Enterprise Fund Projects and Purchases												
Sewer	Infiltration & Inflow (I&I) Program	13	\$150,000				\$150,000					
Sewer	Replace Inspection Camera System	13	\$17,000				\$17,000					
Sewer	Replace 3 Raw Sewage Pumps WWTP	13	\$150,000				\$150,000					
Sewer	Complete Retrofit of the UV System	13	\$200,000				\$200,000					

Water	Replace nine (9) Fire Hydrants	14	\$60,000		\$60,000														
DRAFT V3	TOTALS		\$3,023,431		\$2,106,644	\$60,000	\$517,000	\$0	\$193,775	\$1,813	\$0	\$115,846							

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
WARRANT FOR SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TRANSACTION OF TOWN BUSINESS
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 - 7:00 P.M.**

DRAFT #6 – 2.13.23

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 on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 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 2 of the 2022 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 3, 2022), and under Article 1 of the 2022 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 25, 2022), 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 \$XX,XXX,XXX.XX to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for FY 2024, beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024; 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 2024; 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 2024; 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 2024, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the M.G.L.; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to set the FY 2024 spending limits for the Town's revolving funds under section 5-113 of the Northbridge Code as follows:

Program or Purpose	FY 2024 Spending Limit
Playgrounds and Recreation	\$20,000
Food Health and Safety	\$25,000
Compost Site	\$10,000

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money from the Pine Grove Cemetery Trust to fund operations of the Pine Grove Cemetery for FY 2024 beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: (Community Preservation Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues, the amounts of money recommended by the Northbridge Community Preservation Committee for community preservation projects and other expenses for the Fiscal Year 2024, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other action relative thereto.

Reserves:

1. a) From FY2024 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve -the sum of \$
2. b) From FY2024 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve -the sum of \$
3. c) From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Open Space & Recreation Reserve -the sum of \$
4. d) From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve -the sum of \$

ARTICLE 11: (Community Preservation Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Community Preservation Fund reserves to the Northbridge Community Preservation Committee for expenses associated with the implementation of the Community Preservation Act, including but not limited to clerical assistance, office supplies, property surveys, appraisals, attorney fees, and other professional services, recording fees, printing and all other necessary and proper expenses for the Fiscal Year 2024; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$1,813.28 from the unexpended balance of the Pine Grove Cemetery Zero-Turn Lawnmower Account 01022109-XXXXXX for the following cemetery maintenance project: Tree and Stump Removal, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$517,000 from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works for the following purposes: the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of funding work recommended as a result of the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) and infiltration & inflow reports for the multi-year program to make physical improvements to the Town's sewer collection system, including the sealing/replacement of leaking manhole structures and relining/replacement of deficient/cracked/broken sewer lines; the sum of \$17,000 for the purpose of replacing the inspection camera system, the sum of \$150,000 to replace three (3) raw sewage pumps at the WWTP; and the sum of \$200,000 to completely retrofit the UV system; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$60,000 from the Retained Earnings Account of the Water Enterprise Fund, for the purpose of replacing nine (9) fire hydrants under the direction of the DPW Director; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to fund the capital projects shown below by appropriating and transferring the total sum of \$2,106,644 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash);

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
NPS Studies (Capital Needs & Middle School Admin)	BPCC/NPS	\$100,000
Quaker St Landfill DEP Immediate Response Plan	Board of Health	\$ 25,000
Green Communities Match	Town Planner/DPW	\$ 25,000
Pavement Maintenance	Public Works	\$200,000
Sidewalk Maintenance	Public Works	\$ 25,000
Replace Park Christmas Trees	Public Works	\$ 25,000
Remove Brush from WWTP	Public Works	\$ 30,000
Complete Streets Grant Match	Public Works	\$466,000
Linwood Ave Guardrail Replacement	Public Works	\$ 37,900
Repave Riverdale Cemetery	Public Works	\$ 41,000
MVP Match – Main St Sidewalks & Basins	Public Works	\$163,000
1-Ton Dump Truck w/Plow (F-550)	Public Works	\$105,000
Front End Loader	Public Works	\$250,000
Purchase Command Vehicle	Fire Department	\$ 55,000
Replace Engine 5/Rescue Squad 1	Fire Department	\$350,000
Former NES UST Removal	Public Works	\$ 50,000
IT / Security Improvements (1)	Police Department	\$ 11,362
IT / Security Improvements (2)	Police Department	\$ 15,382
Gas Pump Replacement	Police Department/DPW	\$132,000
TOTAL:		\$2,106,644

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the following unexpended sums from appropriations of prior years for the purposes set forth below: \$4,913.00 from the DPW Dump Truck w/Plow & Sander Box Account (#01022116-585002); \$730.00 from the DPW Bombardier Sidewalk Blower Account (#01022217-585018); \$2,613.00 from the DPW Heavy Duty Dump Truck w/Plow & Spreader Account (#01022217-585002); \$12,704.25 from the Fire Dept Ambulance Chassis and Refurbish Account (#01021522-585005); \$5,171.60 from the Library Interior Painting Account (#01022217-585347); \$65,000 from the Senior Center Parking Lot Reclamation Account (#01022217-585345); \$10,700.00 from the Town Clerk Voting Machines Account (#01022216-585331); \$5,925.00 from the Town Hall Cellular Alarm Upgrades Account (01022117-585337); \$376.87 from the Town Hall Ground Floor Carpet Account (#01022214-585340); and \$7,712.29 from the Town Hall Building Envelope Weatherization Account (#01022217-585342); for a total of \$115,846.01:

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Public Sewer Conversion (Police Station)	Public Works/Police	\$ 20,000.00
Purchase/Outfit 2 Motorcycles and Trailer	Police Department	\$ 95,846.01
TOTAL:		\$115,846.01

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: (School Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$193,775 from the Town Building-Maintenance Fund, established pursuant to Chapter 438 of the Acts of 2012, for maintenance of Town-owned buildings and facilities in Fiscal Year 2024, for the following purposes: \$19,500 for Ride-on Scrubber Replacement; \$70,300 for replacing deteriorating doors/frames at the Middle School; \$24,975 for replacing the clocks at the Middle School; and \$79,000 to refinish the gymnasium floors at the Middle school and High School; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: (Board of Selectmen)

Dispose Main Street Fire Station

ARTICLE 19: (Board of Selectmen)

Dispose NES

ARTICLE 20: (Board of Selectmen)
Dispose Providence Road Land

ARTICLE 21: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to National Grid (electric), and also to Eversource (propane), a perpetual right and easement to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, replace and remove, lines, cables and appurtenances for the transmission of intelligence and telecommunications upon, over, under and across a portion of the Town-owned land located at 1681 Providence Road, the site of the new Fire Station Headquarters; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all action necessary for the purpose of accomplishing such easement conveyance; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: (Bylaw Review Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to approve the grammatical and stylistic amendments to the Code of Northbridge (Bylaws) in accordance with the final report of the Bylaw Review Committee appointed in 2021 pursuant to Section 8-9(b) of the Home Rule Charter, said report being on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23: (Bylaw Review Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to approve the substantive amendments to the Code of the Town of Northbridge (Bylaws) in accordance with the final report of the Bylaw Review Committee appointed in 2021 pursuant to Section 8-9(b) of the Home Rule Charter, said report being on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24: (Finance Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; 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 Town Hall Annex, in Whitinsville, all in Precinct 1; the NCTV Cable Studio and the Northbridge Post Office, in Northbridge, all in Precinct 2; the Town Clerk's Office and 1Quickstop, in Whitinsville, all in Precinct 3; and the Veterans Hall (875 Hill Street), in Whitinsville, in Precinct 4; and Shaw's, in Whitinsville, in Precinct 5; 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 hands this 27th day of March in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHBRIDGE

Russell D. Collins, Chairman

Thomas J. Melia, Vice Chairman

Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Selectman

Brian M. Paulhus, Selectman

Thomas Begin, Selectman

WORCESTER, SS Northbridge

Date:

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