

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
WARRANT FOR SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TRANSACTION OF TOWN BUSINESS  
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 - 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 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 \$52,889,577.05 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.



**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 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 replacing the sewer system 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 \$2,306,644 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 roadways	Public Works	\$ 41,000
MVP Program Match – Main St Sidewalks & Basins	Public Works	\$163,000
(Mass. climate resiliency program)		
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
Space Needs/Expansion Study	Library	\$ 50,000
Former NES UST (tank) Removal	Public Works	\$ 50,000
Linwood Basketball Courts Project	Playground/Recreation	\$100,000
IT / Security Improvements (1)	Police Department	\$ 11,362
IT / Security Improvements (2)	Police Department	\$ 15,382
Gas Pump Replacement	Police Department/DPW	\$132,000
Town Manager Vehicle	Town Hall/Town Manager	\$ 50,000
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$2,306,644</b>

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 (#010222116-585331); \$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
<b>TOTAL:</b>		<b>\$115,846.01</b>

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 Town-owned buildings and facilities maintenance purposes in Fiscal Year 2024 as follows: \$19,500 for Ride-on floor cleaner 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)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the custody, care and control of the Main Street Fire Station property, located at 193 Main Street and shown as parcel 44 on Assessors' Map 2, from the Board of Selectmen to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all action necessary to accomplish a sale and conveyance; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 19: (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the custody, care and control of the former Northbridge Elementary School property, located at 30 Cross Street and shown as parcel 160 on Assessors' Map 14A, from the Board of Selectmen to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of disposition, whether by sale, lease – in whole or in part – or otherwise; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all action necessary to accomplish such disposition; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 20: (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the custody, care and control of the Town-owned vacant land located at 644 Providence Road and shown as parcel 126 on Assessors' Map 24, from the Board of Selectmen to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of disposition, whether by sale, lease – in whole or in part – or otherwise; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all action necessary to accomplish such disposition; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 21: (Board of Selectmen)**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to National Grid (for electric service), and also to Eversource (for propane service), 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: (Finance Committee)**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the balance of the Health Stabilization Fund, the approximate sum of which is One Million one thousand one hundred seventeen dollars and thirty seven cents (\$1,001,117.37 Dollars), to the General Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 23: (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 General Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 24: (Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to extend the existing Residential Three (R-3) zoning district across a portion of Wing Road by rezoning from Business Three (B-3) to Residential Three (R-3) the following tract or parcel of land:

BEGINNING at a point in the centerline of Wing Road 150 feet westerly of the centerline of Providence Road;

THENCE: southerly by a line parallel to and westerly of Providence Road a distance of 140 feet;

THENCE westerly by a line parallel to and southerly of the centerline of Wing Road a distance of 650 feet, more or less to the existing Residential Two (R-2) zone;

THENCE northerly by existing Residential Two (R-2) zone a distance of 140 feet, more or less to the centerline of Wing Road;

THENCE easterly by the centerline of Wing Road a distance of 650 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning;

or take any other action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 25: (Petition)**

To see if the Town will vote to extend the existing Business Two (B-2) zoning district southerly from Union Street by rezoning from Business One (B-1) to Business Two (B-2) the following tract or parcel of land:

BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the centerline of Union Street and the westerly sideline of Providence Road at the existing Business Two (B-2) zoning district;

THENCE: southerly by the westerly sideline of Providence Road, a distance of 903.76 feet, more or less, to the southerly boundary of the parcel known as and numbered 113-119 Providence Road (also known as Northbridge Assessor's Parcel 24A-103);

THENCE westerly by the southerly boundary of 113-119 Providence Road (also known as Northbridge Assessor's Parcel 24A-103), a distance of 235.1 feet, more or less, to the easterly sideline of the right-of-way of the Providence and Worcester Railroad;

THENCE northerly by the easterly sideline of the right-of-way of the Providence and Worcester Railroad, a distance of 904.43 feet, more or less, to the intersection of the easterly sideline of the Providence and Worcester Railroad and the centerline of Union Street and the existing Business Two (B-2) zoning district;

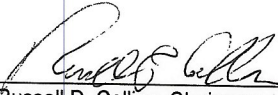
THENCE easterly by the centerline of Union Street and the existing Business Two (B-2) zoning district, a distance of 244.07 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning;

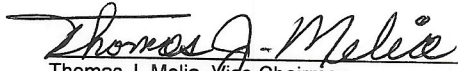
or take any other action relating thereto.

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 27<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.


SELECTMEN OF NORTHBRIDGE

  
Russell D. Collins, Chairman

  
Thomas J. Melia, Vice Chairman

  
Charles Ampagoomhian Jr., Selectman


  
Brian M. Paulhus, Selectman

  
Thomas Begin, Selectman

WORCESTER, SS Northbridge

Date: 4/3/23

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