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WARRANT FOR FALL ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
TRANSACTION OF TOWN BUSINESS
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2017 - 7:00 P.M.

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NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK
BOREEN A. CEDRONE

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 24, 2017 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 amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2017 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2017), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, to raise and appropriate, and/or to transfer from available funds in the Treasury and/or the Health Insurance Stabilization Fund to supplement appropriations under the Omnibus Budget Article; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court to adopt special legislation, in substantially the following form, authorizing the Town to deposit receipts under M.G.L Chapter 64L, §2 "Local Meals Tax," in the fund to be used for the "Other Post-Employment Benefits" (OPEB) obligation of the Town of Northbridge, provided, that the General Court may make such revisions of form as it deems appropriate within the scope of the legislation without the need for a further vote of the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto:

An act relative to the funding of the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund in the Town of Northbridge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Section 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the town of Northbridge is hereby authorized to deposit into its other post-employment benefits liability trust fund (OPEB fund) established under and pursuant to section 20 of chapter 32B of the General Laws all sums received for the local sales tax on restaurant meals pursuant to section 2 of chapter 64L of the General Laws, for the purpose of meeting the town's OPEB obligations.

Section 2. The town treasurer shall deposit into the OPEB fund all sums received by the Town pursuant to said section 2 of chapter 64L, and said sums and any interest thereon shall become part of the fund and may be appropriated and expended in accordance with said section 20 of chapter 32B.

Section 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

ARTICLE 3: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or borrow, and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and/or transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), or any combination thereof, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works for the purpose of funding the purchase of existing streetlights from National Grid and the conversion of existing streetlights to energy efficient and long lasting LED fixtures; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: (School Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise & appropriate, and/or transfer from the unexpended undesignated fund balance (free cash), and/or transfer from the Stabilization Fund, and/or transfer from other available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the purpose of repairing plaster and reinforcing drop ceilings in the 1905 section of the Middle School, and making repairs and upgrades to the Middle School Auditorium, including repairing/replacing the sound system, carpet, and seating, said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, Wilson Street, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Office of 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.

ARTICLE 6: (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way, a portion of Roosevelt Drive, as heretofore laid out by the Board of Selectmen, a copy of which layout is on file with the Office of 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.

ARTICLE 7: (Planning Board)

To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a donation, one or more parcels of land within the Hills at Whitinsville subdivision development located off Hill Street; Marston Road; Nathaniel Drive; Hillcrest Road; Morgan Road; Prospect Street; Quarry Road; and Hillview Lane, being seven (7) parcels, containing approximately 115 acres as shown on plan entitled "Plan of Land" prepared by Heritage Design Group, LLC, a copy of which is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk, said land being shown on Northbridge Assessors' Map 15 as Parcels 82, 170, 169, 214, 215, 216, & 217; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all action and execute all documents necessary and appropriate for such acceptance and acquisition; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: (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 "Amusement and recreation services" within the Industrial One (I1) and Industrial Two (I2) Zoning Districts by special permit of the Planning Board, whereas said use is currently allowed in only the Business One (B1), Business Two (B2) and Business Three (B3) Zoning Districts, as follows:

§173.12 Table of Use Regulations

USE	ZONING DISTRICT											
	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	B-1	B-2	B-3	I-1	I-2	H
Retail Services												
Amusement and recreational services	--	--	--	--	--	--	S	S	S	S (10)	S (10)	--

Notes: (10) Use allowed by Special Permit of the Planning Board

, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: (Building, Planning and Construction Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to grant all necessary easements required for underground utility lines and services of National Grid (electric), Verizon (telecommunications), and Charter (cable TV/internet services) to service the DPW facilities located at 11 Fletcher Street, said lines and services to be installed to replace services that are currently provided on overhead poles that are scheduled to be removed by the utilities, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all action and execute all documents necessary in connection therewith; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: (Building, Planning and Construction Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow the sum of \$50,000, to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee to fund the costs of underground utility services installation by National Grid (electric), Verizon (telecommunications), and Charter (cable TV/internet services) for the DPW facility project at 11 Fletcher Street, including all related work and associated design changes; 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 Whitinsville Social Library 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 11th day of September in the year Two Thousand Seventeen.

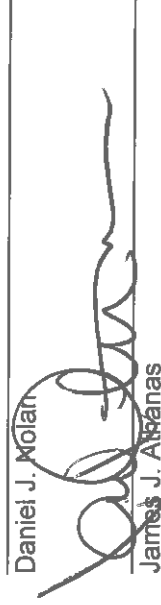
SELECTMEN OF NORTHBRIDGE



Charles Ampagoomian, Jr., Chairman


Thomas J. Melia

James R. Marzec

Daniel J. Molari

James J. Aranas

WORCESTER, SS Northbridge

Date: 9/26/17

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