

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
NORTHBRIDGE TOWN HALL  
7 MAIN STREET - WHITINSVILLE, MA 01588  
May 9, 2022 at 7:00 PM**

NORTHBRIDGE TOWN CLERK  
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**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. May 3, 2022 [SATM]

**II. PUBLIC HEARING / None**

**III. APPOINTMENTS/Resignations**

**IV. CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT**

**V. DECISIONS:**

**B.** Trustees of Soldiers' Memorials / Request to name a square in honor of Varoujan Edward Mooradian (Killed in Action on October 16, 1944) **Present:** Tom Farley, Trustee

**C.** Conservation Fund / Vote to accept monetary donations from: **1)** David and Gretchen Pickart (\$350) and **2)** Barbara and Brian Kinney (\$75.00)

**D.** Pine Grove Cemetery Deed / Bronja and Richard Cardeiro [Lot No. 3, two graves, Yew Ave., South]

**E.** 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee / Application for a one-day Wines & Malts License for a fundraising event to take place from 7:00 pm – 12:00 am, Saturday, May 21, 2022 at the Northbridge Town Hall (Great Hall), 7 Main Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588

**VI. DISCUSSIONS:**

**F.** Blackstone River Watershed Needs Assessment Report (Stephanie Covino, Blackstone Watershed Collaborative) / **Present:** David Pickart, Conservation Agent

**VII. TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT**

**G.** Town Manager's Report for the period of April 25, 2022 – May 6, 2022

**VIII. SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS**

**IX. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

**X. CORRESPONDENCE**

**XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION / None**

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A.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING  
SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**May 3, 2022**

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chairman Charles Ampagoomian, Jr. at the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium, 171 Linwood Avenue, Whitinsville, MA. **Present:** Board Members: Melia, Athanas, Collins, Cannon, and Ampagoomian.

**Also Present:** Adam D. Gaudette, Town Manager and Sharon Susienka, Exec. Asst. to the Town Manager.

**Town Meeting Business.** Town Manager Gaudette advised Board members that several changes have been made to the motions for Articles 1, 2, 19, 21, and 22 and therefore the Board would need to revote those particular articles. He said the Finance Committee will be doing the same at their meeting this evening. **Article 1 (Bills of a prior year):** He mentioned an additional outstanding bill was added to the category of Non-Departmental/Property & Liability Insurance in the amount of \$128.94 and payable to Cabot Risk Strategies, LLC. **Article 2 (FY'22 Budget Transfers):** First, Mr. Gaudette noted additional funds were needed for the Fire and Ambulance budget line items and the funds would come from Line 26 Veterans Services and allocated as follows: Line 15A Fire Personnel - \$20,000; Line 15B Fire Expenses - \$15,000; and Line 16B Ambulance Expenses - \$15,000. Next, he said the number for Line 21C Snow/Ice Personnel would increase from \$300,000 to \$343,304. **Article 19 (Capital Items):** The Town Manager mentioned there was a change to the item entitled Upton Town Line Guardrail from \$3,489 to \$11,156. **Article 21 (Fire Station funding):** Mr. Gaudette mentioned the town needs an additional \$3,755,182 to complete the Fire Station Project as originally planned. He explained the increase is due to the dramatic rise in construction costs (materials and labor) as the result of the post-pandemic economy, the war with Ukraine, and increased fuel costs. **Article 22 (Transfer to Stabilization):** The Town Manager stated there are no funds available to transfer into Stabilization and therefore this article will be passed over tonight. There being no further items to address, a motion/Mr. Ampagoomian, seconded/Mr. Melia to support the changes to Articles 1, 2, 19, and 21 and to pass over Article 22 all as noted above. Vote yes/Collins, Athanas, Cannon, Ampagoomian, and Melia.

There being no further business before the Board at this time, a motion/Mr. Melia seconded/Mr. Athanas, to adjourn the Selectmen's Meeting at the conclusion of the Spring Annual Town Meeting this evening. Vote yes/Collins, Athanas, Cannon, Ampagoomian, and Melia.

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:35 P.M.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Russell D. Collins, Clerk**

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**LIST OF DOCUMENTATION**  
**BOARD OF SELECTMEN'S MEETING – OPEN SESSION**  
**May 3, 2022**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES/None**

**PUBLIC HEARING/None**

**APPOINTMENTS/RESIGNATIONS/None**

**CITIZENS' COMMENTS/INPUT/None**

**DECISIONS**

**A. Town Meeting Business**

**-Copy of updated motions**

**DISCUSSIONS/None**

**TOWN MANAGER'S REPORT/None**

**SELECTMEN'S CONCERNS/None**

**ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA/None**

**CORRESPONDENCE/None**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/None**

B.

**TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE SELECTMEN MEETING**

**TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS' MEMORIALS REPORT**

**Monday, May 9, 2022**

**I. NEW KIA SQUARE PROPOSAL**

**A. VAROUJAN EDWARD MOORADIAN**

- **Draft of plaque attached**
- **LOCATION: Douglas Road Opposite the Perron Bridge**
- **Request approval by Selectmen**

**II. CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL UPDATE**

**A. Project: Replace broken concrete apron surrounding memorial**

- **Expected Completion by Memorial Day.**

**(GOLD STAR)**

**VAROUJAN EDWARD  
MOORADIAN**

**PRIVATE FIRST CLASS**

**UNITED STATES ARMY**

**KILLED IN ACTION**

**OCTOBER 16, 1944**

**FRANCE**

c.



TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE  
CONSERVATION COMMISSION

7 MAIN STREET  
WHITINSVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS 01588

Telephone (508) 234-0817

Fax (508) 234-0814

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Conservation Commission *Bak*

CC: David & Gretchen Pickart  
Barbara & Brian Kinney

DATE: May 03, 2022

RE: Conservation Fund – Donations Acceptance

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The Conservation Commission is in receipt of a check from David & Gretchen Pickart in the amount of \$350.00 and a check from Barbara & Brian Kinney in the amount of \$75.00 for the Conservation Fund. The Town voted to establish this Conservation Fund at the Fall Annual Town Meeting 2021 (Article 7). I have included the Pickarts and Kinneys to make them aware if they wish to attend the meeting.

The Conservation Commission is looking for you to formally accept these donations on behalf of the Conservation Commission at your next available meeting. Thank you.

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*Know all Men by These Presents,*

That the Town of Northbridge, in the County of Worcester and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, in consideration of Two Thousand Six Hundred Dollars, paid by **Bronja Carneiro and Richard L Carneiro of 219 Tessier Lane, Northbridge, MA**, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, does sell and convey to said Bronja Carneiro and Richard L. Carneiro, that certain cemetery **Lot Number 3, two graves situated on the way called Yew Ave South, in the Pine Grove Cemetery**, and the sole and exclusive right of burial of the dead therein, subject to the following rules and restrictions for the regulation and government of said Cemetery; viz:

1<sup>st</sup>. That the said Lot shall not be used for any other purpose than as a place of burial for the dead, and proper Cemetery uses, such as the Town may approve; and no trees within the Lot or the Cemetery shall be cut down or destroyed without consent of the Town.

2<sup>nd</sup>. That if any trees or shrubs in said Lot shall become in any way detrimental to the adjacent lots or avenues, or dangerous or inconvenient, the Town shall have the right to enter into said Lot and remove said trees or shrubs, or such parts thereof as are dangerous, detrimental or inconvenient.

3<sup>rd</sup>. That if any monument or other structure whatever, or any inscription, be placed in the said Lot which shall be determined by the Town to be offensive, the Town shall have the right to enter upon said Lot and remove said offensive or improper object or objects.

4<sup>th</sup>. If a fence shall at any time be erected or placed in or around said Lot, the materials or design of which shall not be approved by the Town, it must be forthwith removed upon direction of the Town, and if not so removed the Town shall have the right to enter upon said Lot and remove said fence.

5<sup>th</sup>. The said lot shall be holden subject to all by-laws, rules and regulations made and to be made by the Town.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Town of Northbridge has caused these presents to be signed and sealed by its Board of Selectmen, this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

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**Draft Resolution in Support of  
the Blackstone Needs Assessment Report (<https://bit.ly/BlackstoneReport>)  
& the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative ([blackstonecollaborative.org](http://blackstonecollaborative.org))**

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**RESOLUTION: IN SUPPORT OF THE BLACKSTONE RIVER  
WATERSHED NEEDS ASSESSMENT  
REPORT**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AS  
FOLLOWS:**

**WHEREAS:** The Blackstone River spans forty-eight miles from Massachusetts to Rhode Island, its watershed includes thirty-nine communities, and its watershed health is vital to the ecology, economy, and history of our region; and

**WHEREAS:** The Blackstone River has been home to indigenous communities for millennia and is the birthplace of the American Industrial Revolution; and

**WHEREAS:** Despite significant progress, there is much more to do to assure a healthier and more resilient Blackstone River Watershed over the next fifty years to continue to address its industrial past, ongoing urbanization, and the impact of climate change; and

**WHEREAS:** The Narragansett Bay Estuary Program worked collaboratively with local stake holders to develop the final needs assessment report that describes current high priority needs and twenty recommended actions that can be completed within five years to help restore and sustain the Blackstone River Watershed; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Northbridge recognizes the importance and value of the recommendations brought forward in the report and supports the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative created to implement them; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Northbridge supports increasing free and equitable public access to use and benefit from waterways; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Northbridge supports the accelerated management of the water chestnut to support habitat and recreation; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Northbridge supports the increase for permanent land protection; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Northbridge supports development of a wetland restoration strategy; and

**WHEREAS:** The Town of Northbridge supports planning and installation of low impact development practices such as rain gardens; and



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44 **WHEREAS:** The Town of Northbridge supports advocating for the completion of new  
45 sections of the Blackstone River Bikeway/Greenway to engage residents in accessible  
46 recreational opportunities; and

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48 **WHEREAS:** The Town of Northbridge supports the increased maintenance of the  
49 waterway for wildlife, recreation, and safety; and

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51 **WHEREAS:** The Town of Northbridge supports the recognition of Operation ZAP  
52 when 10,000 volunteers cleaned up 10,000 tons of trash from the Blackstone River in  
53 1972, and its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2022, including the group's work to support the above  
54 goals through local green ups and clean ups on August 27, 2022 and a celebration in  
55 Pawtucket, Rhode Island on September 10, 2022; and

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57 **WHEREAS:** The Town of Northbridge looks forward to working collaboratively with  
58 the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative and its partners on these initiatives to preserve  
59 the health and resilience of the river and its watershed for generations to come.

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61 **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF**  
62 **NORTHBRIDGE, MA AS FOLLOWS:**

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64 **SECTION 1:** The Town of Northbridge supports the Blackstone River Watershed Needs  
65 Assessment Report and the Blackstone Watershed Collaborative, appreciates the efforts  
66 of all the groups involved in its creation and continued maintenance, and intends to  
67 include these priority actions into local municipal goals, as relevant, such as open space  
68 and climate resiliency planning.

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70 **SECTION 2:** THIS RESOLUTION SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY  
71 UPON ITS PASSAGE BY THE NORTHBRIDGE BOARD OF SELECTMEN.

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73 **DATE ADOPTED:** \_\_\_\_\_

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75 **A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:**

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Linda B. Zywiec, Town Clerk



## Town Manager's Report for the Period of April 25, 2022 – May 6, 2022

### 1. **Key Meetings Attended:**

- Monday, April 25, 2022 – Attended the Board of Selectmen Meeting.
- Tuesday, April 26, 2022 – Met with IT Director Scott Motyka and Help, Inc. regarding media improvements in the First Floor Conference Room.
- Wednesday, April 27, 2022 – Held a Public Forum to present the Annual Ballot Questions (Fire Station, Civil Service, and Charter Amendments) and answer any resident questions.
- Friday, April 29, 2022 – Held a Department Head Meeting to prepare for Town Meeting.
- Friday, April 29, 2022 – Met with the Town Moderator and Staff to prepare for Town Meeting.
- Monday, May 2, 2022 – Participated in a weekly Fire Station Project call.
- Monday, May 2, 2022 – Attended a Cable Advisory Meeting.
- Monday, May 2, 2022 – Attended the BPCC Meeting to discuss the Fire Station bids.
- Tuesday, May 3, 2022 – Attended and presented at the Spring Annual Town Meeting.
- Wednesday, May 4, 2022 – Attended a Library Trustees Meeting.

2. **Fire Station Project:** The General bids were received last week on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The low bid was submitted by M. O'Connor, approximately \$576,000 under what was expected. The BPCC voted this past Monday to award the bid to M. O'Connor pending all Town approvals, contract documents, and a Notice to Proceed. The Spring Annual Town Meeting voted this past Tuesday to approve an additional \$3,755,182 in borrowing for the project contingent upon the Ballot Question for the Debt Exclusion passing on May 17, 2022.
3. **Northbridge Elementary School Reuse Study:** The architect team from Abacus is performing initial due diligence and is beginning the market analysis. They will be meeting with several key stakeholders in the next week or two before conducting a public meeting with BPCC on initial thoughts.
4. **Fire Department Radio Communications Study:** Chief White and Chief Labrie are working with the firm CTA on the project which is on-going.
5. **Fire Department Strategic Plan:** The Fire Chief and staff continue to work with the consultant CPSM for this project which is on-going.
6. **American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA):** Now that the recommended Funding Project Plan has been approved, projects are able to move forward. The Town Manager is putting together contracts with the non-profits and departments will need to coordinate necessary procurements.
7. **FY2023 Budget and SATM Warrant:** The Spring Annual Town Meeting was held this past Tuesday, May 3, 2022 with approximately 75 registered voters attending. All 21 articles were approved overwhelmingly (Article 22 was passed over). The Annual Election will be held on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 with 4 ballot questions as well as elections for boards and committees.