The Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold D. Gould, Jr., at the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, n said Northbridge, Massachusetts.

The Moderator declared the Town quorum of 50 present. The number of registered voters in attendance at 6:57 p.m. was 67.

The invocation was given by Rev. Joel Vande Werken, Pastor of Fairlawn Christian Reformed Church, and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

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 2017 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 2, 2017), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, to supplement appropriations thereunder as follows:

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT:**
**SELECTMEN**
Line 1B: Selectmen Expenses  
By raising and appropriating the additional sum of  
Total Selectmen: $10,000

**TOWN MANAGER**
Line 2A: Town Manager Personnel  
By raising and appropriating the additional sum of  
Line 2B: Town Manager Expenses  
By raising and appropriating the additional sum of  
Total Town Manager: $10,000  
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: $20,000

**PUBLIC WORKS:**
**DPW HIGHWAY DIVISION**
Line 21B: DPW Highway Expenses  
By raising and appropriating the additional sum of  
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS: $25,000

**CULTURE AND RECREATION:**
**LIBRARY**
Line 27B: Library Expenses  
By transferring from Line 27A [Library Personnel] the additional sum of  
Total Library: $25,000

**HISTORICAL COMMISSION**
Line 29A: Historical Commission Expenses  
By raising and appropriating the additional sum of  
Total Historical Commission: $3,500  
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION: $28,500

**TOTAL ARTICLE 1:** $73,500

**ARTICLE 2:** Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town 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 as follows:

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 from 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:

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $400,000 by raising and appropriating the sum of $200,000 and by borrowing the sum of $200,000, 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; and to authorize the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow up to $200,000 under and pursuant to M.G.L. chapter 44 or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

ARTICLE 4:

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200,000 for the purpose of repainting plaster and reinforcing drop ceilings in the 1905 section of the Middle School, and making repairs and upgrades to the Middle School Auditorium, including repainting/replaceing the sound system, carpet, and seating, said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

ARTICLE 5:

Moved and seconded that the Town 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 gift, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town.

ARTICLE 6:

Moved and seconded that the Town 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 gift, easements in said way for the purpose for which public ways are used in the Town.

ARTICLE 7:

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept, as a donation, the following 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 Assessor's 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.

ARTICLE 8:

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 173 of the Code of Northbridge, Section 173.12 [Table of Use Regulations] to allow "Amusement and recreational 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

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ARTICLE 9: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town 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 along or in the vicinity of the driveway servicing the property and 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.

ARTICLE 10: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate 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.

Action having been completed on all of the Articles on the Warrant for the Fall Annual Town Meeting, a motion was made and seconded to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Town Meeting.

Voted unanimously at 8:00 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

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ATTEST: ____________________________
Doreen A. Cedrone, CMC, CNMC
Town Clerk