The Spring Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold D. Gould, Jr., at the Northbridge Middle School on Linwood Avenue, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared the Town Quorum of 50 present. The number of registered voters in attendance at 6:59 p.m. was 55. The invocation was given by the Rev. Thomas Landry, Pastor of St. Peter’s Church, and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

In accordance with the Town Charter, Article 2, Section 2-2, the Moderator appointed John H. Crawford as Deputy Moderator.

Moved and seconded that the Moderator’s appointment of John H. Crawford as Deputy Moderator to serve as Acting Moderator in the event of the temporary absence or disability of the Moderator be, and is hereby, ratified.

The Moderator made a brief statement about his health and informed all in attendance that he had prepared the Deputy Moderator to complete the duties of Moderator should the need arise during the meeting.

The following tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk: Sharon Susienka, Jeanne Gniadek, Philip Cyr, Jeanne Gould, Richard Sasseville, and Harry Berkowitz.

Upon motion made and seconded and voted unanimously, the reading of the warrant and the return of service thereof were dispensed with.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, James Marzec, spoke a few words about retiring Town Manager Theodore Kozak, thanking him for his years of service to the Town.

ARTICLE 1: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to pass over Article 1.
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.

ARTICLE 2: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2016 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 3, 2016), and under Article 2 of the 2016 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 25, 2016), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, as follows:

BUDGET TRANSFERS

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

SELECTMEN:
Line 1B: Selectmen Expenses
By transferring from Line 40 [Unemployment] the additional sum of $20,000
TOTAL SELECTMEN: $20,000

ASSESSORS
Line 5B: Assessors Expenses
By transferring from Line 40 [Unemployment] the additional sum of $1,000
TOTAL ASSESSORS: $1,000

TOWN CLERK
Line 8A: Town Clerk Personnel
By transferring from Line 40 [Unemployment] the additional sum of $1,000
TOTAL TOWN CLERK: $1,000

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: $22,000

PUBLIC SAFETY:

POLICE DEPARTMENT
Line 14B: Police Expenses
By transferring from Line 14A [Police Personnel] The additional sum of $15,000
TOTAL POLICE: $15,000
FIRE DEPARTMENT
Line 15A: Fire Personnel
By transferring from Line 26B [Veterans Expenses]
the additional sum of
$ 10,000
and
By transferring from Line 40 [Unemployment]
the additional sum of
$ 10,000
TOTAL FIRE DEPT.: $ 20,000

PUBLIC WORKS:
Line 21B: DPW Highway Expenses
By transferring from Line 21A [DPW Highway Personnel]
the additional sum of
$ 40,000
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS: $ 40,000

HUMAN SERVICES:
VETERANS
Line 26B: Veterans Expenses
By transferring from Line 26A [Veterans Personnel]
the additional sum of
$ 30,000
TOTAL VETERANS: $ 30,000

CULTURE AND RECREATION:
MEMORIALS
Line 30A: Soldiers Memorials
By transferring from Line 26B [Veterans Expenses]
the additional sum of
$ 7,500
TOTAL MEMORIALS: $ 7,500

TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION: $ 7,500
TOTAL ARTICLE 2: $134,500

ARTICLE 3:
Moved and seconded that the Town 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 $41,809,025 to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for FY 2018, beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE
1 SELECTMEN
1A Personnel 5,150
By allocating $1,150 to the Chairman and $1,000 to each of the other 4 Selectmen
1B Expenses 121,485
Total Selectmen 126,635

2 TOWN MANAGER
2A Personnel 206,086
2B Expenses 12,509
Total Town Manager 218,595

3 FINANCE COMMITTEE
3B Expenses 15,000
Total Finance Committee 15,000

4 TOWN ACCOUNTANT
4A Personnel 120,767
4B Expenses 15,359
Total Town Accountant 136,117

5 ASSESSORS
5A Personnel 166,072
5B Expenses 14,831
Total Assessors 180,903
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<td>6 TREASURER/COLLECTOR</td>
<td>163,049</td>
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<td>APPROPRIATE FROM PARKING TICKET RECEIPTS</td>
<td>5,000</td>
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<td>RAISE AND APPROPRIATE</td>
<td>34,700</td>
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<td>202,749</td>
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<td>7 INFORMATION SYSTEMS</td>
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<td>7A Personnel</td>
<td>75,091</td>
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<td>7B Expenses</td>
<td>96,188</td>
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<td>Total Information Systems</td>
<td>171,279</td>
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<td>8 TOWN CLERK/ELECTIONS</td>
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<td>8A Personnel</td>
<td>121,958</td>
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<td>8B Expenses</td>
<td>29,440</td>
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<td>Total Town Clerk/Elections</td>
<td>151,398</td>
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<td>9 CONSERVATION</td>
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<td>9A Personnel</td>
<td>32,722</td>
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<td>APPROPRIATE FROM WETLAND FEES</td>
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<td>Total Conservation</td>
<td>39,662</td>
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<td>10 PLANNING BOARD</td>
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<td>10A Personnel</td>
<td>94,464</td>
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<td>10B Expenses</td>
<td>9,627</td>
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<td>Total Planning Board</td>
<td>104,091</td>
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<td>11 ZONING/APPEALS BOARD</td>
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<td>11A Personnel</td>
<td>9,125</td>
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<td>11B Expenses</td>
<td>6,255</td>
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<td>Total Zoning/Appeals Board</td>
<td>15,380</td>
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<td>12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</td>
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<td>12A Personnel</td>
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<td>12B Expenses</td>
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<td>Total Economic Development</td>
<td>0</td>
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<td>13 TOWN HALL/CENTRAL SERVICES</td>
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<td>13A Personnel</td>
<td>24,000</td>
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<td>13B Expenses</td>
<td>58,626</td>
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<td>Total Town Hall/Central Services</td>
<td>82,626</td>
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<td>APPROVED</td>
<td>Unanimous</td>
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<td>TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT</td>
<td>1,507,236</td>
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<td>PUBLIC SAFETY</td>
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<td>RAISE AND APPROPRIATE</td>
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<td>14 POLICE</td>
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<td>14A Personnel</td>
<td>2,516,343</td>
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<td>14B Expenses</td>
<td>256,892</td>
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<td>Total Police</td>
<td>2,773,235</td>
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<td>15 FIRE</td>
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<tr>
<td>15A Personnel</td>
<td>588,482</td>
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<tr>
<td>15B Expenses</td>
<td>142,140</td>
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<td>Total Fire</td>
<td>730,622</td>
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APPROPRIATE FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS
16 AMBULANCE
  16A Personnel  644,971
  16B Expenses  93,950
Total Ambulance  738,921

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

17 CODE ENFORCEMENT
  17A Personnel  142,477

APPROPRIATE FROM WEIGHTS AND MEASURES RESERVE ACCOUNT
  17A Personnel  5,000

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE
  17B Expenses  10,095

APPROPRIATE FROM WEIGHTS AND MEASURES RESERVE ACCOUNT
  17B Expenses  1,500
Total Code Enforcement  159,072

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

18 CIVIL DEFENSE
  18A Personnel  3,600
  18B Expenses  9,500
Total Civil Defense  13,000

Voted  APPROVED  Unanimous

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY  4,414,850

EDUCATION

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

20 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT
  20A TRANSPORTATION  22,910,443
  20B TRADE SCHOOL  0
  20C BLACKSTONE REGIONAL  300,000
                      1,304,155
Voted  APPROVED  Unanimous

TOTAL EDUCATION  24,514,588

PUBLIC WORKS

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

21 DPW HIGHWAY DIVISION
  21A Personnel  537,259
  21B Expenses  573,836
  21C Snow/Ice Personnel  100,000
Total Highway (Includes Snow & Ice)  1,211,095

21 DPW FACILITIES DIVISION
  21D Energy and Utilities  0
  21E Building Maintenance (non-personnel)  0
Voted  APPROVED  Unanimous

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS  1,211,095

BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMM.

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

21F BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMM.
  21F Expenses  0

TOTAL BUILD, PLAN, & CONSTRUCT  0

HUMAN SERVICES
## RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

| 22 BOARD OF HEALTH     | 22A Personnel | 19,658 |
|                       | 22B Expenses  | 75,089 |
| **Total Board of Health** | 55,411       |

| 23 LANDFILL ANALYSIS   | 23A Expenses | 15,030 |
|                       |              | 15,030 |
| **Total Landfill Analysis** | 15,030  |

| 24 COUNCIL ON AGING    | 24A Personnel | 152,277 |
|                       | 24B Expenses  | 20,608  |
| **Total Council On Aging** | 172,885      |

| 26 VETERANS            | 26A Personnel | 242,480 |
|                       | 26B Expenses  | 242,840 |
| **Total Veterans**     |              | 605,694 |

### TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES

- **Voted**: APPROVED
- **Unanimous**: 605,694

## CULTURE & RECREATION

### RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

| 27 LIBRARY             | 27A Personnel | 179,567 |
|                       | 27B Expenses  | 28,731  |
| **Total Library**     |              | 208,298 |

| 28 RECREATION          | 28A Personnel | 12,000  |
|                       | 28B Expenses  | 0       |
| **Total Recreation**   |              | 12,000  |

| 29 HISTORICAL COMMISSION | 29A Expenses | 500     |
| **Total Historical Commission** | 500  |

| 30 MEMORIALS           | 30A Soldiers Memorials | 15,000  |
|                       | 30B Veterans Celebrations | 1,900  |
| **Total Memorials**    |                        | 16,900  |

| 31 RECYCLING           | 31A Personnel | 3       |
|                       | 31B Expenses  | 7,500   |
| **Total Recycling**    |              | 7,503   |

**Voted**: APPROVED

### TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION

- **Unanimous**: 246,198

## DEBT SERVICE

### RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

| 32 Debt Principal | 227,000 |
| **APPROPRIATE FROM RECEIPTS RESERVED - TITLE V** | 32 Debt Principal | 15,108 |

### RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

| 33 Debt Interest  | 86,755 |
| 34 Short Term Interest | 20,000 |
| 35 BVRS Debt       | 78,122 |

**Total Debt Service**: 246,198
### TOTAL DEBT SERVICE

**Voted**  
**APPROVED**  
**Unanimous**  
426,985

### NON-DEPARTMENTAL

### RAISE AND APPROPRIATE
- 36 Medicare  
- 37 Life Insurance  
- 38 Retirement System  
- 39 Workers’ Compensation  
- 40 Unemployment Comp.  
- 41 Employee Ins. Benefits  
- **APPROPRIATE FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS [FREE CASH]**  
- 41 Employee Ins. Benefits  
- **APPROPRIATE FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS**  
- 41 Employee Ins. Benefits  
- **APPROPRIATE FROM HEALTH INSURANCE STABILIZATION**  
- 41 Employee Ins. Benefits  
- **RAISE AND APPROPRIATE**  
- 42 Property & Liability Ins.  
- 43 Reserve for Wage Adj.  
- 44 Stabilization Fund  
- 45 Reserve Fund  
- 46 Retirement Benefits

**Voted**  
**APPROVED**  
**Unanimous**  
8,948,628  
$ 41,774,284

At this time, the Moderator turned the Meeting over to the Deputy Moderator.

### ARTICLE 4:

**Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,259,582 for expenses and debt service to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2018, said sum to be offset by the sum of $2,259,582 from betterments and other revenues received by the Sewer Enterprise Fund during Fiscal Year 2018; said appropriation to be used for the following purposes:**

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<tr>
<th>Description</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wages and Salaries</td>
<td>$395,543</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expenses</td>
<td>$896,740</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest on long term debt</td>
<td>$100,266</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sewer maturing principal</td>
<td>$623,473</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total:</strong></td>
<td>$2,016,022</td>
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and further vote to transfer **$243,560** from said **$2,259,582** to the General Fund as reimbursement for shared costs and fringe benefits.

### ARTICLE 6:

**Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,465,017 for expenses and debt service to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2018, said sum to be offset by the sum of **$1,465,017** from revenues received by the Water Enterprise Fund during Fiscal Year 2018, said appropriation to be used for the following purposes:**

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>Wages and Salaries</td>
<td>$24,757</td>
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<tr>
<td>Expenses</td>
<td>$1,361,987</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Interest on long term debt</td>
<td>$12,175</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Water maturing principal</td>
<td>$35,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total:</strong></td>
<td>$1,433,919</td>
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and further vote to transfer **$31,098** from said **$1,465,017** to the General Fund as reimbursement for shared costs and fringe benefits.

### ARTICLE 6: UNANIMOUS

**Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of $470,019 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 that the Town 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.**

### ARTICLE 7:

**Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for FY 2018, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the M.G.L.**

### ARTICLE 8:

**Moved and seconded that the Town vote, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53E ½, as most recently amended, to amend the general by-laws of the Town by adding a new section 5-113, Revolving Funds, to the Northbridge Code, to establish and authorize revolving funds**
for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers, specifying the
departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each
fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, as follows:

Section 5-113, Revolving Funds

There are hereby established in the Town of Northbridge, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E ½, the following Revolving Funds:

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Program or Purpose</th>
<th>Representative or Board</th>
<th>Department Receipts</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Playgrounds and Recreation - Field Maintenance and Improvements, Equipment Rental, Support Facilities</td>
<td>Playground &amp; Recreation Commission</td>
<td>Grants, Donations, Program User Fees, Fund Raising Proceeds</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Food Health and Safety - Inspections, Plan Reviews, Supplies, and Administrative Costs</td>
<td>Board of Health</td>
<td>Food Related Permit Fees, Plan Review Fees, Non-Compliance Fees</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compost Site – Monitoring/Monitor’s Salary, Supplies, Administrative Costs</td>
<td>Board of Health</td>
<td>Fees from Compost Site Stickers</td>
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</table>

Expenditures from each revolving fund set forth herein shall be subject to the limitation established annually by Town Meeting or any increase therein as may be authorized in accordance with G.L. c.44, § 53E ½.

And further vote to set the FY2018 spending limits for such revolving funds as follows:

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<th>Program or Purpose</th>
<th>FY 2018 Spending Limit</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Playgrounds and Recreation</td>
<td>$20,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Food Health and Safety</td>
<td>$20,000</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Compost Site</td>
<td>$10,000</td>
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ARTICLE 9: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2016 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 3, 2016), and under Article 2 of the 2016 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 25, 2016), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article, by transferring the sum of $25,000 from Line 40, Unemployment, to the Compensated Absences Fund.

ARTICLE 10: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $75,000 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), to the Compensated Absences Fund for FY 2018.

ARTICLE 11: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $45,000 from the Pine Grove Cemetery Trust to fund operations of the Pine Grove Cemetery for FY 2018 beginning July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2018, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works.

ARTICLE 12: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $67,936 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 2018.

ARTICLE 13: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50,000; said funds to be transferred to the Other Post-Employment Benefits [OPEB] Trust Fund.

ARTICLE 14: Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $450,977 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), for the creation of a Healthcare Reimbursement Account to offset medical costs and expenses for employees of the Town of Northbridge and to allow the Town to meet its obligation to the Town’s collective bargaining units in exchange for various health insurance plan design changes.

Motion to amend the main motion:

Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the main motion be amended by deleting the amount "$450,977" and inserting in place thereof "$460,977."

Main Motion as Amended:

Voted APPROVED Unanimous

ARTICLE 15: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $100,000 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), to the Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 16: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $50,000 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), for repairs to the brick facade and associated repairs to the front (Main Street side) of the Fire Department Headquarters, 193 Main Street, Whitinsville.
Attendance at 7:30 P.M.: 71 Registered Voters

At this time, the Moderator returned.

**ARTICLE 17:**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw, Section 173-12 [Table of Use Regulations] by designating "Commercial stables, kennels or veterinary hospital in which all animals, fowl or other forms of life are completely enclosed in pens or other structures" as a use allowed by special permit (S) within the Business-Two (B-2) Zoning District, as follows:

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<th>USE</th>
<th>ZONING DISTRICT</th>
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<tr>
<td>Commercial stables, kennels or veterinary hospital in which all animals, fowl or other forms of life are completely enclosed in pens or other structures</td>
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**ARTICLE 18:**

Voted **APPROVED** Standing Vote: **YES: 50 NO: 6**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Section 173-18.5 entitled, "Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments", that would provide as follows, and further to amend the Bylaw's Table of Contents to add said Section 173-18.5, "Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments" as follows:

Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments

Section 173-18.5.A Purpose

On November 08, 2016, the voters of the Commonwealth approved a law regulating the cultivation, processing, distribution, possession and use of marijuana for recreational purposes (new G.L. c. 94G, Regulations of the Use and Distribution of Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed). The law, which allows certain personal use and possession of marijuana, took effect on December 15, 2016 and (as amended on December 30, 2018; Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016) requires a Cannabis Control Commission to issue regulations regarding the licensing of commercial activities by March 15, 2018, and to begin accepting applications for licenses on April 1, 2018. Currently, a non-medical Marijuana Establishment, hereinafter, a "Recreational Marijuana Establishment", as defined in G.L. c. 94G; §1, is not specifically addressed in the Zoning Bylaw. Regulations to be promulgated by the Cannabis Control Commission may provide guidance on certain aspects of local regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments.

The regulation of recreational marijuana raises novel legal, planning, and public safety issues, and the Town needs time to study and consider the regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments and address such issues, as well as to address the potential impact of the State regulations on local zoning and to undertake a planning process to consider amending the Zoning Bylaw regarding regulation of Recreational Marijuana Establishments. The Town intends to adopt a temporary moratorium on the use of land and structures in the Town for Recreational Marijuana Establishments so as to allow sufficient time to address the effects of such structures and uses in the Town and to enact bylaws in a consistent manner.

Section 173-18.5.B Definition

"Recreational Marijuana Establishment" shall mean a "marijuana cultivator, marijuana testing facility, marijuana product manufacturer, marijuana retailer or any other type of licensed marijuana-related business."

Section 173-18.5.C Temporary Moratorium

For the reasons set forth above and notwithstanding any other provision of the Zoning Bylaw to the contrary, the Town hereby adopts a temporary moratorium on the use of land or structures for a Recreational Marijuana Establishment and other uses related to recreational marijuana. The moratorium shall be in effect through November 30, 2018 or until such time as the Town adopts Zoning Bylaw amendments that regulate Recreational Marijuana Establishments, whichever occurs earlier. During moratorium period, the Town shall undertake a planning process to address the potential impacts of recreational marijuana in the Town, and to consider the Cannabis Control Commission regulations regarding Recreational Marijuana Establishments, and shall consider adopting new Zoning Bylaws in response to these new issues.

**ARTICLE 19:**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $190,000 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and the School Department, for the purpose of purchasing and installing energy reduction equipment and other appurtenances at certain Town and School Department buildings.

**ARTICLE 20:**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $100,000 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), for the purpose of replacing entry doors at the Northbridge Middle School and purchasing technology for the Northbridge Elementary School, W. Edward Balmer Elementary School, Northbridge Middle School and Northridge High School, said funds to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

**ARTICLE 21:**

Voted **APPROVED** Unanimous

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $110,000 from the Retained Earnings
Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works, for the purpose of purchasing and installing energy reduction equipment and other appurtenances at the Wastewater Treatment Plant and other pump stations.

**ARTICLE 22:**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $150,000 from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works, for the purpose of financing work recommended as a result of the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) and infiltration & inflow reports to perform the 1st segment of a 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/crooked/broken sewer lines.

Moved and seconded the Town vote to transfer the sum of $150,000 from the undesized fund balance (free cash), for the purpose of financing the purchase of a Hook & Load Packer (Leaf Removal) truck and appurtenances for use by the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works.

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $138,000 from the undesized fund balance (free cash), for the purpose of financing the purchase of a Sidewalk Bomberdier (Snow Removal) vehicle and appurtenances for use by the Highway Division of the Department of Public Works.

Moved and seconded to move the question. Moved and seconded to pass over Article 26.

I move that the Town vote to accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use, the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; to designate the amount of such surcharge on real property as one percent (1%) of the annual real estate tax levy against real property, with such surcharge to commence in fiscal year 2019; and to accept exemption (3) from such surcharge under Section 3(e) of said Chapter 44B - $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property.

Moved and seconded to move the question. Moved and seconded to pass over Article 26.

I move that the Town vote to accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, otherwise known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act, by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space, the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources, the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use, the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation and restoration of such open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided under said Act; to designate the amount of such surcharge on real property as one percent (1%) of the annual real estate tax levy against real property, with such surcharge to commence in fiscal year 2019; and to accept exemption (3) from such surcharge under Section 3(e) of said Chapter 44B - $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property.

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section 8J of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws in order to establish a Disability Commission.

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept the provisions of Section 22G of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws in order to allow funds collected from handicapped parking fines to be given to the Northbridge Disability Commission to be used solely for the benefit of persons with disabilities.

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

Voted unanimously at 10:17 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Spring Annual Town Meeting.

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ATTEST:

[Signature]

Doreen A. Cedrone, CMC, CMMC

Town Clerk