The Fall Annual Town Meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by the Moderator, Harold D. Gould, Jr., at the Northbridge Middle School Auditorium on Linwood Avenue, in Whittinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared the Town Quorum of 50 present. The number of registered voters in attendance at 7:00 p.m. was 84. The invocation was given by Rev. Robert G. Sherwood, Pastor of the Village Congregational Church, and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

The following tellers were appointed by the Moderator and duly sworn in by the Town Clerk: Sharon Susienka, Denis LaTour, Barbara Gaudette, Philip Cyr, Faith Lane, and Roger Mathieu.

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

**ARTICLE 1:**

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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 the following sums of money and authorize the payment of prior year bills; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2:**

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Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2014 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 6, 2014), appropriation and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article as follows:

**BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS**

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

**FIRE:**
Line 15A: Fire Personnel
By raising and appropriating the additional sum of $15,000

**AMBULANCE:**
Line 16A: Ambulance Personnel
By transferring from Ambulance Receipts the additional sum of $10,000

**Total Public Safety:** $25,000

**EDUCATION**

Line 20C: Blackstone Valley Vocational Regional School District
By raising and appropriating the additional sum of $33,040

for the annual appropriation of its FY 15 operating budget.

**Total Education:** $33,040

**Total Article 2:** $58,040

**ARTICLE 3:**

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Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $200,000 and transfer the sum of $40,000 from Line 42 (Property and Liability Insurance) of the Town’s FY 15 operating budget for the purchase of a Fire Department Ladder Truck and associated appurtenances and equipment, said sums to be expended under the direction of the Fire Chief.

**ARTICLE 4:**

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Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300,000 for the purpose of a road maintenance and repair program, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works contingent, however, upon the passage of a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under Proposition 2½, so-called.

**Attendance at 7:15 p.m.:** 98 registered voters.
ARTICLE 5: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load for its residents and businesses, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134, and further, to adopt the following Resolution to Seek Lower Electric Rates in a Competitive Market as follows:

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by enacting Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, has established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry; and

Whereas, the citizens of the Town of Northbridge in Worcester County have substantial economic, environmental, and social interests at stake; and

Whereas, Northbridge's residential and business consumers are interested in reducing their electricity rates;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Town Meeting of Northbridge grants the Board of Selectmen authority to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, for power supply and other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities or regional governmental entities.

If such contracts are to be approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternative service they desire; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Selectmen may establish, and/or appoint representatives for, a committee to oversee such independent or joint action.

ARTICLE 6: Voted DEFEATED Voice Vote
2/3 vote not attained.
Moderator declared lack of 2/3 vote by Virtue of Town Law C3-106

Moved and seconded that the Town vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, section 7 of the General Laws and any other enabling authority, to borrow the sum of $935,000 for the purchase and installation of water meters and associated equipment, including a meter reading system, for the Town of Northbridge Water Distribution System, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Department of Public Works.

ARTICLE 7: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to approve a Tax Payment Agreement pursuant to the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter164, Section 1, or any other enabling authority, for a term of twenty years, with an annual payment of $19,149, between the Town and the property owner for real property and personal property relating to a Renewable Energy Generation Facility on the land located on Lasell Road known as Oakhurst Farm and shown on Assessors' Map 1, as Parcel 97 [containing approximately 11.19 acres] and Assessors' Map 1, as Parcel 98 [containing approximately 9.40 acres].

ARTICLE 8: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the Town of Sutton for the expansion of the sanitary sewer on Main Street in Whitinsville.

ARTICLE 9: Voted DEFEATED Majority
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 64L, §2 authorizing the imposition of a local sales tax in the statutory amount of .75% on the sale of restaurant meals originating within the Town, such tax to take effect January 1, 2015.

ARTICLE 10: Voted APPROVED Unanimous
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $311,000 to fund the following capital purchases for the School Department: pick-up truck replacement; kitchen repairs at the Balmer School; air conditioner replacement for the Middle School auditorium; locker room HVAC unit replacement for the Middle School; building and grounds security cameras and key card/fob boxes at the High School, Middle School, Balmer School, and Northbridge Elementary School; and technology switch additions and replacements at the High School, Middle School, Balmer School, and Northbridge Elementary School, contingent, however, upon the passage of a capital outlay expenditure exclusion under the provisions of Proposition 2½ so called, MGL Chapter 59, Section 21C (l%).
Moved and seconded to move the question. Voted  
APPROVED Unanimous

ARTICLE 11: Voted  
APPROVED Voice Vote
2/3 vote attained. Moderator declared 2/3 vote by 
Virtue of Town By-Law C3-106

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the Northbridge Zoning Bylaw, Chapter 173 of the Code of Northbridge, Section 173-20 [Table of Height and Bulk Regulations] by (1) increasing the maximum permitted height in the I-1 and I-2 (Industrial) zones from 30 and 45 feet respectively to 60 feet and (2) increasing the maximum permitted height (stories) in the I-1 & I-2 (Industrial) zones from 2 and 3 stories respectively to 4 stories, as shown below:

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ARTICLE 12: Voted  
APPROVED Standing Vote: YES 62 NO 20
Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend Sections 7-400 of the Code of the Town of Northbridge by inserting the following paragraph in §7-402: PROHIBITED REFUSE:

C. No person shall deposit within the Town of Northbridge any hazardous wastes or contaminated soils taken from without the Town limits, including but not limited to, those wastes or contaminated soils as defined in DEP Policy # COMM-97-001 (Reuse and Disposal of Contaminated Soil at Massachusetts Landfills), including Construction & Demolition fines and/or residuals, and grading and shaping materials, as well as sediments, including dredged sediments, which are subject to compliance requirements of DEP Interim Policy # COMM-94-007 (Interim Policy for Sampling, Analysis, Handling and Tracking Requirements for Dredged Sediment Reused or Disposed at Massachusetts Permitted Landfills).

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 9:07 P.M. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Fall Annual Town Meeting.

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ATTEST:   
Doreen A. Cedrone, CMC/CMMC
Town Clerk