

SPECIMEN BALLOT

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OFFICIAL BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION
NORTHBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS
MAY 15, 2018

Andrea Cedrone
TOWN CLERK

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice(s) like this: ☐
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name and address on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

3-year term VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

ALICIA M. CANNON
271 Marston Road

☐

(Write-in)

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

3-year term VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN TWO

MICHAEL J. LEBRASSEUR
295 Hillcrest Road
Candidate for Re-election

☐

JOSEPH A. RICHARDS
425 Jessica Way

☐

(Write-in)

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

3-year term VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

☐

(Write-in)

PLANNING BOARD

2-year term VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

☐

(Write-in)

**TRUSTEES OF SOLDIERS'
MEMORIALS -
VETERAN**

3-year term VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

THOMAS A. FARLEY
401 Cooler Road
Candidate for Re-election

☐

(Write-in)

**NORTHBRIDGE
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

5-year term VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

☐

(Write-in)

**NORTHBRIDGE
HOUSING AUTHORITY**

5-year term VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

☐

(Write-in)

**REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

5-year term VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

(Write-in)

**REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

4-year term VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

(Write-in)

**REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

3-year term VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

(Write-in)

**REDEVELOPMENT
AUTHORITY**

2-year term VOTE FOR NOT
MORE THAN ONE

(Write-in)

QUESTIONS

Question 1

Shall the Town of Northbridge adopt the following By-Law?

Summary: Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94G, Section 3, allows a town, through adoption of by-laws, to prohibit all or certain types of marijuana establishments from operating in that town. In a town such as Northbridge that voted "yes" on Question 4 at the November 8, 2016 State Election in favor of allowing adult use of marijuana and lawful operation of marijuana establishments, a ballot question is also required for such prohibition. In this case, the Zoning By-law amendment set forth below, which is on the warrant for the 2018 Spring Annual Town Meeting, would prohibit marijuana establishments, as that term is defined in G.L. c.94G, §1, in the Town.

Section 173-2, Definitions:

RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA ESTABLISHMENTS

Consistent with G.L. c.94G, § 3(a)(2), all types of non-medical "marijuana establishments" as defined in G.L. c.94G, §1, including marijuana cultivators, independent testing laboratories, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses.

Section 173-18.6, "Recreational Marijuana Establishments:"

§173-18.6 Recreational Marijuana Establishments.

Recreational Marijuana Establishments shall be prohibited within the Town of Northbridge. In addition, the sale of marijuana accessories, as defined in G.L. c.94G, §1 and any other applicable law or regulation, shall be prohibited within the Town of Northbridge.

QUESTION 1 CONTINUED ON BACK OF BALLOT

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

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Section 173-12, Table of Use Regulations:

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USE	ZONING DISTRICT											
Retail Services	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-4	R-5	R-6	G-1	B-2	B-3	I-1	I-2	H
Recreational Marijuana Establishments, including marijuana social consumption operations ⁷	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

⁷Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 173-48 or any other provision of this Zoning Bylaw, no use variance for a Recreational Marijuana Establishment or sale of marijuana accessories shall be permitted.

YES ☐

NO ☐

Question 2

"Shall this Town accept sections 3 to 7 inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?"

Summary: Sections 3 to 7 of Chapter 44B of the General Laws of Massachusetts, also known as the "Community Preservation Act" (hereinafter "CPA" or "Act"), establish a dedicated funding source to enable the Town to: (1) acquire, create or preserve open space, including land for recreational use; (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate and restore historic resources and artifacts; and (3) acquire, create, preserve and support community housing; and (4) rehabilitate or restore open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided for in the Act. In the Town of Northbridge, the Community Preservation Act will be funded by a surcharge of 1% on the annual property tax assessed on real property, beginning in fiscal year 2019, and by annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act.

The following exemption from the surcharge, permitted under Section 3(e) of the Act, will apply: (1) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property.

Upon acceptance of the CPA by the voters, a Community Preservation Committee will be established by by-law to study community preservation needs, possibilities, and resources, and to submit annual spending recommendations to Town Meeting for approval. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year must be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act's three community preservation purposes: (1) open space (2) historic resources and (3) community housing.

Town Meeting voted on May 2nd, 2017 to accept said sections 3 to 7, acting on Article 26 of the warrant, as follows:

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.

YES ☐

NO ☐

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING