

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.
Northbridge Middle School
Linwood Avenue**

The meeting was called to order by the Town Moderator, Henry J. Lane at 7:04 at the Northbridge Middle School on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in Northbridge, Massachusetts. The Moderator declared a quorum in attendance at the time.

The invocation was given by Rev. Kim Manion, Pastor of the Blackstone Valley United Methodist Church, and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

Before attending to Town Business, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Charles Ampagoomian Jr. informed the attendees that this would be the last Town Meeting for Selectman James Athanas, whose term will expire at the next Town Election. He thanked Mr. Athanas for his service to the town. Mr. Ampagoomian then thanked the fire department for their hard work over the previous weekend when the historic Victorian burned, along with another house fire and several brush fires.

Instructions were given on the use of the Electronic Voting Devices to be used for this meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to dispense with the reading of the Warrant. Voted unanimously to dispense with the reading of the Warrant.

ARTICLE 1: 4/5 REQUIRED 72 YES / 1 NO DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer from the unexpended appropriated FY 22 funds of the Non-Departmental / Property & Liability Insurance budget item and the Department of Public Works / Sewer Division Enterprise Fund budget – expenses, respectively, the following sums of money and authorize the payment of prior year bills as follows:

NON-DEPARTMENTAL / PROPERTY & LIABILITY INSURANCE:

\$ 13.70 to Cabot Risk Strategies, LLC
\$ 128.94 to Cabot Risk Strategies, LLC

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS / SEWER DIVISION:

\$5,925.09 to NEXAMP, INC.
\$5,116.78 to Whitinsville Water Company
\$1,024.59 to Whitinsville Water Company

ARTICLE 2: 72 YES / 2 NO DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2021 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 4, 2021), and under Article 1 of the 2021 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 26, 2021), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article as follows:

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

TOWN MANAGER:

Line 2A: Town Manager Personnel

By transferring from Line 2B [Town Manager Expenses]

the additional sum of

\$ 2,625

TOTAL TOWN MANAGER: \$ 2,625

ASSESSORS:

Line 5B: Assessors Expenses

By transferring from Line 5A [Assessors Personnel]

the additional sum of

\$ 6,000

TOTAL ASSESSORS \$ 6,000

TOWN CLERK:

Line 8A: Town Clerk Personnel

By **transferring from Line 8B [Town Clerk Expenses]**

the additional sum of \$ 2,343

TOTAL TOWN CLERK: \$ 2,343

TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT: \$ 10,968

PUBLIC SAFETY

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Line 14B: Police Expenses

By **transferring from Line 14A [Police Personnel]**

the additional sum of \$ 25,000

TOTAL POLICE: \$ 25,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Line 15A: Fire Personnel

By **transferring from the undesignated fund balance (free cash)**

the additional sum of \$ 60,000

Line 15A: Fire Personnel

By **transferring from Line 26B [Veterans Expenses]**

the additional sum of \$ 20,000

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Line 15B: Fire Expenses

By **transferring from the undesignated fund balance (free cash)**

the additional sum of \$ 29,000

Line 15B: Fire Expenses

By **transferring from Line 26B [Veterans Expenses]**

the additional sum of \$ 15,000

TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT: \$124,000

AMBULANCE:

Line 16B: Ambulance Expenses

By **transferring from the undesignated fund balance (free cash)**

the additional sum of \$ 13,000

Line 16B: Ambulance Expenses

By **transferring from Line 26B [Veterans Expenses]**

the additional sum of \$ 15,000

TOTAL AMBULANCE: \$ 28,000

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY: \$177,000

PUBLIC WORKS

DPW HIGHWAY DIVISION:

Line 21C: Snow/Ice Personnel

By **transferring from the undesignated fund balance (free cash)**

the additional sum of \$343,304

TOTAL SNOW/ICE: \$ 343,304

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS: \$343,304

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

MEDICARE:

Line 36: Medicare

By **transferring from the undesignated fund balance (free cash)**

the additional sum of \$50,000

TOTAL MEDICARE: \$50,000

PROPERTY & LIABILITY:

Line 42: Property & Liability

By **transferring from the undesignated fund balance (free cash)**

the additional sum of \$50,000

TOTAL PROPERTY & LIABILITY: \$50,000

TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL: \$100,000

TOTAL ARTICLE 2:	\$631,272
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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 **\$50,460,922** to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for FY 2023, beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 as follows:

LINE # ACCOUNT NAME	FY 22 Approved	FY 23 Recommended
GENERAL GOVERNMENT		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
1 SELECTMEN		
1A Personnel	5,150	5,150
By allocating \$1,150 to the Chairman and \$1,000 to each of the other 4 Selectmen		
1B Expenses	100,260	100,260
Total Selectmen	105,410	105,410
2 TOWN MANAGER		
2A Personnel	316,406	326,249
2B Expenses	24,966	24,966
Total Town Manager	341,372	351,215
3 FINANCE COMMITTEE		
3B Expenses	6,275	6,275
Total Finance Committee	6,275	6,275
4 TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
4A Personnel	137,888	140,296
4B Expenses	15,380	15,380
Total Town Accountant	153,268	155,676
5 ASSESSORS		
5A Personnel	189,052	171,580
5B Expenses	32,357	42,645
Total Assessors	221,409	214,225
6 TREASURER/COLLECTOR		
6A Personnel	175,800	180,033
APPROPRIATE FROM PARKING TICKET RECEIPTS		
6A Personnel	0	0

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

6B Expenses	39,400	40,500
Total Treasurer/Collector	215,200	220,533

7 INFORMATION SYSTEMS

7A Personnel	80,480	82,090
7B Expenses	117,178	125,496
Total Information Systems	197,658	207,586

8 TOWN CLERK/ELECTIONS

8A Personnel	121,823	131,529
8B Expenses	36,755	59,507
Total Town Clerk/Elections	158,578	191,036

9 CONSERVATION

9A Personnel	36,014	71,467
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APPROPRIATE FROM WETLAND FEES

9A Personnel	12,200	11,500
9B Expenses	0	0

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

9B Expenses	2,522	2,581
Total Conservation	50,736	85,548

10 PLANNING BOARD

10A Personnel	103,350	113,367
10B Expenses	10,166	10,435
Total Planning Board	113,516	123,802

11 ZONING/APPEALS BOARD

11A Personnel	9,850	9,142
11B Expenses	6,260	6,330
Total Zoning/Appeals Board	16,110	15,472

12 ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

12A Personnel	0	0
12B Expenses	0	0
Total Economic Development	0	0

13 TOWN HALL/CENTRAL SERVICES

13A Personnel	24,000	13,351
13B Expenses	57,825	57,825
Total Town Hall/Central Services	81,825	71,176

	63 YES / 0 NO	DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	1,661,357	1,747,954

PUBLIC SAFETY

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

14 POLICE

14A Personnel	2,682,491	2,754,750
14B Expenses	307,525	314,602
Total Police	2,990,016	3,069,352

15 FIRE

15A Personnel	915,013	1,008,261
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15B Expenses	158,200	170,236
Total Fire	1,073,213	1,178,497
APPROPRIATE FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS		
16 AMBULANCE		
16A Personnel	770,754	862,342
16B Expenses	116,000	129,260
Total Ambulance	886,754	991,602
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
17 CODE ENFORCEMENT		
17A Personnel	152,955	152,012
APPROPRIATE FROM WEIGHTS AND MEASURES RESERVE ACCOUNT		
17A Personnel	5,000	5,000
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
17B Expenses	10,172	11,040
APPROPRIATE FROM WEIGHTS AND MEASURES RESERVE ACCOUNT		
17B Expenses	1,500	1,500
Total Code Enforcement	169,627	169,552
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
18 CIVIL DEFENSE		
18A Personnel	3,500	7,500
18B Expenses	11,200	11,650
Total Civil Defense	14,700	19,150

	75 YES / 1 NO	DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR	
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		5,134,310	5,428,153

EDUCATION
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

20 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		
20 SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	24,739,112	25,315,533
20A TRANSPORTATION	0	0
20B TRADE SCHOOL	300,000	350,000
20C BLACKSTONE REGIONAL	1,935,163	1,899,148

	61 YES / 4 NO	DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR	
TOTAL EDUCATION		26,974,275	27,564,681

PUBLIC WORKS
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

21 DPW HIGHWAY DIVISION		
21A Personnel	566,798	570,230
21B Expenses	760,576	600,609
21C Snow/Ice Personnel	100,000	100,000
Total Highway (Includes Snow & Ice)	1,427,374	1,270,839

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

		72 YES / 1 NO	DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS			1,427,374	1,270,839
 BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMM.				
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE				
 21F BUILDING, PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION COMM.				
21F Expenses			0	0
TOTAL BUILD, PLAN, & CONSTRUCT			0	0
 HUMAN SERVICES				
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE				
 22 BOARD OF HEALTH				
22A Personnel			62,205	69,040
22B Expenses			22,889	23,710
Total Board of Health			85,094	92,750
 23 LANDFILL ANALYSIS				
23A Expenses			15,000	15,000
Total Landfill Analysis			15,000	15,000
 24 COUNCIL ON AGING				
24A Personnel			148,717	155,426
24B Expenses			20,508	20,808
Total Council On Aging			169,225	176,234
 25 DISABILITY COMMISSION				
25A Personnel			0	0
25B Expenses			1,000	1,000
Total Disability Commission			1,000	1,000
 26 VETERANS				
26A Personnel			0	0
26B Expenses			200,065	200,065
Total Veterans			200,065	200,065
		75 YES / 1 NO	DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES			470,384	485,049
 CULTURE & RECREATION				
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE				
 27 LIBRARY				
27A Personnel			226,098	232,496
27B Expenses			29,308	29,601
Total Library			255,406	262,097
 28 RECREATION				
28A Personnel			0	0
28B Expenses			12,000	12,000
28C Youth League Equipment			0	0
Total Recreation			12,000	12,000

29 HISTORICAL COMMISSION

29A Expenses	500	2,000
Total Historical Commission	500	2,000

30 MEMORIALS

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

31 RECYCLING

31A Personnel	0	0
31B Expenses	7,500	0
Total Recycling	7,500	0

	73 YES / 2 NO	DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	292,306	292,997

DEBT SERVICE

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

32 Debt Principal	2,632,109	2,632,000
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APPROPRIATE FROM RECEIPTS RESERVED - TITLE V

32 Debt Principal	4,687	4,796
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RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

33 Debt Interest	1,239,581	1,239,581
34 Short Term Interest	20,000	20,000
35 BVRs Debt	67,916	67,916

	74 YES / 1 NO	DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	3,964,293	3,964,293

NON-DEPARTMENTAL

RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

36 Medicare	345,000	345,000
37 Life Insurance	10,000	10,000
38 Retirement System	1,978,731	2,054,691
39 Workers' Compensation	200,000	200,000
40 Unemployment Comp.	131,300	131,300
41 Employee Ins. Benefits	5,804,729	6,004,729

APPROPRIATE FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS [FREE CASH]

41 Employee Ins. Benefits	500,000	400,000
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APPROPRIATE FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS

41 Employee Ins. Benefits	200,000	100,000
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APPROPRIATE FROM HEALTH INSURANCE STABILIZATION

41 Employee Ins. Benefits	0	0
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RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

42 Property & Liability Ins.	326,162	373,986
43 Reserve for Wage Adj.	12,500	12,500
44 Stabilization Fund	0	0
45 Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000
46 Retirement Benefits	24,750	24,750

	72 YES / 0 NO	DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY THE MODERATOR
TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL	9,583,172	9,706,956

TOTAL	\$ 49,507,471	\$ 50,460,922
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ARTICLE 4: **72 YES / 3 NO** **DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,850,118** for expenses and debt service to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2023, said sum to be offset by the sum of **\$1,850,118** from betterments and other revenues received by the Sewer Enterprise Fund during Fiscal Year 2023, said appropriations to be used for the following purposes:

Wages and Salaries	\$ 450,312
Expenses	\$ 891,960
Interest on long term debt	\$ 41,286
Sewer maturing principal	\$ 223,000
Total: \$1,606,558;	

and further vote to transfer **\$243,560** from said **\$1,850,118** to the General Fund as reimbursement for shared costs and fringe benefits.

ARTICLE 5: **73 YES / 2 NO** **DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$1,724,680** for expenses and debt service to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2023, said sum to be offset by the sum of **\$1,724,680** from revenues received by the Water Enterprise Fund during Fiscal Year 2023, said appropriation to be used for the following purposes:

Wages and Salaries	\$ 27,338
Expenses	\$1,624,319
Interest on long term debt	\$ 6,925
Water maturing principal	\$ 35,000
Total: \$1,693,582;	

and further vote to transfer **\$31,098** from said **\$1,724,680** to the General Fund as reimbursement for shared costs and fringe benefits.

ARTICLE 6: **67 YES / 3 NO** **DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$465,194 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: **68 YES / 1 NO** **DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for FY 2023, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the M.G.L.

ARTICLE 8: **71 YES / 2 NO** **DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to set the FY 2023 spending limits for the Town's revolving funds under section 5-113 of the Northbridge Code as follows:

Program or Purpose	FY 2023 Spending Limit
Playgrounds and Recreation	\$20,000
Food Health and Safety	\$25,000
Compost Site	\$10,000

ARTICLE 9: **72 YES / 2 NO** **DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR**

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$44,373 from the Pine Grove Cemetery Trust to fund operations of the Pine Grove Cemetery for FY 2023 beginning July 1, 2022 and ending on June 30, 2023, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works.

ARTICLE 10: 73 YES / 1 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to reserve for future appropriation from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues, the amounts of money recommended by the Northbridge Community Preservation Committee for community preservation projects and other expenses for the Fiscal Year 2023, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as follows:

Reserves:

- a) From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve -the sum of \$ 20,000
- b) From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve -the sum of \$ 20,000
- c) From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Open Space & Recreation Reserve -the sum of \$ 20,000
- d) From FY 2023 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve -the sum of \$130,000

ARTICLE 11: 71 YES / 2 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from the Community Preservation Fund reserves to the Northbridge Community Preservation Committee for expenses associated with the implementation of the Community Preservation Act, including but not limited to clerical assistance, office supplies, property surveys, appraisals, attorney fees, and other professional services, recording fees, printing and all other necessary and proper expenses for the Fiscal Year 2023.

ARTICLE 12: 73 YES / 1 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars, (\$150,000) from Community Preservation Funds, (\$73,000 from Open Space and Recreation CPC account and \$77,000 from Undesignated CPC account), such sum to be spent under the direction of the Playground and Recreation Commission for the renovation of the Linwood Basketball complex.

ARTICLE 13: 68 YES / 4 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) the sum of \$25,000 to comply with the Immediate Response Action Plan submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for activities at the Quaker Street Landfill.

ARTICLE 14: 70 YES / 1 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer from the Pine Grove Cemetery Account 01022010-XXXXXX the sum of \$30,000 for the following cemetery maintenance projects: \$10,000 for Tree and Stump Removal and \$20,000 to make Cemetery Road Improvements, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works.

ARTICLE 15: 70 YES / 3 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to transfer the sum of \$5,111 from the unexpended balance of the Sewer Department Capital Account (60001512-533000), and appropriate and transfer the sum of \$359,889 from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund, to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works for the following purposes: the sum of \$150,000 for the purpose of funding work recommended as a result of the Town's Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (CWMP) and infiltration & inflow reports for the 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/cracked/broken sewer lines; the sum of \$30,000 for the purpose of undertaking a Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) facilities upgrade study; the sum of \$35,000 to purchase a utility pick-up truck; and the sum of \$150,000 to upgrade the WWTP SCADA system.

ARTICLE 16: 72 YES / 1 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$696,375 from the Retained Earnings Account of the Water Enterprise Fund, for the purpose of financing water infrastructure repairs, including the replacement of water mains, within the streets of Linwood Avenue, Court Street, and Edgemere Avenue.

ARTICLE 17: 67 YES / 3 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer 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 2023, the following sums of money: \$35,000 for the Town's Green Communities Energy Efficiency Projects Application; and \$10,000 to Replace the Entrance Heating Unit at the Town Hall.

ARTICLE 18: 67 YES / 4 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$253,447 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 2023, for the following purposes: \$52,519 for updating security cameras at the Middle School and High School; \$81,160 for replacing the intercom and clock system at the High School; \$119,768 for upgrading the network switches at the Middle School and High School; and to transfer the following unexpended amounts from prior year appropriations: \$17,109 from FY 2018 Plaster and Sound Systems at the Middle School account 01021804-XXXXXX for the purpose of updating security cameras at the Middle School and High School, and the amount of \$49,920 from FY 2022 Northbridge Elementary School Modular Classroom Demolition account 01022219-585831 for the purpose of replacing the cafeteria tables at the Middle School, for a total of \$67,029.

ARTICLE 19: 72 YES / 2 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to fund the capital projects shown below by appropriating and transferring the total sum of \$1,251,313 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) as follows:

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Master Plan Study	Planning Board	\$ 65,000
Northbridge Elementary School Reuse Study – Add'l Funds	BPCC	\$ 50,000
Sidewalk Maintenance	Public Works	\$ 25,000
Pavement Maintenance	Public Works	\$200,000
Upton Town Line Guardrail	Public Works	\$ 11,156
Field Mower	Public Works	\$ 45,000
Heavy Duty Container	Public Works	\$ 12,000
2-Ton Asphalt Recycler & Hot Box Trailer	Public Works	\$ 40,000
Complete Streets Grant Match	Public Works	\$264,000
Headquarters UST – Phase 1	Fire Department	\$ 5,000
Replace Breathing Apparatus	Fire Department	\$160,000
Fire Department Turn-Out Gear	Fire Department	\$ 70,000
Fire Department Pick-Up Truck	Fire Department	\$ 80,000
Linwood Playground Basketball Court Upgrades	Parks & Recreation	\$200,000
Vital Records Preservation Project	Town Clerk	\$ 8,625
Lasell Field Driveway Curbing	Public Works/NMS	\$ 15,532
TOTAL:		\$1,251,313

ARTICLE 20: 65 YES / 10 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the following unexpended sums from appropriations of prior years for the purposes set forth below: \$9,041.75 from March 2006 Fire Station Site Testing account 01020608-530300; \$81,681 from FY2014 BPCC Engineering & Architectural Studies account 01021319-530300; \$7,000 from FY2020 Fire Station Feasibility account 01022017-530000; \$29,325.01 from FY2018 Building Maintenance Projects account 01021812-5XXXXX; \$10,000 from FY 2020 Town Hall Annex Slate Roof Repairs account 01022018-585324; \$4,500 from FY2020 Town Hall Slate Roof Evaluations account 01022018-585310; \$5,256.55 from FY2021 Town Hall First Floor Carpeting account 01022116-585330; \$4,077 from FY2021 DPW Pick-Up Truck with Plow account 01022116-585017; \$480 from FY2022 Northbridge Elementary School Modular Classroom Demolition account 01022219-585831; \$7.36 from FY2019 Northbridge Schools Zero-Turn Mower account 01021919-585016; \$1,226 from FY2020 2 Floor Burnishers account 01022018-585327; and \$6,249.92 from FY2018 Plaster and Sound Systems at Northbridge Middle School account 01021804-XXXXXX; for a total of \$158,844.59 as follows:

<u>Project Title</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Upton Town Line Guardrail	Public Works	\$ 18,844.59
Public Gas Conversion (Library)	Public Works/Library	\$ 35,000.00
Public Sewer Conversion (Police Station)	Public Works/Police	\$ 60,000.00
Town Hall Electronic Sign Board	Public Works	\$ 45,000.00
TOTAL:		\$158,844.59

ARTICLE 21: 2/3 REQUIRED 71 YES / 3 NO DECLARED A 2/3 VOTE BY THE MODERATOR

Moved and seconded that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of \$3,755,182 for the purpose of financing the design and construction of a new Fire Station at 1681 Providence Road, including design services, permitting, and site improvements, to supplement the appropriation voted under Article 22 of the warrant for the 2020 Spring Annual Town Meeting, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Building, Planning and Construction Committee, and that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer/Collector, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 7, as amended, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and to authorize the Building, Planning and Construction Committee to take any action necessary to carry out this construction and renovation project provided, however, that no borrowing shall be made nor debt incurred hereunder unless and until the Town first votes to exempt from the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2½, so-called), the amounts required to pay the principal and interest of said borrowing and debt.

**ARTICLE 22: MOVED AND SECONDED TO PASS OVER
65 YES / 2 NO DECLARED A VOTE BY THE MODERATOR**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), a sum of money to the Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Action having been completed on all 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 9:35 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Spring Annual Town Meeting.

A TRUE COPY

ATTEST:



Linda B. Zywiec, CMC
Town Clerk