COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
PROCEEDINGS OF THE SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2023 - 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. Michael Lavallee, Pastor of St. Peter's Parish, and was followed by the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

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** **60 YES / 0 NO** **DECLARED UNANIMOUS BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Chairman of the Board of Selectman Russell Collins, and seconded, that the Town vote to transfer from the unexpended appropriated FY 23 funds of the Department of Public Works / Highway Division budget – expenses the following sum of money and authorize the payment of a prior year bill as follows:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS / HIGHWAY DIVISION:
$5,647.20 to National Grid

ARTICLE 2: **82 YES / 1 NO** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Charles Ampagoomian, and seconded, that the Town vote to amend the votes taken under Article 3 of the 2022 Spring Session of the Annual Town Meeting (May 3, 2022), and under Article 1 of the 2022 Fall Session of the Annual Town Meeting (October 25, 2022), appropriations and transfers under the Omnibus Budget Article as follows:

PUBLIC SAFETY

FIRE DEPARTMENT:
Line 15A: Fire Personnel
By **transferring from the undesignated fund balance (free cash)**
the additional sum of $ 90,000

Line 15B: Fire Expenses
By **transferring from the undesignated fund balance (free cash)**
the additional sum of $ 19,000

TOTAL FIRE DEPARTMENT: $109,000

AMBULANCE:
Line 16B: Ambulance Expenses
By **transferring from the undesignated fund balance (free cash)**
the additional sum of $ 7,000

TOTAL AMBULANCE: $ 7,000

TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY: $116,000

PUBLIC WORKS

DPW HIGHWAY DIVISION:
Line 21C: Snow/Ice Personnel
By **transferring from the undesignated fund balance (free cash)**
the additional sum of $206,000

TOTAL SNOW/ICE: $206,000

TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS: $206,000

HUMAN SERVICES

LANDFILL ANALYSIS:
Line 23A: Landfill Analysis Expenses
By **transferring from the undesignated fund balance (free cash)**
the additional sum of $ 11,600

TOTAL LANDFILL ANALYSIS: $ 11,600

TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES: $ 11,600

TOTAL ARTICLE 2: $333,600

ARTICLE 3:
Moved by Finance Committee Chairman Plato Adams, 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 **$52,889,577.05** to defray the necessary and usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for FY 2024, beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024 as follows:

LINE # ACCOUNT NAME	FY 23 Approved	FY 24 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	103,260
Total Selectmen	**105,410**	**108,410**
2 **TOWN MANAGER**		
2A Personnel	347,140	372,271
2B Expenses	24,966	19,810
Total Town Manager	**372,106**	**392,081**
3 **FINANCE COMMITTEE**		
3B Expenses	6,275	6,275
Total Finance Committee	**6,275**	**6,275**
4 **TOWN ACCOUNTANT**		
4A Personnel	153,840	165,170
4B Expenses	15,380	15,380
Total Town Accountant	**169,220**	**180,550**
5 **ASSESSORS**		
5A Personnel	180,079	192,707
5B Expenses	42,645	46,245
Total Assessors	**222,724**	**238,952**
6 **TREASURER/COLLECTOR**		
6A Personnel	197,482	199,652
APPROPRIATE FROM PARKING TICKET RECEIPTS		
6A Personnel	0	0
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
6B Expenses	40,500	60,500
Total Treasurer/Collector	**237,982**	**260,152**
7 **INFORMATION SYSTEMS**		
7A Personnel	83,768	87,068
7B Expenses	125,496	172,536
Total Information Systems	**209,264**	**259,604**
8 **TOWN CLERK/ELECTIONS**		
8A Personnel	131,529	140,459
8B Expenses	69,507	55,042
Total Town Clerk/Elections	**201,036**	**195,501**
9 **CONSERVATION**		
9A Personnel	73,355	80,241
APPROPRIATE FROM WETLAND FEES		
9A Personnel	11,500	11,500
9B Expenses	0	0
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
9B Expenses	2,581	2,590
Total Conservation	**87,436**	**94,331**

10 **PLANNING BOARD**		
10A Personnel	118,162	125,313
10B Expenses	10,435	9,881
Total Planning Board	**128,597**	**135,194**
11 **ZONING/APPEALS BOARD**		
11A Personnel	9,142	9,760
11B Expenses	6,330	6,330
Total Zoning/Appeals Board	**15,472**	**16,090**
12 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**		
12A Personnel	0	0
12B Expenses	0	0
Total Economic Development	**0**	**0**
13 **TOWN HALL/CENTRAL SERVICES**		
13A Personnel	13,351	13,565
13B Expenses	57,825	57,825
Total Town Hall/Central Services	**71,176**	**71,390**
	YES 85 / NO 2	**DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR**
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	**1,826,698**	**1,958,530**
PUBLIC SAFETY		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
14 **POLICE**		
14A Personnel	2,754,750	2,878,839
14B Expenses	314,602	329,602
Total Police	**3,069,352**	**3,208,441**
15 **FIRE**		
15A Personnel	1,008,261	1,015,031
15B Expenses	170,236	201,988
Total Fire	**1,178,497**	**1,217,019**
APPROPRIATE FROM AMBULANCE RECEIPTS		
16 **AMBULANCE**		
16A Personnel	862,342	859,560
16B Expenses	129,260	136,400
Total Ambulance	**991,602**	**995,960**
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
17 **CODE ENFORCEMENT**		
17A Personnel	156,434	165,773
APPROPRIATE FROM WEIGHTS AND MEASURES RESERVE ACCOUNT		
17A Personnel	5,000	5,000
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
17B Expenses	11,040	10,690
APPROPRIATE FROM WEIGHTS AND MEASURES RESERVE ACCOUNT		
17B Expenses	1,500	1,500
Total Code Enforcement	**173,974**	**182,963**
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
18 **CIVIL DEFENSE**		
18A Personnel	7,500	7,500
18B Expenses	11,650	11,650
Total Civil Defense	**19,150**	**19,150**
	YES 87 / NO 2	**DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR**
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	**5,432,575**	**5,623,533**

EDUCATION
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

20 **SCHOOL DEPARTMENT**			
20	SCHOOL DEPARTMENT	25,376,253	25,888,853
20A	TRANSPORTATION	0	0
20B	TRADE SCHOOL	350,000	350,000
20C	BLACKSTONE REGIONAL	1,899,148	1,912,051
	YES 84 / NO 3	DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR	
TOTAL EDUCATION		**27,625,401**	**28,150,904**

PUBLIC WORKS
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE

21 **DPW HIGHWAY DIVISION**			
21A	Personnel	570,230	555,260
21B	Expenses	600,609	606,369
21C	Snow/Ice Personnel	100,000	100,000
Total Highway (Includes Snow & Ice)		**1,270,839**	**1,261,629**
21 **DPW FACILITIES DIVISION**			
21D	Energy and Utilities	0	0
21E	Building Maintenance (non-personnel)	0	0
	YES 90 / NO 1	DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS		**1,270,839**	**1,261,629**

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	73,966	71,336
22B	Expenses	23,710	23,779
Total Board of Health		**97,676**	**95,115**
23 **LANDFILL ANALYSIS**			
23A	Expenses	16,700	16,700
Total Landfill Analysis		**16,700**	**16,700**
24 **COUNCIL ON AGING**			
24A	Personnel	172,131	173,321
24B	Expenses	20,808	20,508
Total Council On Aging		**192,939**	**193,829**
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	164,900
Total Veterans		**200,065**	**164,900**
	YES 87 / NO 2	DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR	
TOTAL HUMAN SERVICES		**508,380**	**471,544**

CULTURE & RECREATION		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
27 **LIBRARY**		
27A Personnel	236,137	252,181
27B Expenses	29,601	29,601
Total Library	**265,738**	**281,782**
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	2,000	2,000
Total Historical Commission	**2,000**	**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	0	0
Total Recycling	**0**	**0**

	YES 91 / NO 1	DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR
TOTAL CULTURE & RECREATION	**296,638**	**312,682**

DEBT SERVICE		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
32 Debt Principal	3,037,000	3,037,000
APPROPRIATE FROM RECEIPTS RESERVED - TITLE V		
32 Debt Principal	4,796	4,796
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
33 Debt Interest	2,056,469	2,056,469
34 Short Term Interest	20,000	20,000
35 BVRS Debt	64,511	64,511

	YES 86 / NO 1	DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	**5,182,776**	**5,182,776**

NON-DEPARTMENTAL		
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
36 Medicare	345,000	345,000
37 Life Insurance	10,000	10,000
38 Retirement System	2,054,691	2,133,630
39 Workers' Compensation	200,000	175,000
40 Unemployment Comp.	131,300	131,300
41 Employee Ins. Benefits	6,004,729	6,354,729
APPROPRIATE FROM AVAILABLE FUNDS [FREE CASH]		
41 Employee Ins. Benefits	400,000	250,000
APPROPRIATE FROM OVERLAY SURPLUS		
41 Employee Ins. Benefits	100,000	100,000
APPROPRIATE FROM HEALTH INSURANCE STABILIZATION		
41 Employee Ins. Benefits	0	0
RAISE AND APPROPRIATE		
42 Property & Liability Ins.	373,986	341,070
43 Reserve for Wage Adj.	3,134	12,500
44 Stabilization Fund	0	0
45 Reserve Fund	50,000	50,000
46 Retirement Benefits	24,750	24,750

	YES 91 / NO 1	DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR
TOTAL NON-DEPARTMENTAL	**9,697,590**	**9,927,979**

TOTAL ARTICLE 3	**$ 51,840,897**	**$ 52,889,577**

ARTICLE 4: **YES 87 / NO 0** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Brian Paulhus, and seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$1,934,788** for expenses and debt service to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2024, said sum to be offset by the sum of **$1,934,788** from betterments and other revenues received by the Sewer Enterprise Fund during Fiscal Year 2024, said appropriation to be used for the following purposes:

Wages and Salaries	$ 438,251
Expenses	$ 998,361
Interest on long term debt	$ 33,616
Sewer maturing principal	$ 221,000
Total:	**$1,691,228;**

and further vote to transfer **$243,560** from said **$1,934,788** to the General Fund as reimbursement for shared costs and fringe benefits.

ARTICLE 5: **YES 85 / NO 1** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Thomas Begin, and seconded, that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **$1,693,346** to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2024, said sum to be offset by the sum of **$1,693,346** from revenues received by the Water Enterprise Fund during Fiscal Year 2024, said appropriation to be used for the following purposes:

Wages and Salaries	$ 28,152
Expenses	$1,593,221
Interest on long term debt	$ 5,875
Water maturing principal	$ 35,000
Total:	**$1,662,248;**

and further vote to transfer **$31,098** from said **$1,693,346** to the General Fund as reimbursement for shared costs and fringe benefits.

ARTICLE 6: **YES 92 / NO 0** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Chairman Collins, and seconded, that the Town vote to appropriate the sum of **$465,089** 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: **YES 90 / NO 0** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Thomas Melia, and seconded, that the Town vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for FY 2024, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the M.G.L.

ARTICLE 8: **YES 91 / NO 1** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Paulhus, and seconded, that the Town vote to set the FY 2024 spending limits for the Town's revolving funds under section 5-113 of the Northbridge Code as follows:

Program or Purpose	FY 2024 Spending Limit
Playgrounds and Recreation	$20,000
Food Health and Safety	$25,000
Compost Site	$10,000

ARTICLE 9: **YES 90 / NO 2** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Begin, 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 2024 beginning July 1, 2023 and ending on June 30, 2024, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works.

ARTICLE 10: **YES 83 / NO 0** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Community Preservation Committee Chairman Glenn King, 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 2024, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation as follows:

Reserves:

a) From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve	-the sum of $ 22,000
b) From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve	-the sum of $ 22,000
c) From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Open Space & Recreation Reserve	-the sum of $ 22,000
d) From FY 2024 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve	-the sum of $154,000

ARTICLE 11: **YES 93 / NO 3** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Chairman King, 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 2024.

ARTICLE 12: **YES 93 / NO 1** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Chairman Collins, and seconded, that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $1,813.28 from the unexpended balance of the Pine Grove Cemetery Zero-Turn Lawnmower Account 01022116-585335 for the following cemetery maintenance project: Tree and Stump Removal, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works.

ARTICLE 13: **YES 94 / NO 0** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Ampagoomian, and seconded, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of $517,000 from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund to be expended under the direction of the Director of Public Works for the following purposes: the sum of $150,000 for 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 $17,000 for replacing the sewer system inspection camera system, the sum of $150,000 to replace three (3) raw sewage pumps at the WWTP; and the sum of $200,000 to completely retrofit the UV system.

ARTICLE 14: **YES 91 / NO 0** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Paulhus, and seconded, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of **$60,000** from the Retained Earnings Account of the Water Enterprise Fund, for the purpose of replacing nine (9) fire hydrants under the direction of the DPW Director.

ARTICLE 15: **YES 83 / NO 7** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Begin, and seconded, that the Town vote to fund the capital projects shown in Article 15 of the warrant by appropriating and transferring the total sum of $2,306,644 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash) as follows:

Project Title	Department	Amount
NPS Studies (Capital Needs & Middle School Admin)	BPCC/NPS	$100,000
Quaker St Landfill DEP Immediate Response Plan	Board of Health	$ 25,000
Green Communities Match	Town Planner/DPW	$ 25,000
Pavement Maintenance	Public Works	$200,000
Sidewalk Maintenance	Public Works	$ 25,000
Replace Park Christmas Trees	Public Works	$ 25,000
Remove Brush from WWTP	Public Works	$ 30,000
Complete Streets Grant Match	Public Works	$466,000
Linwood Ave Guardrail Replacement	Public Works	$ 37,900
Repave Riverdale Cemetery roadways	Public Works	$ 41,000
MVP Program Match -- Main St Sidewalks & Basins (Mass. climate resiliency program)	Public Works	$163,000
1-Ton Dump Truck w/Plow (F-550)	Public Works	$105,000
Front End Loader	Public Works	$250,000
Purchase Command Vehicle	Fire Department	$ 55,000
Replace Engine 5/Rescue Squad 1	Fire Department	$350,000
Space Needs/Expansion Study	Library	$ 50,000
Former NES UST (tank) Removal	Public Works	$ 50,000
Linwood Basketball Courts Project	Playground/Recreation	$100,000
IT / Security Improvements (1)	Police Department	$ 11,362
IT / Security Improvements (2)	Police Department	$ 15,382
Gas Pump Replacement	Police Department/DPW	$132,000
Town Manager Vehicle	Town Hall/Town Manager	$ 50,000
	TOTAL:	**$2,306,644**

ARTICLE 16: **YES 67 / NO 22** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Begin, 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: $4,913.00 from the DPW Dump Truck w/Plow & Sander Box Account (#01022116-585002); $730.00 from the DPW Bombardier Sidewalk Blower Account (#01022217-585018); $2,613.00 from the DPW Heavy Duty Dump Truck w/Plow & Spreader Account (#01022217-585002); $9,776.10 from the Fire Dept Ambulance Chassis and Refurbish Account (#01021522-585005); $5,171.60 from the Library Interior Painting Account (#01022217-585347); $65,000 from the Senior Center Parking Lot Reclamation Account (#01022217-585345); $10,700.00 from the Town Clerk Voting Machines Account (#01022116-585331); $5,925.00 from the Town Hall Cellular Alarm Upgrades Account (#01022117-585337); $376.87 from the Town Hall Ground Floor Carpet Account (#01022214-585340); and $7,712.29 from the Town Hall Building Envelope Weatherization Account (#01022217-585342); for a total of $112,917.86:

Project Title	Department	Amount
Public Sewer Conversion (Police Station)	Public Works/Police	$ 17,071.85
Purchase/Outfit 2 Motorcycles and Trailer	Police Department	$ 95,846.01
	TOTAL:	**$112,917.86**

ARTICLE 17: **YES 81 / NO 3** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by School Committee Chairman Erin Donahue, and seconded, that the Town vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of $193,775 from the Town Building-Maintenance Fund, established pursuant to Chapter 438 of the Acts of 2012, for Town-owned buildings and facilities maintenance purposes in Fiscal Year 2024 as follows: $19,500 for Ride-on floor cleaner Scrubber Replacement; $70,300 for replacing deteriorating doors/frames at the Middle School; $24,975 for replacing the clocks at the Middle School; and $79,000 to refinish the gymnasium floors at the Middle School and High School.

ARTICLE 18: **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED** **YES 83 / NO 0** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Chairman Collins, and seconded, that the Town vote to transfer the custody, care and control of the Main Street Fire Station property, located at 193 Main Street and shown as parcel 44 on Assessors' Map 2, from the Board of Selectmen to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of sale; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all action necessary to accomplish a sale and conveyance on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen determines to be in the best interest of the Town.

ARTICLE 19: **VOTED TO PASS OVER** **YES 62 / NO 18** **DECLARED VOTED BY THE MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Ampagoomian, and seconded, that the Town vote to transfer the custody, care and control of the former Northbridge Elementary School property, located at 30 Cross Street and shown as parcel 160 on Assessors' Map 14A, from the Board of Selectmen to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of disposition, whether by sale, lease – in whole or in part – or otherwise; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all action necessary to accomplish such disposition on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen determines to be in the best interest of the Town.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED **YES 68 / NO 16** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Finance Committee member David Graham, and seconded, that the motion be amended to pass over Article 19.

Prior to continuing to the next article, the Moderator recused himself and called Deputy Moderator Glenn King to moderate Article 20.

ARTICLE 20: **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED** **YES 33 / NO 50** **DECLARED NOT VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Melia, and seconded, that the Town vote to transfer the custody, care and control of the Town-owned vacant land located at 644 Providence Road and shown as parcel 17 on Assessors' Map 14, from the Board of Selectmen to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of disposition, whether by sale, lease – in whole or in part – or otherwise; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all action necessary to accomplish such disposition on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen determines to be in the best interest of the Town.

2/3 VOTE REQUIRED **YES 72 / NO 8** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
After discussion and debate, moved by Chairman Adams to Move the question.

Moderator Lane resumed his duties.

ARTICLE 21: **YES 73 / NO 2** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Selectman Paulhus, and seconded, that the Town vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant to National Grid (for electric service), and also to Eversource (for propane service), a perpetual right and easement to construct, reconstruct, operate, maintain, replace and remove, lines, cables and appurtenances for the transmission of intelligence and telecommunications upon, over, under and across a portion of the Town-owned land located at 1681 Providence Road, the site of the new Fire Station Headquarters; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take any and all action necessary for the purpose of accomplishing such easement conveyance.

ARTICLE 22: **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED** **YES 71 / NO 7** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Finance Committee member Christopher Thompson, and seconded, that the Town vote to transfer the balance of the Health Stabilization Fund, the approximate sum of which is One Million one thousand seven hundred ninety-seven dollars and twenty-three cents ($1,001,797.23 Dollars), to the General Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 23: **YES 73 / NO 0** **DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by Chairman Adams, and seconded, that the Town vote to transfer from the undesignated fund balance (free cash), the sum of **$297,940** to the General Stabilization Fund.

ARTICLE 24: **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED YES 69 / NO 4 DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by citizen Sean Sawyer, and seconded, that the Town vote to extend the existing Residential Three (R-3) zoning district across a portion of Wing Road by rezoning from Business Three (B-3) to Residential Three (R-3) the following tract or parcel of land:

BEGINNING at a point in the centerline of Wing Road 150 feet westerly of the centerline of Providence Road;

THENCE: southerly by a line parallel to and westerly of Providence Road a distance of 140 feet;

THENCE westerly by a line parallel to and southerly of the centerline of Wing Road a distance of 650 feet, more or less to the existing Residential Two (R-2) zone;

THENCE northerly by existing Residential Two (R-2) zone a distance of 140 feet, more or less to the centerline of Wing Road;

THENCE easterly by the centerline of Wing Road a distance of 650 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning;

ARTICLE 25: **2/3 VOTE REQUIRED YES 72 / NO 0 DECLARED VOTED BY MODERATOR**
Moved by citizen Sean Sawyer, and seconded, that the Town vote to extend the existing Business Two (B-2) zoning district southerly from Union Street by rezoning from Business One (B-1) to Business Two (B-2) the following tract or parcel of land:

BEGINNING at a point at the intersection of the centerline of Union Street and the westerly sideline of Providence Road at the existing Business Two (B-2) zoning district;

THENCE: southerly by the westerly sideline of Providence Road, a distance of 903.76 feet, more or less, to the southerly boundary of the parcel known as and numbered 113-119 Providence Road (also known as Northbridge Assessor's Parcel 24A-103);

THENCE westerly by the southerly boundary of 113-119 Providence Road (also known as Northbridge Assessor's Parcel 24A-103), a distance of 235.1 feet, more or less, to the easterly sideline of the right-of-way of the Providence and Worcester Railroad;

THENCE northerly by the easterly sideline of the right-of-way of the Providence and Worcester Railroad, a distance of 904.43 feet, more or less, to the intersection of the easterly sideline of the Providence and Worcester Railroad and the centerline of Union Street and the existing Business Two (B-2) zoning district;

THENCE easterly by the centerline of Union Street and the existing Business Two (B-2) zoning district, a distance of 244.07 feet, more or less, to the point of beginning.

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 10:10 p.m. to dissolve the Warrant and adjourn the Spring Annual Town Meeting.

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ATTEST:

Linda B Zywien

Linda B. Zywien, CMC
Town Clerk