

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE
WARRANT FOR SPRING ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TRANSACTION OF TOWN BUSINESS
TUESDAY, MAY 3, 2022 - 7:00 P.M.**

WORCESTER, ss:

To any Constable of the Town of Northbridge in said County,

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Northbridge, qualified to vote in Town elections and Town affairs, to meet in the Northbridge Middle School on Linwood Avenue, in Whitinsville, in said Northbridge, Massachusetts, on Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 7:00 o'clock P.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: (Board of Selectmen)

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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: (Finance Committee)

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 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from the Retained Earnings Account of the Sewer Enterprise Fund a sum of money to operate the Sewer Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from the Retained Earnings Account of the Water Enterprise Fund a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise Operation of the Department of Public Works for FY 2023; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money 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 to see if the Town will 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will 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.; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will 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

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer a sum of money 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: (Community Preservation Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: (Community Preservation Committee)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: (Community Preservation Committee)

To see if the Town will 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: (Board of Health)

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds in the Treasury, 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,111 from the unexpended balance of the Sewer Department Capital Account (60001512-533000), and/or to 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: (School Committee)

To see if the Town will 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will vote to fund the capital projects shown below by appropriating and transferring the total sum of \$1,243,646 from the undesignated fund balance (free cash);

<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	\$ 3,489
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:		\$1,243,646

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: (Board of Selectmen)

To see if the Town will 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:

<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

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: (Board of Selectmen)

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 a sum of money 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: (Finance Committee)

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.

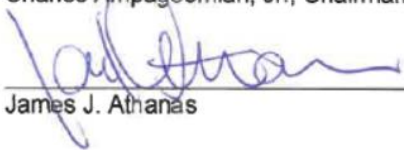
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Whitinsville Post Office and the Town Hall Annex, in Whitinsville, all in Precinct 1; the NCTV Cable Studio and the Northbridge Post Office, in Northbridge, all in Precinct 2; the Town Clerk's Office and 1Quickstop, in Whitinsville, all in Precinct 3; and the Veterans Hall (875 Hill Street), in Whitinsville, in Precinct 4; and Shaw's, in Whitinsville, in Precinct 5; twenty-eight (28) days at least before the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

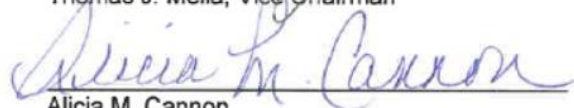
WHEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of the warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting. GIVEN under our hands this 28th day of March in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

SELECTMEN OF NORTHBRIDGE


Charles Ampagoorlian, Jr., Chairman


Thomas J. Melia, Vice Chairman


James J. Athanas


Alicia M. Cannon


Russell D. Collins

WORCESTER, SS Northbridge

Date:

By virtue of this warrant I have this day notified the inhabitants of the Town of Northbridge qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purpose stated in said warrant by posting attested copies thereof as within directed.

Constable, Town of Northbridge