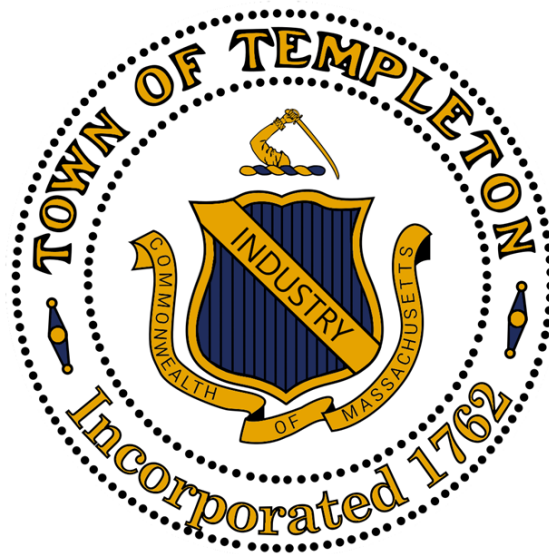


TOWN OF TEMPLETON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE

May 11, 2022 @ 6:00PM



**Narragansett Regional Middle School
460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville**

<https://www.templetonma.gov/>

A WELCOME FROM THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Templeton has an Open Town Meeting/Select Board form of government. While there are many things the Select Board can do on a day-to-day basis, there are many things it cannot do, which is why we have Town Meeting. In our Town, the legislative body is the Open Town Meeting and is how we adopt by-laws, accept certain state laws, appropriate money, buy/sell land, and the like.

The Town will hold its Annual Town meeting on May 11, 2022, under a “warrant” issued by the Select Board. This is my third Town Meeting since taking over as Town Administrator. The warrant has a variety of articles that the voters as our legislative body will act upon, including making capital purchases and improvements, establishing or continuing revolving funds, operating the Town for the coming Fiscal Year, adopting by-law changes to conform to state law or improving the operations of Town government.

Each item included in the warrant is called an article and provides the voters with a sense of the scope of the action they are being asked to take. You will find that each article is published at length in this guide and this time around you will see the anticipated motion follows the same.

This Voter Information Guide provides you plenty of information so you may be prepared. Here is the format the guide follows:

Article # and Title
Article Sponsor
Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: The anticipated motion to be proposed by the Select Board. These all mirror the original warrant articles.

Summary: A brief description of the reasons for—and impact of—the article.

Comments and Recommendations of the Advisory Committee

Citizens’ Petitions await motions by those who filed them.

Please feel free to contact me directly at Town Hall via office line at 978.894.2778 or by email at alamontagne@templetonma.gov, if you have questions you would like to ask before the meeting.

I look forward to meeting you at the Meeting.

Sincerely Yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Adam Lamontagne". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "A" and a stylized "L".

Adam Lamontagne

Town Administrator

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Moderator's Rules

On a general note, there are often materials on a display table near the check-in tables for people to use at Town Meeting or that provide general information to Town residents. These materials have been pre-approved by me prior to placement to ensure they are appropriate to be distributed at this forum. If you would like to make such materials available to Town Meeting members, please submit them to me for approval at least 72 hours (i.e. three days) before the start of Town Meeting. Only those materials approved by me will be on the display table. Any unapproved materials will be removed at my direction. You should submit any materials you wish to have pre-approved to me at the following email address (blaster25jhg@gmail.com) at least 72 hours (i.e. three days) before the meeting. I will respond as quickly as possible.

Town Meeting is run by a Town Moderator who the voters elect for a one-year term. Our By-Laws call for the most current issue of TOWN MEETING TIME to be considered the general guideline for all procedures of town meetings, except those procedures already provided for by the by-laws. Subject to change, I have some additional rules that I follow. Those are to:

- 1) Call the meeting to order and go over some housekeeping issues such as the location of fire exits, asking you to silence cell phones and electronic devices, and the like.
- 2) Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Read the Constables' return of the Warrant to show that it was properly served and posted.
- 4) Introduce Special Guests, and the like.
- 5) As I call each Article, a Motion will be read and seconded (generally by the Select Board, unless it is a citizen petition) and shown on the screen behind me unless there was no ability for the room to readily accommodate such a screen.
- 6) I will then ask for the Recommendation of the Advisory Committee (just their vote on their "Advisory Committee Recommendation's" document).
- 7) Return to the Motion maker for any explanation.
- 8) Open the floor for discussion (including first recognizing the Advisory Committee for any particular reasons behind their recommendation).
- 9) Anyone wishing to speak on any issue must first proceed to a microphone and be recognized by the Moderator. I will not entertain any shout outs and you must use a microphone unless I permit otherwise. You will be asked to state your name and address every time you are given permission to speak. You may also be asked if you are speaking as a resident or on behalf of a board or committee.

Any amendments to the main motion must be submitted to me in writing, and signed by the motion maker of said amendment.

Anyone unruly or disorderly will be given a warning and advised that they are out of order. If the situation continues they will be escorted out of the meeting and placed in a convenient place until the meeting is adjourned.

10) If I am not certain of a voice vote or if a vote declared by me is immediately questioned by seven (7) or more people standing and or recognized by me, I will proceed to a hand count.

Otherwise general parliamentary procedure and common courtesy rule the meeting.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John H. Graves". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "H".

John H. Graves

Town Moderator

Common Terms of Finance

As you read the warrant articles there will be some terms that are unique to public finance or particular to Massachusetts. Below are some definitions of those terms to help you better understand what the request might be for and how it is to be funded.

Fiscal Year: Most government entities follow a budget year of their choosing, or that is specified by the state, that is different than the January 1 to December 31 calendar year. Templeton follows a Fiscal Year (FY) of July 1 of a year to June 30 of the following year. We always refer to the Fiscal Year as of the year in which it ends (June 30, 2018 is FY '18).

Free Cash: Most budgets assume you collect every dollar and spend every dollar - you think you will. That never really happens. There are often variations. Free Cash is defined as the remaining, unrestricted funds from operations of the previous fiscal year (i.e. after any liabilities or potential variances you cannot account for) including unexpended free cash from the prior year. In simplest terms, it is actual receipts in excess of revenue estimates and unspent amounts in the appropriation line items. Free cash is not available for appropriation until certified by the Department of Revenue (DOR) Director of Accounts.

Retained Earnings: This is the phrase used for free cash of an enterprise fund such as the Sewer fund.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB): We promise the people we hire (under certain conditions) that we will give them other benefits (health, dental, and life insurance) beyond just their retirement monies. We are required to calculate how much money it would take to pay for those other benefits and to develop a plan to set that money aside to cover this promise.

Stabilization Fund: The state allows the Town to set up funds in which it can set aside monies in anticipation of paying for allowable, generally unforeseen (i.e. think “rainy day” funds) or high cost items expenditures. Generally speaking, it takes a majority vote to put money into these funds and a 2/3 vote to withdraw money from them. The Town has two such funds.

Capital Expense (CAPEX): This covers replacement or major repair of our equipment or facilities such as Town Hall and the like.

Operating (OPEX): This provides monies to getting through major economic downturns without having to devastate services, high cost unforeseen assessments the state or others might require of us, and the like.

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**ARTICLE 1
FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT(S)
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to appropriate the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$170,000.00) for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget as follows:

Department	Amount	Reason
Select Board	\$20,000	Unanticipated Litigation
Snow & Ice	\$150,000	FY '22 Deficit

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash.

Summary: These requests are made in anticipation of a shortfall in funds to get through the end of the fiscal year. The snow and ice deficit must be paid by the close of the fiscal year or it is added to the tax recap sheet next fall reducing what we can otherwise appropriate.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 1, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

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Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 2
CONSENT AGENDA
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to approve a consent agenda consisting of the following non-controversial actions ~~or take any other action related thereto~~. Such items may be voted as a block, or singly, or in any combination but, however voted, will be treated for accounting and legislative purposes as if each item were voted as a separate article.

A. REPORTS OF TOWN OFFICERS

Accept the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the 2021 Town Report:

B. REPORTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES

Allow any of the Town Committees to present their report;

C. SET ANNUAL SPENDING LIMITS OF REVOLVING FUNDS

Set the annual spending limits of the Town's previously created revolving funds as follows:

Burial & Improvement Fund	\$10,000
Recycling Fund	\$10,000
Plumbing & Gas Inspector Fund	\$20,000
Electrical Inspector Fund	\$25,000
Community Services Fund	\$45,000

D. ACCEPTING TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMMUNITY FEE ASSESSMENT

Appropriate such sum of money as may be received by the Town from the Massachusetts Transportation Network Community Fee Assessment to an account entitled MART Dial A Ride.

Summary: Paragraphs A and B are annual housekeeping items to accept certain reports. Paragraph C sets the maximum amount that can be spent out of the currently existing revolving funds established in the By-Laws. This does propose a decrease in the Community Services Fund (from \$60,000 to \$45,000) to compensate for a change of programming from the Recreation Commission. Paragraph D appropriates Templeton's portion of the state surcharge on ride share companies to the MART Dial A Ride account.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 2, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

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ARTICLE 3
AMENDING THE BYLAWS RE: ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to amend Chapter 9 of the General Bylaws as follows:

§ 9-1 Membership; eligibility

There shall be an Advisory Committee consisting of ~~seven~~**five** registered voters of the Town. ~~No elective or appointive Town officer or Town employee shall be eligible to serve on said Committee.~~**None of whom shall be an elected Town officer, an appointed official receiving a salary or a Town employee.** Committee members shall be entitled to serve upon any other committee for which membership is specifically

provided for in these bylaws. In addition, ~~committee~~ members may serve on temporary ad hoc committees convened for a single purpose, such as screening of applications for employment or appointment and examination of policy when such bodies will be dissolved upon completion of their work.

§ 9-2 Appointment; terms; officers; compensation

Upon the effective date of this revised article of the town bylaws, the terms of all existing members of the Advisory Committee shall terminate at the next town meeting, the Moderator shall then appoint five members to serve until the conclusion of the next annual town meeting. The Moderator of the Annual Town Meeting ~~when this bylaw is adopted~~ shall, within 30 days after **said meeting** ~~such bylaw becomes effective~~, appoint ~~two~~**one** members of said Committee for terms of one year, two members for terms of two years, and ~~three~~**two** members for terms of three years. After the term of these initial appointments, the Moderator shall within 30 days after the adjournment of every Annual Town Meeting, appoint for a term of three years the number of persons as may be necessary, to provide a committee of ~~seven~~**five** members. The terms of office of said members shall commence immediately upon being sworn in by the Town Clerk and shall expire at the close of final adjournment of the Annual Town Meeting at which their successors are appointed. The Advisory Committee shall choose its own officers and its members shall serve without pay, and it shall cause to be kept a true record of its proceedings.

§ 9-3 Vacancies

If a member resigns ~~for any reason~~, or if ~~any member~~ is absent from five consecutive meetings of the Advisory Committee, except in case of illness, the position shall be deemed to be vacant and shall be filled as herein provided. The Advisory Committee Chairman shall notify the Moderator ~~to determine if there are any interested Town registered voters to fill the vacancy. The Moderator shall be given 30 days to fill the vacant position by appointing a person to complete the unexpired term. In the event the Moderator is unable to fill the vacancy, the Advisory Committee shall fill said vacancy by vote, an attested copy of which shall be sent by the Advisory Committee Secretary to the Town Clerk. The term of office of any person chosen by the Advisory Committee to fill a vacancy shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator, at that time, shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term.~~ **Town Administrator, who will first check to determine if there are any interest forms of Town registered voters on file to fill the vacancy. If none, Town Administrator will ensure the vacancy is posted to Town web site. The Select Board shall thereupon fill such vacancy of the committee and this appointment shall expire at the final adjournment of the next succeeding Annual Town Meeting. The Select Board shall instruct the Town Administrator to notify the Town Clerk and the**

Advisory Committee of any such appointment. The Moderator, at the next annual Town Meeting, shall appoint a successor to complete the unexpired term.

§ 9-4 Review of Warrant Articles

~~A. The final Town Warrant shall be provided to the Advisory Committee by the Board of Selectman on April 10 or not less than 35 days before the date set for the Annual Town Meeting, whichever shall occur later, and not less than 14 days before the date set for any Special Town Meeting.~~

~~B. It shall be the duty of the Committee to consider the various warrant articles including citizen petitions. Said Committee reserves the right to not provide comment on citizen petitions. The Advisory Committee shall report thereon to the community at least five days before the date set for the Annual Town Meeting and at least four days before the date set for a Special Town Meeting with such explanations and suggestions as it may deem most useful to the community. The Advisory Committee shall review the annual Town budget and the general conduct of the Town affairs. The Committee shall consider, in open public meeting, the detailed expenditures proposed for each Town agency and may confer with representatives of any Town agency in connection with its review and consideration.~~**All articles of any warrant for a Town Meeting shall be referred to the Advisory Committee for its consideration. The Select Board, after drawing any such warrant, shall transmit immediately a copy to each member of said Committee. The Advisory Committee shall give opportunity to town boards, departments, officers and residents to be heard at an information gathering referred to as pre-town meeting. Notice of such meeting shall be posted on the Town website. Said Committee shall, after due consideration of the subject matter of such articles, report thereon to the Town Meeting, in writing, such recommendations as it deems best for the interests of the Town and its citizens. Copies of the report of the Advisory Committee shall be made available to the voters at least two days before all Town Meetings.**

§ 9-5 Access to information

~~In the discharge of its duty, the Advisory Committee shall be provided free access to all books of record and accounts, bills and vouchers on which money has been or may be paid from the Town treasury within four business days of any request. The Advisory Committee may require the Town Administrator, Select Board or any other Town agency to furnish it with such additional public information as it may deem necessary to assist it in its review of the warrant and the proposed Town budget. Officers, boards, and committees of the Town shall, upon request, furnish said Committee with facts, figures, and any other information pertaining to their several activities.~~**Each member of the Advisory Committee shall be provided the proposed budget book for each fiscal year, all quarterly reports, financial and otherwise, monthly expenditure reports of the Town Accountant as well as the report of the Town Administrator as often as it**

is presented, so as to enable said committee to have the information to make recommendations to any Town Meeting. Whenever a request for a change in spending limit of a revolving fund is sought, end of year transfer or request of transfer from Town reserve fund, the committee will receive all pertinent information for those requests.

§ 9-6 ~~Annual Report Meetings~~

~~It shall be the duty of the Advisory Committee to make an annual report of its membership with date appointed and term, expenditures, Town emergency reserves, end of year transfers, and any other pertinent business to be contained in the Annual Town Report. The secretary of the Advisory Committee shall provide a copy of the complete report upon request.~~ **The Advisory Committee shall meet jointly with the Select Board whenever there is a request to consider adjusting spending limits on any Revolving fund, any end of year financial transfer or any request of transfer from the Town reserve fund.**

§ 9-6.1 ~~Committee liaisons.~~

~~The Committee may appoint members as liaisons to boards and standing committees to attend meetings of the various entities of the Town and School District and delegate to them such powers as it deems expedient.~~

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§ 9-8 Committee Liaisons

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Summary: This would reduce the Advisory Committee membership from seven (7) to five (5) which was a recommendation from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Division of Local Services. It will also eliminate the postings in a newspaper with the Gardner News and make our website a sufficient place of notice for Pre-Town Meetings. These updated bylaws will streamline and outline the duties of an Advisory Committee member.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 3, with a vote of 4-1.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

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§ 9-8 Committee Liaisons

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Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 4
DELETE BYLAW Ch. 22-6
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* that Chapter 22-6 of the Bylaws shall be deleted and the remaining section shall be renumbered in sequential order.

Summary: This would eliminate duplicate language within our bylaws.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 4, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

Chapter 22-6 of the Bylaws shall be deleted and the remaining section shall be renumbered in sequential order.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 5
AMENDING THE BYLAWS RE: CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to amend § 9-7 of the Bylaws as follows:

A. There is hereby authorized a Capital Improvements Committee, to be composed of five members, as follows:

- (1) One from the Select Board (~~Board~~);
- (2) One from the Advisory Committee;
- (3) Two from the community at large to be appointed by the Select Board; and
- (4) The Town Treasurer/Collector.

B. The Town Administrator, or designee, shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member; provided, however, that this person shall be designated by the Chairman as a voting member

whenever the Committee lacks a quorum because of a recusal of a member or to provide a sufficient number of members to establish a quorum and conduct business.

C. The Committee shall choose its own officers; provided, however, that an ex-officio member may not serve as an officer of the Committee.

D. The members of the Committee shall be appointed ~~at the first business meeting of each body~~ **prior to September 15th** and serve until the Annual Town Meeting of the following year is dissolved. **The Chair of the Committee shall, after presenting the report to the Select Board, approve the minutes of the proceedings.** Should a vacancy occur in any of the above seats, the appointment to fill such vacancy shall be for the balance of the term.

Summary: This would change the bylaw of the Capital Improvements Committee to ensure the last set of minutes per year are approved for compliance purposes.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 5, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

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- (3) Two from the community at large to be appointed by the Select Board; and
- (4) The Town Treasurer/Collector.

B. The Town Administrator, or designee, shall serve as a non-voting ex-officio member; provided, however, that this person shall be designated by the Chairman as a voting member whenever the Committee lacks a quorum because of a recusal of a member or to provide a sufficient number of members to establish a quorum and conduct business.

C. The Committee shall choose its own officers; provided, however, that an ex-officio member may not serve as an officer of the Committee.

D. The members of the Committee shall be appointed ~~at the first business meeting of each body~~ **prior to September 15th** and serve until the Annual Town Meeting of the following year is dissolved. **The Chair of the Committee shall, after presenting the report to the Select Board, approve the minutes of the proceedings.** Should a vacancy occur in any of the above seats, the appointment to fill such vacancy shall be for the balance of the term.

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 6
SALE OF PARCEL OF TOWN LAND
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to authorize the Select Board to dispose of certain property, as follows:

19 Central Street; Land containing 6,534^{+/-} s.f. [Board of Assessor's Maps, Parcel 1-4.1-275. Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 4368 Pg. 288.]

And further to authorize the Select Board to execute, deliver, and grant such deeds, with instruments and agreements as it deems reasonable, appropriate and in the best interests of the Town to effectuate the transfer of title and the purposes of this article;

Summary: This is a piece of land on Central Street serves no purpose to the Town and selling it would put it on the tax rolls. The Select Board voted on April 27th to declare that this property is surplus to the Town's needs and is available for disposition pursuant to Chapter 30B, Section 16 of the General Laws.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 6, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to dispose of certain property, as follows:

19 Central Street; Land containing 6,534^{+/-} s.f. [Board of Assessor's Maps, Parcel 1-4.1-275. Worcester County Registry of Deeds Bk. 4368 Pg. 288.]

And further to authorize the Select Board to execute, deliver, and grant such deeds, with instruments and agreements as it deems reasonable, appropriate and in the best interests of the Town to effectuate the transfer of title and the purposes of this article;

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 7
FUNDING OF COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACCOUNT(S)
Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$450,000.00) to the several accounts of the Community Preservation Committee, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

	Amount	% of Total
Administrative Account	\$22,500	5%
Historic Resources Reserve	\$45,000	10%
Community Housing Reserve	\$45,000	10%
Open Space & Recreation Reserve	\$45,000	10%
General Reserve	<u>\$292,500</u>	65%
Total	\$450,000	100%

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer from the Community Preservation annual revenues, which include the amount to be collected as a surcharge on real property, and the November 2022 state match for CPC permissible expenses.

Summary: This is the annual article where we distribute the local CPA tax surcharge and the state match to its several sub-accounts in accordance with the statutory provisions. Specific projects are then considered by Town Meeting under separate warrant articles (such as the following one).

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 7, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$450,000.00) to the several accounts of the Community Preservation Committee, as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, as follows:

	Amount	% of Total
Administrative Account	\$22,500	5%
Historic Resources Reserve	\$45,000	10%
Community Housing Reserve	\$45,000	10%
Open Space & Recreation Reserve	\$45,000	10%
General Reserve	<u>\$292,500</u>	65%
Total	\$450,000	100%

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer from the Community Preservation annual revenues, which include the amount to be collected as a surcharge on real property, and the November 2022 state match for CPC permissible expenses.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 8
COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT STUDY APPROPRIATION
Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$9,000.00) for various activities and special articles as follows:

Item Agent to Expend	Amount	Purpose	CPA Fund/Source
Select Board	\$9,000	Study ¹	\$9,000 Undesignated

¹ Study will include an architect for specifications, estimates, and plan for the Emergency Management building. The building used to be a Fire Station which is considered a historic structure.

Summary: This article was proposed by the Community Preservation Committee and will appropriate funds to have an Architect do a thorough review of the building.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 8, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Nine Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$9,000.00) for various activities and special articles as follows:

Item Agent to Expend	Amount	Purpose	CPA Fund/Source
Select Board	\$9,000	Study ¹	\$9,000 Undesignated

¹ Study will include an architect for specifications, estimates, and plan for the Emergency Management building. The building used to be a Fire Station which is considered a historic structure.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 9
TEMPLETON SCHOLARSHIP FUND
Submitted by the Select Board for the Templeton Scholarship Committee
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$4,000.00) to the Templeton Scholarship Fund to be expended by the Templeton

Scholarship Committee for the purpose of awarding scholarships to eligible applicants from the Town of Templeton.

Summary: This is the annual appropriation to help our high school graduates pay the high costs of going on to higher education.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 9, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Four Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$4,000.00) to the Templeton Scholarship Fund to be expended by the Templeton Scholarship Committee for the purpose of awarding scholarships to eligible applicants from the Town of Templeton.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 10
PROPERTY VALUATION ACCOUNT
Submitted by the Select Board for the Board of Assessors
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) from the FY23 tax levy and other general revenues of the Town to be spent by the Board of Assessors for Full Valuation, Interim Statistical Updates, Cyclical Inspections and the Purchase of Supportive Upgrades.

Summary: This is the annual appropriation to pay for the costs of keeping our property values up to date in accordance with state requirements.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 10, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) from the FY23 tax levy and other general revenues of the Town to be spent by the Board of Assessors for Full Valuation, Interim Statistical Updates, Cyclical Inspections and the Purchase of Supportive Upgrades.

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 11
FY 2023 SEWER DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET
Submitted by the Select Board for the Sewer Commission
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$1,369,750.00) to operate the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2023 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Fourteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$14,000.00) from the certified retained earnings of the Sewer Fund and the balance from the receipts and revenues to be collected on behalf of the Sewer Department for said fiscal year.

Summary: This article is the annual operating budget for the Sewer Department. This Department is an enterprise fund and operates with the payments made to it by users of the system.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 11, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million Three Hundred Sixty Nine Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$1,369,750.00) to operate the Sewer Department for Fiscal Year 2023 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Fourteen Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$14,000.00) from the certified retained earnings of the Sewer Fund and the balance from the receipts and revenues to be collected on behalf of the Sewer Department for said fiscal year.

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 12
SEWER CAPITAL PROJECT – FY 2023
Submitted by the Select Board for the Sewer Commission
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$210,000.00) toward a program of capital purchases, improvements, and special articles as generally illustrated below:

Tractor / bucket, flail mower & finish mower	\$45,000
Crotty Ave. pump station design	\$130,000
Additional for Transformer	\$15,000
Additional for Recirc Water System	\$20,000

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the certified retained earnings of the Sewer Fund.

Summary: The first two items are important capital to start the Crotty Ave. pump station project and needed equipment for the Sewer department. The last two are additional appropriations to finish the Transformer project and the Recirc Water System. Town Meeting of May 12, 2021 voted for \$30,000 for the Plant Transformer and \$20,000 for the Recirc Water System.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 12, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$210,000.00) toward a program of capital purchases, improvements, and special articles as generally illustrated below:

Tractor / bucket, flail mower & finish mower	\$45,000
Crotty Ave. pump station design	\$130,000
Additional for Transformer	\$15,000
Additional for Recirc Water System	\$20,000

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the certified retained earnings of the Sewer Fund.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 13
FY 2023 CABLE DEPARTMENT OPERATING BUDGET
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$272,000.00) to operate the Cable Department for Fiscal Year 2023 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of One Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$147,000.00) from the certified retained earnings of the Cable Fund and the balance from the receipts and revenues to be collected on behalf of the Cable Department for said fiscal year.

Summary: This is the annual operating budget for the Cable Department. The Department is operated as an enterprise fund and is funded with the payments made to the Town by the local cable franchisee.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 13, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seventy Two Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$272,000.00) to operate the Cable Department for Fiscal Year 2023 and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of One Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$147,000.00) from the certified retained earnings of the Cable Fund and the balance from the receipts and revenues to be collected on behalf of the Cable Department for said fiscal year.

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 14
SET THE SALARIES OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS (OPEX)
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move*, in accord with MGL Ch. 41 § 108, to fix or maintain the salaries of certain elected officials for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

Town Clerk	\$	66,000	Yearly
Select Board (Each)	\$	500	Yearly

Summary: It is a requirement of statute that the compensation of these elected officials be set at a Town Meeting. In general, this is done at an Annual Town Meeting.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 14, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote, in accord with MGL Ch. 41 § 108, to fix or maintain the salaries of certain elected officials for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

Town Clerk	\$	66,000	Yearly
Select Board (Each)	\$	500	Yearly

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 15
SET THE SALARIES OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS (ENTERPRISE)
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move*, in accord with MGL Ch. 41 § 108, to fix or maintain the salaries of certain elected officials for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

Water Commissioner (Each)	\$	2,550	Yearly
Sewer Commissioner (Each)	\$	3,000	Yearly

Summary: It is a requirement of statute that the compensation of these elected officials be set at a Town Meeting. In general, this is done at an Annual Town Meeting.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 15, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote, in accord with MGL Ch. 41 § 108, to fix or maintain the salaries of certain elected officials for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

Water Commissioner (Each)	\$	2,550	Yearly
Sewer Commissioner (Each)	\$	3,000	Yearly

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 16
SET THE SALARIES OF ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS (LIGHT)
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move*, in accord with MGL Ch. 41 § 108, to fix or maintain the salaries of certain elected officials for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

Light Commissioner (Each)	\$	2,550	Yearly ¹
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¹ Paid for by the Light Department

Summary: It is a requirement of statute that the compensation of these elected officials be set at a Town Meeting. In general, this is done at an Annual Town Meeting.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 16, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote, in accord with MGL Ch. 41 § 108, to fix or maintain the salaries of certain elected officials for Fiscal Year 2023 as follows:

Light Commissioner (Each) \$ 2,550 Yearly¹

¹ Paid for by the Light Department.

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 17
FUNDING FOR AMBULANCE DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to transfer Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$290,250.00) from the Fire Department/Ambulance – Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, to be spent by the Fire Chief to pay for the operation of the ambulance service within the Fire Department during FY 2023, with any unexpended monies in the ambulance budget being returned to the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and with any unexpended balances in the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account being carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

Summary: The Town has broken out the ambulance expenses and will be fully funded by the Ambulance Receipts.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 17, with a vote of 4-0 and one member recused.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to transfer Two Hundred Ninety Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$290,250.00) from the Fire Department/Ambulance – Receipts Reserved for Appropriation, to be spent by the Fire Chief to pay for the operation of the ambulance service within the Fire Department during FY 2023, with any unexpended monies in the ambulance budget being returned to the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation Account and with any unexpended balances in the Receipts Reserved for Appropriation account being carried forward to the subsequent fiscal year.

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 18
FY 2023 GENERAL FUND OPERATING (OPEX) BUDGET
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Million Nine Hundred Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five Dollars and No Cents (\$9,945,395.00) for the operations of General Government for Fiscal Year 2023.

Dept Code	Name	FY 23 Budget
120	Select Board (1)	\$ 309,250
130	Advisory Committee (2)	\$ 41,855
135	Town Accountant	\$ 191,900
141	Assessor	\$ 111,000
147	Treasurer/Collector	\$ 149,850
155	IT & Communications	\$ 100,000
161	Town Clerk	\$ 119,250
200	Police & Dispatch	\$ 1,442,950
220	Fire	\$ 905,350
230	Emergency Management	\$ 1,750
250	Development Services	\$ 196,250
400	Highway	\$ 701,500
410	Building & Grounds	\$ 363,980
420	Snow & Ice (2)	\$ 148,503
500	Veterans Service	\$ 108,214
600	Senior Services	\$ 96,063
610	Library	\$ 86,835
620	Recreation & Culture	\$ 5,521
700	Debt Service	\$ 2,228,235
900	Insurance & Benefits	<u>\$ 2,637,139</u>
		\$ 9,945,395

- (1) Contains Reserve Transferrable by Select Board for Merit & Equity Raises for Non-Union Personnel/CBAs
- (2) Contains MGL Ch. 40 §6 Reserve Transferrable by Advisory Committee for "...emergency or unforeseen expenditures..."

Summary: This is the annual operating budget for the general fund. It is balanced upon projected local revenues and is based upon the Governor’s House 1 proposal for local aid. This budget is level funded to the actual budget for Fiscal Year 2022. Finally, the Town will only be going up 1% of its 2 ½% levy increase cap leaving us with excess levy capacity of roughly \$168k moving forward.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 18, with a vote of 4-1.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Nine Million Nine Hundred Forty Five Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Five Dollars and No Cents (\$9,945,395.00) for the operations of General Government for Fiscal Year 2023.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 19
INFRASTRUCTURE STABILIZATION FUND
Submitted by the Select Board
Two-Thirds Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move*, pursuant to MGL Ch. 40 § 5B, to establish an Infrastructure Stabilization Fund for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing roads, bridges and sidewalks, and further, to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Infrastructure Stabilization Fund, ~~or take any other action related thereto.~~

Summary: This Infrastructure Stabilization fund will allow the Town to put monies away in the future to focus on the Town infrastructure needs. The Town has made progress on our public roadways, and we would like to have another source of funds to make necessary improvements.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 19, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Ch. 40 § 5B, to establish an Infrastructure Stabilization Fund for the purpose of constructing, maintaining and repairing roads, bridges and sidewalks, and further, to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Infrastructure Stabilization Fund, or take any other action related thereto.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 20
DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION & OPEB ACCOUNTS
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$207,500.00) to make deposits into its Operations (OPEX) and Capital (CAPEX) stabilization accounts and the OPEB reserve account as follows:

OPEX	\$145,000
CAPEX	\$42,500
OPEB	\$20,000

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash.

Summary: This article will make contributions to the Town’s several reserve funds from our certified free cash in keeping with the Town’s Financial Management Policy. After the proposed transfers, we will have roughly \$1,360,325 on deposit in the OPEX reserve also known as our Stabilization account, \$241,422 in the CAPEX reserve (does not include if action is taken on Article 21 & 26) and \$286,175 in the OPEB reserve.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 20, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Two Hundred Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$207,500.00) to make deposits into its Operations (OPEX) and Capital (CAPEX) stabilization accounts and the OPEB reserve account as follows:

OPEX	\$145,000
CAPEX	\$42,500
OPEB	\$20,000

And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 21
ADDITIONAL DEPOSIT TO CAPEX
Submitted by Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to deposit the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Eight Cents (\$4,577.08) to the Capital (CAPEX) Stabilization Fund (these funds were left over after the purchase of a trackless multi-purpose vehicle).

Summary: These are leftover funds that we can deposit back into our CAPEX Stabilization Account.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 21, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to deposit the sum of Four Thousand Five Hundred Seventy-Seven Dollars and Eight Cents (\$4,577.08) to the Capital (CAPEX) Stabilization Fund (these funds were left over after the purchase of a trackless multi-purpose vehicle).

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 22
AMEND THE FY21 CAPITAL BUDGET
Submitted by Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to amend the FY21 capital budget accepted as Article 21 at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting by striking “Royalston Rd. Title Work” and inserting in its place “Royalston Rd. Title/Appraisal Work.”

Summary: The Town still has roughly \$15k in this account and by adjusting it to include appraisal work will allow us to get moving on it. We want to have the Town portion which includes all the Title and Appraisal work of the project ready to go for when Royalston Road is scheduled on the Transportation Improvement Plan.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 22, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY21 capital budget accepted as Article 21 at the 2020 Annual Town Meeting by striking “Royalston Rd. Title Work” and inserting in its place “Royalston Rd. Title/Appraisal Work.”

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 23
AMEND THE FY22 CAPITAL BUDGET
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to amend Article 17 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting (“FY2022 CAPITAL BUDGET – ROLLING STOCK & IMPROVEMENTS”) as follows:

by striking: “Dev. Services - Shared Vehicle. - \$25,000

by amending: “~~Ford Ranger XLT 4WD Light Duty Pickup (H1 Replacement) - \$34,500~~ **\$44,500**

by adding: DPW-B&G – Improvements to Gilman Waite Building - \$15,000

Summary: Since the Town acquired a shared vehicle after Town Meeting voted the FY 22 Capital Budget, we are looking at utilizing those funds for an increase of \$10k in funding for H1 Replacement and to start the improvements at the Gilman Waite Building.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 23, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 17 of the 2021 Annual Town Meeting (“FY2022 CAPITAL BUDGET – ROLLING STOCK & IMPROVEMENTS”) as follows:

by striking: “Dev. Services - Shared Vehicle. - \$25,000

by amending: “~~Ford Ranger XLT 4WD Light Duty Pickup (H1 Replacement) - \$34,500~~ **\$44,500**

by adding: DPW-B&G – Improvements to Gilman Waite Building - \$15,000

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 24
FY 2023 CAPITAL BUDGET – ROLLING STOCK & IMPROVEMENTS
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) toward a capital purchase and improvement as generally illustrated below:

Police	Police Vehicle	\$50,000
	Total	\$50,000

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) from certified free cash.

Summary: This capital item is part of the Chief’s scheduled maintenance and replacement plan and will come with an additional \$5,000 of Green Communities monies for a total of \$55,000.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 24, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) toward a capital purchase and improvement as generally illustrated below:

Police	Police Vehicle	\$50,000
	Total	\$50,000

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) from certified free cash.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 25
FY 2023 SPECIAL ARTICLES
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) toward a program of special articles as generally illustrated below:

DPW – Highway	Street Sign Replacement	\$7,500
Select Board / Planning	Start Laurel View Road Engineering/Title Examination	\$2,500
	Total	\$10,000

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from certified free cash.

Summary: These are the special articles for FY '23.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 25, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) toward a program of special articles as generally illustrated below:

DPW – Highway	Street Sign Replacement	\$7,500
Select Board / Planning	Start Laurel View Road Engineering/Title Examination	\$2,500
	Total	\$10,000

and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Ten Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$10,000.00) from certified free cash.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 26
SENIOR COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF REPLACEMENT
Submitted by the Select Board
Two-Thirds Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$140,000.00) or any lower sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building and Grounds Department, with Select Board approval, to replace the Senior

Community Center Roof, and to meet said appropriation by a transfer from the Capital (CAPEX) Stabilization Fund the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$140,000.00).

Summary: The current roof needs replacement and this article will allow us to have the necessary funds to go out to bid and complete the work. The current roof leaks and the solution should not be temporary repairs but a full replacement.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 26, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$140,000.00) or any lower sum, to be expended under the direction of the Building and Grounds Department, with Select Board approval, to replace the Senior Community Center Roof, and to meet said appropriation by a transfer from the Capital (CAPEX) Stabilization Fund the sum of One Hundred Forty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$140,000.00).

Or take any other action related thereto.

**ARTICLE 27
WATER PLANT DEBT AUTHORIZATION
Submitted by the Select Board for the Water Department
Two-Thirds Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to appropriate the sum of two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) for the purposes of financing the design and construction of (1) a replacement road culvert on Old Royalston Road in Baldwinville, MA 01436 leading to the Water Plant's "Maple Street Well #2" for five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), (2) a replacement water main as part of a total bridge reconstruction on Main Street in Otter River, MA 01436 for five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), and (3) a replacement water main on Maple Street in Baldwinville, MA 01436 which will include School Street in Baldwinville, MA 01436 for one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000), including, without limitation, all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) and issue bonds or notes thereof under Chapter 44 or Chapter 29 of the General Laws as most recently amended; that such bonds or notes are expected to be paid from the Water Plant Enterprise Fund Revenues (water receipts), but nevertheless shall be general obligations of the Town of Templeton and that any Federal or State grants awarded prior to issuance of bonds will be used to reduce the amount by the Town of Templeton.

Summary: This debt authorization would allow the Water Department to move forward with critical projects necessary for their operations.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 27, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town of Templeton will vote to appropriate the sum of two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) for the purposes of financing the design and construction of (1) a replacement road culvert on Old Royalston Road in Baldwinville, MA 01436 leading to the Water Plant's "Maple Street Well #2" for five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), (2) a replacement water main as part of a total bridge reconstruction on Main Street in Otter River, MA 01436 for five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000), and (3) a replacement water main on Maple Street in Baldwinville, MA 01436 which will include School Street in Baldwinville, MA 01436 for one million two hundred thousand dollars (\$1,200,000), including, without limitation, all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$2,200,000) and issue bonds or notes thereof under Chapter 44 or Chapter 29 of the General Laws as most recently amended; that such bonds or notes are expected to be paid from the Water Plant Enterprise Fund Revenues (water receipts), but nevertheless shall be general obligations of the Town of Templeton and that any Federal or State grants awarded prior to issuance of bonds will be used to reduce the amount by the Town of Templeton;

Or to take any action in relation thereto.

**ARTICLE 28
MONTACHUSETT REGIONAL VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL SCHOOL
Submitted by the Select Board for the
Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District
Majority Vote Required**

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$603,535.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2023 assessment by the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District for the purposes of educating and transporting the Town's enrolled students and capital and debt expenses provided, however, that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, for Fiscal Year 2023.

Summary: This is our annual article to pay the assessment upon us by the District.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 28, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Three Thousand Five Hundred Thirty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$603,535.00) as the amount assessed upon the

Town for the Fiscal Year 2023 assessment by the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District for the purposes of educating and transporting the Town's enrolled students and capital and debt expenses provided, however, that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, for Fiscal Year 2023.

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 29
NARRAGANSETT REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Submitted by the Select Board for the
Narragansett Regional School District
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million Three Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$7,322,433.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2023 assessment by the Narragansett Regional School District for the purposes of educating and transporting the Town's enrolled students provided, however, that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, for Fiscal Year 2023.

Summary: This is our annual article to pay the assessment upon us by the District.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 29, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Seven Million Three Hundred Twenty Two Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Three Dollars and No Cents (\$7,322,433.00) as the amount assessed upon the Town for the Fiscal Year 2023 assessment by the Narragansett Regional School District for the purposes of educating and transporting the Town's enrolled students provided, however, that any stated amount shall be reduced to any lesser amount which shall subsequently be certified by the school committee and certified to the Town, for Fiscal Year 2023.

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 30
RECISSION OF AUTHORIZED BUT UNISSUED DEBT
Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

Anticipated Motion: *I move* to rescind authorized but un-issued debt pursuant to the following Town Meeting approval(s):

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Warrant Article</u>	<u>Amount Rescinded</u>
Sewer Phase IV-8	October 27, 1988	13	\$79,000
Sewer	May 15, 2001	25	\$600,000
Wastewater Treatment CW-04-06	November 19, 2003	6	\$469,853

Summary: The Town authorized the borrowing of money but never used it. This will reduce the amount of authorized debt that we carry on our books. This article will rescind the authorization of \$1,148,853 in debt which was authorized by Town Meeting on the dates identified within the article.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee recommends a YES vote on Article 30, with a vote of 5-0.

Original Warrant Article in its Entirety

To see if the Town will vote to rescind authorized but un-issued debt pursuant to the following Town Meeting approval(s):

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Meeting Date</u>	<u>Warrant Article</u>	<u>Amount Rescinded</u>
Sewer Phase IV-8	October 27, 1988	13	\$79,000
Sewer	May 15, 2001	25	\$600,000
Wastewater Treatment CW-04-06	November 19, 2003	6	\$469,853

Or take any other action related thereto.

ARTICLE 31
CITIZENS' PETITION: CHANGE TAX EXEMPTION AGE
A citizens' petition submitted by Steven Drury and 12 others
Majority Vote Required

To see if the Town of Templeton will vote to accept a change of age requirement to be less restrictive as elderly persons age in M.G.L. Chapter 59 Section 5 clause's 41C, 17D and all its law clauses within as to elderly persons age by striking out the age 70 years replacing such with age 65 years allowing said eligibility to Elderly persons within Chapter 59 Section 5, includes all its clauses under the Acts 1989 in Chapter 73.

Advisory Committee Comments & Recommendation:

The Committee gives no recommendation on Article 31.

