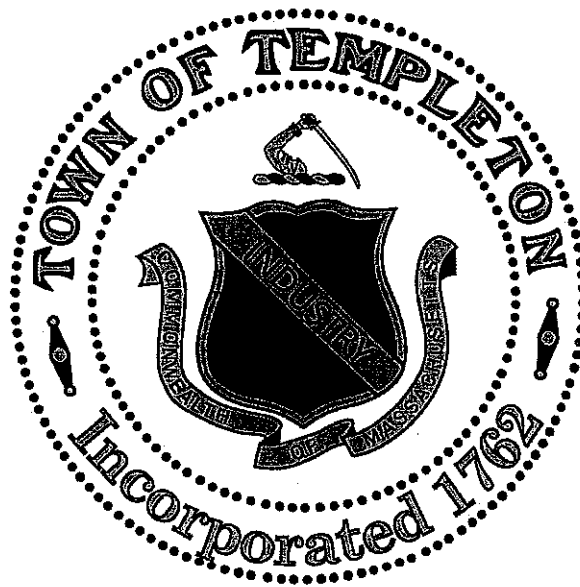


TOWN OF TEMPLETON

FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

November 15, 2023



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

TOWN OF TEMPLETON
WARRANT FOR FALL TOWN MEETING
November 15, 2023

WORCESTER, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Templeton in said County:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the precincts of the Town of Templeton, County of Worcester, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Narragansett Regional Middle School, 460 Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, in said Templeton on:

Wednesday, November 15, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

Then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: PAYMENT OF LATE BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of late bills from prior fiscal years from the FY 2023 budgets of the following departments in the following amounts:

Building & Grounds	\$5,896
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And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from certified free cash,

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
9/10ths Vote Required

ARTICLE 2: FISCAL YEAR 2024 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) for supplemental appropriations to the Fiscal Year 2024 Operating Budget as follows:

Department	Amount	Reason
Town Clerk	\$15,000	Unexpected Primary & Election
Accounting	\$5,000	Employee Medical Issue

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

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 3: NORFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL TUITION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Six Thousand Three Hundred Fifty Five Dollars and No Cents (\$26,355.00) to pay for the tuition of a Templeton resident admitted to Norfolk County Agricultural School as required by Chapter 74 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

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

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 4: NORFOLK COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Forty-One Thousand Four Hundred Dollars (\$41,400) to pay for the transportation of a Templeton resident admitted to Norfolk County Agricultural School as required by Chapter 74 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

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

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 5: SEWER ADMIN BUILDING ROOF

To see if the Town of Templeton will vote to appropriate the sum Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) for the purposes of financing the design and oversight of the Administrative Building roof replacement at the Wastewater Treatment Facility and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$50,000.00) from certified retained earnings of the Sewer Fund.

Or to take any action in relation thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Sewer Commissioners
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 6: ADOPT M.G.L. c. 90, § 17C

To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 90, Section 17C of the General Laws, to authorize the Select Board to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on town-owned roadways within thickly settled or business districts.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board

Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 7: AMENDING THE BYLAWS RE: SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL; WATER DRAINAGE

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 240 of the General Bylaws by amending Article II as follows:

§ 240-6 Violations and penalties.

Whoever violates § 240-3 or § 240-5 of this bylaw shall be punished by a fine of \$50 for each offense **which shall be enforced by the Police Department.**

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 8: AMEND THE BYLAWS RE: SIGNS & ENFORCEMENT

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 240 of the General Bylaws by amending Article VI as follows:

§ 240-16 Authorized Signs on Town-owned Property

This by-law is adopted for the regulation and restriction of billboards, signs and other advertising devices within this Town on public ways and Town-owned property in order to protect and enhance the visual environment of this Town and the safety, convenience and welfare of its residents. Signs are an informational tool to notify, advertise, or call attention to a variety of purposes.

This by-law is hereby declared to be remedial and protective and is to be so construed as to secure the beneficial interests and purposes thereof. This by-law is adopted pursuant to Chapters 93 and 43B of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

A "Sign" is defined as any permanent or temporary structure, billboard, device, letter, word, illuminated fixture, electric bulb, tube or similar contrivance, medal, banner, pennant, insignia, flag, or any other representation used as, or which is in the nature of, an advertisement, announcement, attraction or direction which is on a public way, public park, or reservation.

A sign shall not, by reason of its location, shape, illumination, wording, or color interfere with foot or vehicular traffic or be confused with or obstruct the view or effectiveness of any federal, state, county, or municipal traffic sign, traffic signal or traffic marking. No sign shall be placed within a curb cut or ramp installed to provide improved access to a sidewalk for the disabled. No sign shall be placed on private property without express permission of the property owner. No sign, together with any supporting framework, shall extend to a height above the maximum building height in the associated zoning district.

Approval of the placement of a sign or signs on Town-owned property shall be the responsibility of the Select Board and selectively delegated to the Town Administrator or Sign Officer. The approval of requests for placement of signs, permanent or temporary, shall be accomplished by making requests to the designated decision-making authority in accordance with established Select Board policy. The decision-making authority shall make a detailed record of its reason(s) for disapproving a particular request. A record of approvals and denials shall be kept in the Select Board and Town Administrator's municipal offices. In the event of a dispute, decisions may be appealed to the Select Board for final approval or disapproval.

Approved signs shall be annotated, visible anywhere on the sign, with the approved date in clear writing. Approved signs shall be placed in accordance with the conditions accepted by the Select Board or delegate.

§ 240-18 Enforcement; Violations and Penalties

Although the Select Board reserves the right to approve or deny flag or sign requests, the Police Department and Department of Public Services of the Town of Templeton are hereby charged with the enforcement of this by-law and police officers and the Director of Public Services are hereby designated as Sign Officers. Flag request approval or denial shall not be further delegated.

Sign Officer are further authorized, upon notice as herein provided, to order the repair, removal or revocation of any sign which in judgment is, or is likely to become, dangerous, unsafe or in disrepair, or which is erected or maintained contrary to this by-law or which exceeds the conditions of the permit. Sign Officers are not required to serve any notice to the owner and will provide storage of the non-conforming sign for a period not to exceed 30 calendar days after which time the sign will be discarded or destroyed.

This bylaw may also be enforced by any designated agent of the Town of Templeton in the method provided in MGL c. 40, § 21D. Any person who violates any provision of this bylaw shall be subject to a penalty of \$25 for the first offense, \$50 for the second offense, and \$100 for the third and each subsequent offense. Each day that a violation exists shall be deemed a separate offense.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 9: AMEND THE BYLAWS RE: REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article I, Section 28-6 of the General Bylaws, entitled Departmental revolving funds, by making certain additions to subsection E, as follows:

Establishment of the several departmental accounts. The authorized departmental revolving accounts are as follows:

Revolving Fund Name	Programs and Purposes of Fund	Departmental Receipts to be Credited to Fund	Officer Authorized to Expend from Fund	Fiscal Years
Burial and Improvement Fund	Wages for weekend burials and cemetery capital improvements	Fees charged for weekend burials	Cemetery Commission	FY 2018 and subsequent fiscal years
Recycling Fund	Operation of the recycling program	Receipts from the sale of recycling equipment and disposal of recycled goods	Board of Health	FY 2018 and subsequent fiscal years
Plumbing and Gas Inspector Compensation Fund	Wages for the Gas and Plumbing Inspector	80% of the fees collected for gas and plumbing permits	Office of Development Services Director	FY 2018 and subsequent fiscal years
Electrical (Wiring) Inspector Compensation Fund	Wages for the Electrical (Wiring) Inspector	80% of the fees collected for electrical (wiring) permits	Office of Development Services Director	FY 2018 and subsequent fiscal years
Parks and Recreation Fund	Wages of seasonal or part-time staffing, supplies, and general associated expenses	Fees received for rentals of facilities, concessions, sports, instructional, day-camp, and program offerings	Parks and Recreation Commission	FY 2024 and subsequent fiscal years
Salt Brine Production System Fund	Purchase, installation, operation and maintenance of Brine Master 3000 system and associated equipment	Receipts from Winchendon and Hubbardston pursuant to Intermunicipal Agreement for the Operation of a Salt Brine Production System	Department of Public Services Director	FY 2024 and subsequent fiscal years

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 10: SET ANNUAL SPENDING LIMIT OF SALT BRINE PRODUCTION SYSTEM REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote to set the annual spending limit of the Salt Brine Production System Revolving Fund at Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000).

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 11: BALDWINVILLE SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 6 of the 2020 Annual Town Meeting to 1.) correct map references by deleting "Map 1-4" and inserting "Map 1-4-1" and 2.) by deleting "3.08+/-" and inserting in its place "2.8+/-" and 3.) to add at the end of said article "pending plan approval by the Planning Board".

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Two-Thirds Vote Required

ARTICLE 12: TRANSFER CONTROL OF HOUGHTON PARK

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the parcel of land located at 9 Main Street, Otter River, and described in a deed recorded with the Worcester South Registry of Deeds in Book 630, Page 621, from the Select Board for the purpose of a senior center to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the purpose of use as a recreational park in compliance with MGL c. 45 § 3.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Parks & Recreation Commission
Two-Thirds Vote Required

ARTICLE 13: ROYALSTON ROAD WORK

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer the sum of Sixty Five Thousand Dollars (\$65,000), to be expended under the direction of the Select Board, for the appraisal of parcels along Royalston Road required to complete the work described in the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, Highway Division Plan and Profile of Reconstruction of Royalston Road, or any revised version of said Plan.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 14: VERNON STREET LAND ACQUISITION

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to take all steps necessary to acquire by purchase, gift or eminent domain for road widening purposes land in the vicinity of the intersection of Vernon Street and Baldwinville Road on such terms as the Select Board shall deem to be in the best interests of the Town; and to transfer from certified free cash of Five Thousand Dollars and No Cents

(\$5,000.00) for the purpose of such acquisition, to be expended under the direction of the Town Administrator.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board
Two-Thirds Vote Required**

ARTICLE 15: CPA FUNDING FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE BALDWINVILLE SCHOOL

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$750,000.00) for the below mentioned project as follows:

Item Agent to Expend	Amount	Purpose	CPA Fund/Source
CC MPZ School Street LLC	\$750,000	Affordable Housing ¹	\$135,000 Community Housing \$615,000 Undesignated

¹ Creating affordable housing by the redevelopment of the Baldwinville Elementary School. This award is subject to a grant award agreement between the Town of Templeton and the project developer.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 16: CPA FUNDING FOR REHABILITATION OF HOUGHTON PARK PLAYGROUND

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty Seven Thousand Four Hundred Thirty Four Dollars and No Cents (\$137,434.00) for the below mentioned project as follows:

Item Agent to Expend	Amount	Purpose	CPA Fund/Source
Building & Grounds / Parks & Recreation Commission	\$137,434	Rehab Houghton Park Playground ¹	\$41,230 Open Space \$96,204 Undesignated

¹ Rehabilitating of the Houghton Park Playground as described in a the grant application by the Town of Templeton to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities (PARC) grant program (301. CMR 5.00). Approval of CPA funds for this project is contingent upon the Town receiving the PARC grant and its associated reimbursement returned to the CPA Undesignated Reserve Fund.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 17: CPA FUNDING FOR MASTER PLAN OF HOUGHTON PARK

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$11,000.00) for the below mentioned project as follows:

Item Agent to Expend	Amount	Purpose	CPA Fund/Source
Building & Grounds / Parks & Recreation Commission	\$11,000	Houghton Park Design ¹	\$11,000 Open Space

¹ These funds will be used for the evaluation and design for future open space and recreation improvements at the Town-owned parcels incorporating Houghton Park in the village of Otter River (6-08-8, 6-08-8.1, 6-08-8.2).

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Community Preservation Committee
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 18: FY 2024 CAPITAL & SPECIAL ARTICLES

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty Five Thousand Two Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$125,250.00) for capital & special articles as generally described below:

Department	Amount
Police – Police Vehicle	\$68,750
Highway – Additional Main St Bridge Design	\$30,000
Treas/Coll – Tax Title Work	\$15,000
Building & Grounds – Baldwinville School Caretaking	\$5,000
Scholarship Committee - Scholarships	\$4,000
Select Board – 10 Pleasant Sale	\$2,500

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

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 19: DEPOSIT TO OPIOID STABILIZATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seven Thousand Four Hundred Sixteen Dollars and Thirty-Nine Cents (\$7,416.39) to make a deposit into its Opioid Abatement Stabilization Fund.

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

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 20: DEPOSITS TO GENERAL FUND STABILIZATION & OPEB ACCOUNTS

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Forty Seven Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$147,500.00) to make deposits into its Operations (OPEX), Capital (CAPEX) and Infrastructure stabilization accounts and the OPEB reserve account as follows:

OPEX	\$35,000
CAPEX	\$45,000
Infrastructure	\$45,000
OPEB	\$22,500

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

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required**

ARTICLE 21: SEWER DEBT AUTHORIZATION

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 replacement of the Crotty Ave. Sewer Pumping Station, 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 Sewer Department Enterprise Fund Revenues (Sewer 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.

**Submitted by the Select Board on behalf of the Sewer Commissioners
Two-Thirds Vote Required**

ARTICLE 22: NONBINDING QUESTION RE: BRIDGE ON STONE BRIDGE ROAD

A nonbinding question to see if the Town will vote to recommend that an Article or Articles be placed on a future Town Meeting warrant to discontinue the public way in the location of the former bridge on Stone Bridge Road, to allow for the use of the free-flowing stream and land in that location for recreational purposes.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

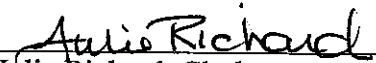
And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Hall at 160 Patriots Road, East Templeton, fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Given under our hands this 11th day of October, 2023.

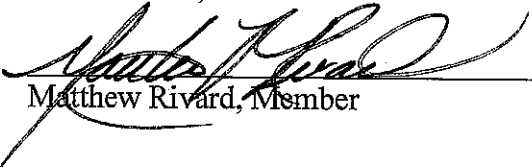
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Michael Currie, Chair

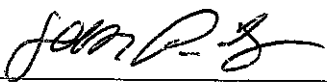

Timothy Toth, Vice Chair


Julie Richard, Clerk


Terry Griffin, Member


Matthew Rivard, Member

True Copy: ATTEST


Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton

10-16-2023

JOHN P. WHITE
Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

OFFICERS RETURN

WORCESTER, ss.

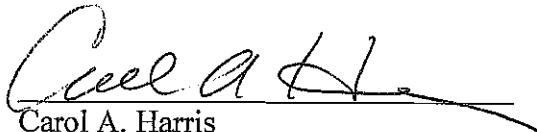
October 16, 2023

This is to certify that I have served the within warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, and at the Town Hall located at 160 Patriots Road in East Templeton fourteen (14) days at least before the time of holding said meeting and by causing notice of the same to be published once in the Gardner News, a newspaper published in said County in the City of Gardner.



John White
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:



Carol A. Harris
Town Clerk of Templeton