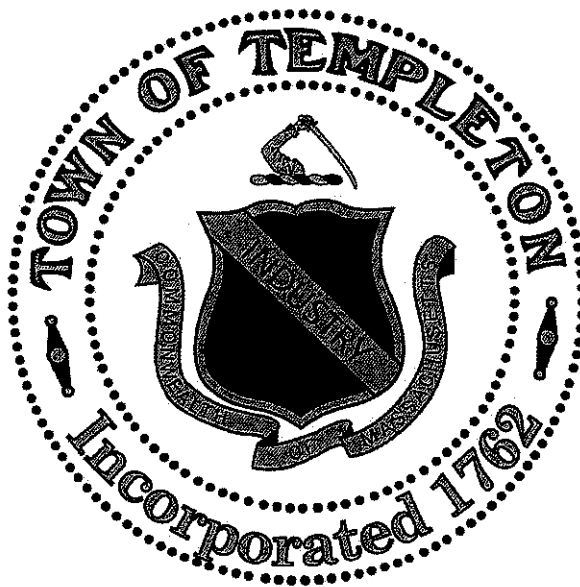


TOWN OF TEMPLETON

FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

November 12, 2025



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

TOWN OF TEMPLETON WARRANT FOR FALL TOWN MEETING

November 12, 2025

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 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: AMEND THE TOWN BY-LAWS RE: ANNUAL TOWN AUDIT

To see if the Town will amend the By-Laws, Chapter 28, Section 8: Annual Town Audit, by making certain **deletions (strikethrough)** and **additions (bold)**, as follows:

§ 28-8: Annual Audit Required

~~The Select Board (Board) shall, at least annually, provide for and conduct an independent audit of the financial books to be done by a reputable accounting firm not connected to or related in any way to the Town or its officers. The complete audit with recommendations shall be made available to the public as soon as it is received and it shall be posted in the Annual Town Report.~~

This section of the Town By-Laws is REPEALED.

Presented by the Select Board.

Majority Vote Required.

ARTICLE 2: AMEND PRIOR TOWN MEETING VOTE RE: OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE

To see if the Town will vote to amend article 54 of the May 16, 2006 Annual Town Meeting by making certain **deletions (strikethrough)** and **additions (bold)**, as follows:

Composition of Committee

The Open Space Committee shall consist of a ~~minimum of five and a maximum of nine~~ members, appointed by the ~~Board of Selectmen~~ **Select Board**. Members shall serve one-year terms and appointments will be made **in June** to start annually on July 1. The Open Space Committee may appoint Associate Members by majority vote of the Committee at a monthly meeting. Associate members will hold no voting rights. All votes shall be considered passed and valid provided at least 3 members of the Committee are present and a simple majority is attained.

Open Space Committee Duties:

The Open Space Committee shall be an advisory body and a resource to the Board of Selectmen, and other Town Boards, in carrying out the major goals outlined in the Templeton Open Space and Recreation Plan and in revising the Templeton Open Space and Recreation Plan as needed to comply with federal and Commonwealth of Massachusetts requirements and guidelines. The Committee will also:

- A. Provide a list of proposed candidates for the Open Space Committee to the Board of Selectmen.
- B. Provide input to Town Boards on open space and natural resource matters.
- C. Encourage the Town to pursue state and federal programs and grants involving open space.
- D. Work within the community to develop trails and educational programs to encourage natural resource protection and sustainable utilization.
- E. Facilitate and/or participate in monitoring of protected lands and conservation restrictions.
- F. Prepare a summary of activities for the Templeton Annual Report.

**Presented by the Select Board.
Majority Vote Required.**

ARTICLE 3: CPA FUNDING FOR MEMORIAL CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH EXTERIOR

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$15,500.00) for the below-mentioned project:

<u>Item Agent to Expend</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>CPA Fund/Source</u>
Memorial Congregational Church	\$15,500	Memorial Congregational Church Exterior*	Historic

* Provide funding to the Memorial Congregational Church in Baldwinville to expend on CPA-eligible expenditures related to the preservation and/or rehabilitation of the exterior of the historic building on 16 Elm Street, and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the Templeton Community Preservation Act's Historic Reserve Fund.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee.

Majority Vote Required.

ARTICLE 4: CPA FUNDING FOR GRANGE HALL FIRST FLOOR KITCHEN

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$20,000.00) for the below-mentioned project:

<u>Item Agent to Expend</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>CPA Fund/Source</u>
Narragansett Historical Society	\$20,000	Grange Hall Kitchen*	Historic

* Provide funding to the Narragansett Historical Society to expend on CPA-eligible expenditures related to the preservation and/or rehabilitation of the first floor and kitchen at the historic Grange Hall, 9 Hubbardston Road and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the Templeton Community Preservation Act's Historic Reserve Fund. Public benefit to include no cost to residents of Templeton to access when the building is open to the public.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee.
Majority Vote Required.**

ARTICLE 5: CPA FUNDING FOR BOYNTON LIBRARY HISTORIC REHABILITATION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Sixty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$60,000.00) for the below-mentioned project:

<u>Item Agent to Expend</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>CPA Fund/Source</u>
Boynton Library Director Undesignated and Trustees	\$60,000	Boynton Library Rehab*	\$60,000

* Provide funding to the Boynton Public Library Director and Trustees to expend on CPA-eligible expenditures related to the preservation and/or rehabilitation of the historic Boynton Public Library and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the Templeton Community Preservation Act's Undesignated Fund.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee.
Majority Vote Required.**

ARTICLE 6: CPA FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GARDEN EXPANSION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Five Thousand Nine Hundred Dollars and No Cents (\$5,900.00) for the below-mentioned project as follows:

<u>Item Agent to Expend</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>	<u>CPA Fund/Source</u>
Templeton Agricultural Commission	\$5,900	Community Garden *	\$5,900 Open Space

* Provide funding to the Templeton Agricultural Commission to expend on CPA-eligible expenditures related to the expansion of the Community Garden at the Senior Center and to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from the Templeton Community Preservation Act's Open Space Reserve Fund.

Or take any other action related thereto.

**Submitted by the Community Preservation Committee.
Majority Vote Required.**

ARTICLE 7: NARRAGANSETT ROOF REPAIR DEBT EXCLUSION

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of Twelve Million Eight Hundred Eighty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred and Eleven Dollars and No Cents (\$12,886,811.00) for the purpose of roof rehabilitation of Narragansett Middle School, including all incidental and related expenses and to meet said appropriation, to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow such sum under and consistent with M.G.L. c. 44, § 7, or any other source of authority, said amount contingent upon passage of a proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion ballot question in accordance with M.G.L. c. 59, § 21C(k) and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that any Federal or State grants awarded prior to issuance of bonds will be used to reduce the amount borrowed by the Town of Templeton.

**Submitted by the Select Board.
Two-Thirds vote required.**

ARTICLE 8: SUPPLEMENTAL FY26 FUNDING FOR CABLE DEPARTMENT/TCTV

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Twenty-Two Thousand Dollars and no cents (\$22,000) to the Cable Department for a supplemental appropriation to its Fiscal Year 2026 Operating Budget to total, in aggregate, the sum of Two Hundred Thousand, Six Hundred Fifty Dollars and No Cents (\$200,650.00). And to meet said appropriation by a transfer of said sum from retained earnings of the Cable Fund.

**Submitted by Cable Department/TCTV.
Majority Vote Required.**

ARTICLE 9: CITIZEN'S PETITION – MORATORIUM ON WATER FLOURIDATION

To see if the Town of Templeton shall institute a moratorium on water fluoridation in Templeton until such time as the manufacturer of the fluoridating chemical provides information regarding the identification of any contaminants in the fluoridating chemical batch, and a toxicological

report and verification of safety for the fluoridating chemical to ensure it does not reduce IQ in children.

**A citizen's petition submitted by Julie Farrell and 14 others.
Majority Vote Required.**

ARTICLE 10: CITIZEN'S PETITION – FLOURIDE

Move that the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to seek Special Legislation as set forth below: provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition as follows:

An act authorizing Annual Town Meeting as the responsible party on any and all decisions involving fluoridating or not fluoridating the public water supply.

Section 1. Notwithstanding Section 8C, Chapter 111, Title XVI, part I of the general laws of or any general or special law to the contrary, the legislative body at Annual Town Meeting with a majority vote shall be authorized to make any and all decisions in regards to fluoridating or not fluoridating the public water supply however should the Town Meeting vote to fluoridate the public water supply oversight on fluoride dose shall go to the Town's Board of Health. Annual Town Meeting shall also make decisions on health warning involving water fluoridation and any other decisions involving fluoride and the public water supply.

Section 2. Upon effective date of this act the Legislative Body at Annual Town Meeting shall become the responsible party for all matters concerning fluoride and the public water supply.

**Section 3. This act shall take effect upon passage.
A citizen's petition submitted by Julie Farrell and 14 others.
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, ^{17 days APB} seven (7) 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 8 day of October, 2025.

SELECT BOARD


Jeffrey Bennett, Chair

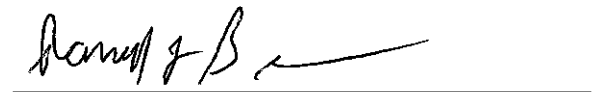

Timothy Toth, Clerk

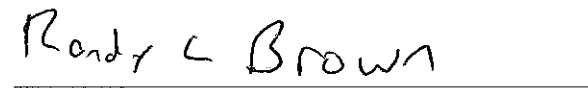

Candace Graves, Vice Chair


Robert May, Member

Lisa Basso, Member

True Copy: ATTEST


Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton


Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

OFFICER'S RETURN

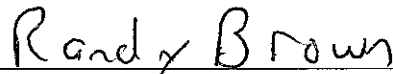
WORCESTER, SS

October 23, 2025

This is to certify that I have served the within 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.

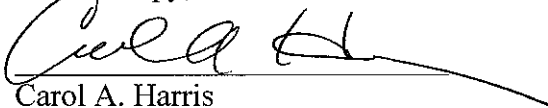


Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton



Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

A True Copy, ATTEST:



Carol A. Harris
Town Clerk of Templeton