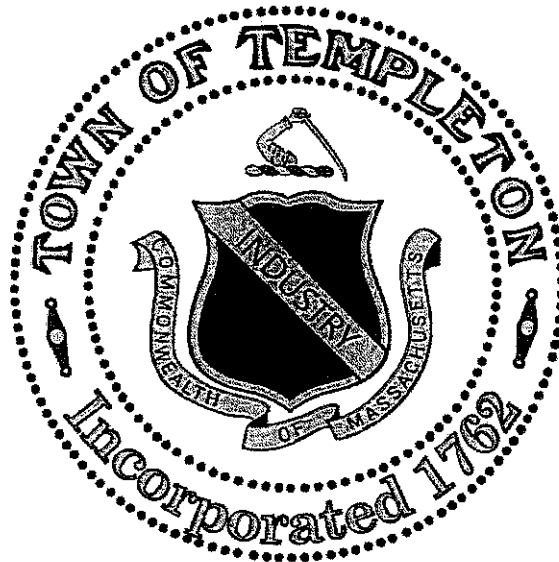


TOWN OF TEMPLETON

FALL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

October 21, 2026



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

**TOWN OF TEMPLETON WARRANT
FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

October 21, 2026

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, OCTOBER 21, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

Then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: LATE BILLS

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of late bills from the prior fiscal year from the FY '27 budget of the following departments in the following amounts:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Reason</u>
Cable Department	\$249.95	Late/Prior Year Bill
Van Pool	\$2,975.78	Late/Prior Year Bill
Van Pool	\$3,576.04	Late/Prior Year Bill

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
9/10ths Vote Required

ARTICLE 2: FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING BUDGET

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, transfer from stabilization funds, use funds approved by override ballot vote, or otherwise provide a sum of money to supplement operations of General Government for Fiscal Year 2027.

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Two-Thirds Vote Required (Majority Vote Required if no general purpose stabilization funds used)

ARTICLE 3: MORATORIUM ON DATA CENTERS

To see if the town will vote to amend Article 38 of the May 13, 2026 Town Meeting, approved by the Attorney General on September 22, 2026, by changing the applicable length of the moratorium from 360 days to 480 days.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Two-thirds Vote Required

ARTICLE 4: RESCIND UNUSED AUTHORIZED DEBT

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Amount Rescinded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>
<u>Templeton Elementary School Construction</u>	November 9, 2015	<u>1</u>	<u>Three Million Two Hundred Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Three Dollars and No Cents (\$3,202,883)</u>
<u>Templeton Elementary School Feasibility Study</u>	March 21, 2016	<u>2</u>	<u>Three Hundred Eighty Thousand Dollars and No Cents (\$380,000)</u>

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 5: RESCIND SEPTIC AND LANDFILL DEBT

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 to be Rescinded</u>
Septic Funding	5/16/2007	31	\$195,000.00
Landfill Closure	10/27/1988	5	\$469,609.00

Or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 6: FUNDING FOR AMBULANCE RECEIPTS DEPARTMENT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money 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 2027, 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.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 7: AMEND THE GENERAL BYLAWS RE: CEMETERY REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article I, § 28-6 of the General Bylaws, entitled Departmental revolving funds, by making certain changes to subsection E, as it relates to the Burial and Improvement Fund, to take effect on July 1, 2027, as follows (additions shown in bold and underline and deletions in strikethrough):

- E. 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, <u>purchase of foundations and cremation vaults, and</u> cemetery capital improvements	Fees charged for weekend burials, <u>foundations, and cremation vaults.</u>	Cemetery Commission	FY 2018 <u>2028</u> and subsequent fiscal years

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 8: TAX TITLE REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote to amend its vote approving Article 16 of the May 13, 2026 Annual Town Meeting, which authorized the creation of a Tax Title Collection Revolving Fund, by increasing the authorized expenditure limit from \$23,000 to \$75,000.

Submitted by the Select Board
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 9: CITIZEN'S PETITION

Citizen Petition to Amend §14-1: We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the Town of Templeton and request the subject below be acted upon at the next Town Meeting. To see if the Town, in keeping with the spirit of transparency and open communication, will strike the current first sentence and amend the first sentence of town bylaw Chapter 14 Contracts §14-1 as follows: Unless otherwise provided by the General Laws or a vote of Town Meeting, the Select Board (Board) is authorized to enter into any contract, except contracts containing a nondisclosure (NDA) or confidentiality agreement, for the exercise of the Town's corporate powers on such terms and conditions as are deemed appropriate.

Or taken any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Rachel Herman
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 10: CITIZEN'S PETITION

Citizen Petition to Amend Chapter 22, §22-2 Annual Town Meeting date. We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the Town of Templeton and request the subject below be acted upon at the next Town Meeting. To see if the Town will strike current language and amend § 22-2 Annual Town Meeting as follows: All business of the Annual Town Meeting, except the election of such occurs and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered on the Saturday preceding the election of Town occurs and shall commence within two hours of noon, at a place designated by the Select Board (Board). Special Town Meetings will also be held on a Saturday and commence within two hours of noon.

Or taken any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Rachel Herman
Majority Vote Required

ARTICLE 11: CITIZEN'S PETITION

Citizen Petition to Amend Chapter 22, §22-5 Warrants. We, the undersigned, are qualified voters of the Town of Templeton and request the subject below be acted upon at the next Town Meeting. To see if the town will amend §22-5 by adding the following sentence: Warrant Articles will be inserted on the warrant, numbered, in an order determined by chance, by drawing numbers at random, such as from a bingo ball.

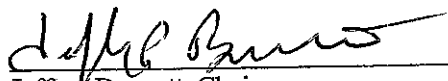
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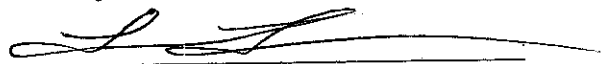
Submitted by Rachel Herman
Majority Vote Required

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, 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.

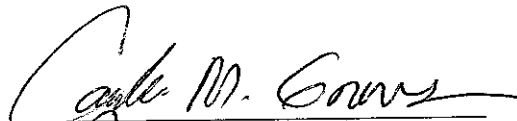
Given under our hands this 28th day of September, 2026

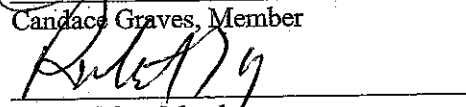
SELECT BOARD


Jeffrey Bennett, Chair

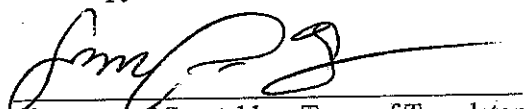

Timothy Toth, Vice Chair


April Cover, Clerk


Candace Graves, Member


Robert May, Member

True Copy: ATTEST


Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton

JOHN P. WHITE
Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, SS

Date: 10-05-2026

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.

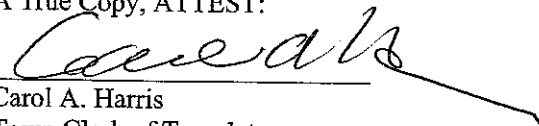


Signature of Constable – Town of Templeton

JOHN P. WHITE

Printed Name of Constable Signing Above

A True Copy, ATTEST:



Carol A. Harris
Town Clerk of Templeton

