

**TOWN OF TEMPLETON  
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
OCTOBER 20, 2016  
Thursday, October 20, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

## **Advisory Committee recommendations and comments**

### **ARTICLE 1 FY 2016 LATE BILLS**

Authorize the payment of late filed bills of FY 2016 for the Sewer Department in the amount \$66,856.49 bills to be paid from the FY 2017 operating budget.

**Advisory Committee recommends a - YES vote  
Actual vote: 5 YES 1 NO**

**Even though the Committee has voted YES there are concerns that the process to handle and process the payment of bills in a timely manner needs to be addressed. It was felt that it is imperative that bills for any town dept. be paid so as not to add to the financial problems of the town.**

### **ARTICLE 2 FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET SUPPLEMENT**

Amend the 2017 annual town budget from the annual town meeting to add the sum of \$87,501 to the long term debt service line to transfer said sum from the stabilization fund to pay for the foregoing

**Advisory Committee recommends a - NO vote  
Actual vote: 6 NO votes unanimous**

**The Stabilization account is the town's savings account. At this point in time there is no money to replenish the stabilization account with the one million dollar FY13 deficit, it will be many years before any money will be voted into stabilization. The use of Stabilization when the town has both pending deficits in past years as well as FY17 budget issues is not recommended. The Stabilization Fund provides a reasonable "safety net".**

### **ARTICLE 3 FY 2017 OPERATING BUDGET AMENDMENTS**

Amend the FY 2017 operating budget, adopted under Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting of 2016:

**Advisory Committee recommends a - YES vote**  
**Actual vote: 5 YES 1 NO**

The Advisory Committee had made a number of these amendments as recommendations at the Annual town meeting in May. These amendments will address some of the issues in the FY17 budget but not all. There will still be shortfalls in a number of accounts that will have to be addressed at the Annual Town meeting next May. Two accounts in particular will have shortfalls totaling more than \$60,000 and this could be more depending if the Dept. of Revenue allows the excise revenues as stated in the FY17 budget to stand. Alternatively, the Town could choose to make reductions in Town services in order to balance the budget. Most recent Debt exclusion information received from the Towns finance dept. indicates that the FY17 budget had the debt exclusions understated by Approx., \$216,000

**Advisory Committee:**

**Article 3 NO vote:**

After a careful review of the budget amendments to FY 17, a disturbing piece of information was discovered: Footnote 7 Unemployment Compensation underfunded. Also Group Insurance Account is underfunded +/- \$50,000 a supplementary transfer in May will likely need to be made. The No vote was cast because if there isn't enough money in October to fully fund these accounts, how likely is it that there will be money in May to make a transfer into these accounts?

Also, if article 2 fails at the special town meeting, the budget will be at least \$87,500 out of balance. The transfers described in Article 3 will NOT bring the budget into balance if Article 2 fails at STM.

#### **ARTICLE 4 FY 2017 SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

Vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the Town Scholarship Fund.

**Advisory Committee recommends a - YES vote**  
**Actual vote: 6 YES votes unanimous**

The Advisory Committee had recommended that this be done at the Annual Town Meeting in May as the community had never voted to make this part of the towns operating budget.

## **ARTICLE 5**    CBA FUNDING

new Collective Bargaining Agreement (CBA) between the Town of Templeton and the Public Employees Local 39 of the Laborer's International Union of North American, AFL-CIO, for the period of July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2019, with an estimated Year 1 cost of \$11,080 by the use of existing funding within existing appropriations voted at the Annual Town Meeting in the amount of \$10,155) and by transferring to this article the following amounts

From (Name/Account#)	Amount
Highway Department Wages (Account 1000-421-400-51-5112-0000)	\$925.00

To (Name/Account#)	Amount
Mechanic Salary (Account 1000-422-400-51-5110-0000)	\$925.00

**Advisory Committee recommends a - YES vote**

**Actual vote: 6 YES votes unanimous**

**This provides a raise to the town Mechanic under the Union Bargaining agreement.**

## **ARTICLE 6**    APPROPRIATION OF PRIOR FISCAL YEAR CPA RECEIPTS

Vote to transfer the sum of \$242,979.25 from the Community Preservation Act for FY14 undesignated fund balance to designated funds of the Community Preservation Act

**Advisory Committee recommends a - YES vote**

**Actual vote: 6 YES votes unanimous**

## **ARTICLE 7**    ACCEPTANCE OF DRAINAGE & MAINTENANCE EASEMENT

Authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire Drainage and Maintenance Easement on property located an Wellington Road.

**Advisory Committee recommends a - YES vote**

**Actual vote: 6 YES votes unanimous**

**This needs to be done to correct a long standing problem that existed for some time.**

**ARTICLE 8** RESCINDING DEBT AUTHORIZATION FOR THE TEMPLETON  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

To see if the town will vote to rescind Article 1 of the November 9, 2015 Special Town Meeting:

**Advisory Committee recommends a - YES vote**  
**Actual vote: 5 YES 1 NO**

**The Advisory Committee felt that a new school is needed but until the town knows where it stands financially it would be fiscally irresponsible to continue for the following reasons:**

**FY13 deficit of One million dollars \$1,000,000**

**Audits for FY13, 14, 15, 16 need to be completed**

**Stabilization Fund is underfunded and the Stabilization Fund is one of the criteria used by the investment community to determine the Town's bond rating and interest rate.**

**Fy17 Still has revenue shortfall that will need to be address in May at ATM**

**No BOND rating until Audits are completed sometime next Year.**

**Standard and Poor's bond rating requirement are 7 items most of which the town presently does not have**

**The Towns 5% Debt limit may be exceed when taking all pending project into consideration**