

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF TEMPLETON
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 11th & 12th, 2004

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 several 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 in said Templeton on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1 To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers as printed in the 2003 Town Report, or take any other action relative thereto.

On an Amended motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to accept Article #1 with a requirement that those reports in question submit a supplemental report by July 1, 2004 to the Selectmen to contain financial information required by the Town Bylaws.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 7:31

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to allow any of the Town Committees to present their reports and to take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to allow any of the Town Committees to present their reports.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 7:45

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to transfer the interest income from the Otis G. Rice Fund to the Narragansett Regional School District for school activities, or to take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to transfer the interest income in the amount of Seventy-Eight Dollars and Seventy-Three Cents (**\$78.73**) from the Otis G. Rice Fund to the Narragansett Regional School District for school activities.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 7:46

Article 4 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2004, in

accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or to take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning July 1, 2004, in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 4, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 7:47

Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and to accept and expend, consistently with their provisions any and all State and Federal grants for which no additional appropriation by the Town is required for the ensuing year, and to apply for such other grants, as they deem appropriate, or to take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and to accept and expend, consistently with their provisions, any and all State and Federal grants for which no additional appropriation by the Town is required for the ensuing year, and to apply for such other grants as they deem appropriate.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 7:48

Article 6 To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars **(\$173,639.00)** or any other sums that may be available under the provisions of Chapters 246B of the acts of 2002, or any other monies that become available under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 34, Clause 2(a) and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement of said amounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to accept and expend the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Three Thousand, Six Hundred Thirty-Nine Dollars **(\$173,639.00)** or any other sums that may be available under the provisions of Chapters 246B of the acts of 2002, or any other monies that become available under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 90, Section 34, Clause 2(a) and authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Works and to

authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow in anticipation of 100% reimbursement of said amounts.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 7:49

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend without further appropriation, when received, Arts Lottery grant funds not requiring appropriation of additional Town funds and to vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept all other Arts Lottery grant funds, when received. All Arts Lottery grants funds accepted as authorized by this article are to be used by the Templeton Cultural Council (formerly referred to as the Arts Council) on approved arts projects, or to take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to authorize the Selectmen to accept and expend without further appropriation, when received, Arts Lottery grant funds not requiring appropriation of additional Town funds and to vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept all other Arts Lottery grant funds, when received. All Arts Lottery grants funds accepted as authorized by this article are to be used by the Templeton Cultural Council (formerly referred to as the Arts Council) on approved arts projects.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 7:51

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$75,000.00**), from the surplus funds of the operating account of the Municipal Lighting Plant as of December 31, 2003, for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$75,000.00**), from the surplus funds of the operating account of the Municipal Lighting Plant as of December 31, 2003, for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 7:52

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Five Dollars (**\$1,102,805.00**) to operate the Water Department, which sum is to be raised from water receipts, or take any other action relatives thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Five Dollars (**\$1,102,805.00**) to operate the Water Department, which sum is to be raised from water receipts.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 7:54

Article 10 To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Excess Overlay Reserve Account as follows: a sum of money for the Property Revaluation Program and a sum of money for updating the Assessors' Maps, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to transfer the total sum of Thirty-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (**\$38,500.00**) from the Excess Overlay Reserve Account as follows: the sum of Thirty-Five Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (**\$35,500.00**) for the Property Revaluation Program and the sum of Three Thousand Dollars (**\$3,000.00**) for updating the Assessors' Maps.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 7:55

Article 11 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (**\$1,122,971.00**) for salaries, operating, maintenance, legal, engineering, construction and other expenses of the Templeton Sewer Department and Publicly Owned Treatment Works. Such money to be raised by sewer user receipts and fees, entrance fees and tipping fees paid by disposal contractors to the Town of Templeton Sewer Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of One Million, One Hundred Twenty-Two Thousand, Nine Hundred Seventy-One Dollars (**\$1,122,971.00**) for salaries, operating, maintenance, legal, engineering, construction and other expenses of the Templeton Sewer Department and Publicly Owned Treatment Works. Such money to be raised by sewer user receipts and fees, entrance fees and tipping fees paid by disposal contractors to the Town of Templeton Sewer Department.

Passed/May 11th @ 8:01

Article 12 To see if the Town will vote to increase the cost of living adjustment, as provided by the Department of Revenue, to the 2005 amount that may be used to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens and surviving spouses and minors under MGL, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 17, 17C1/2 or 17D. This article was voted for on May 3, 1999, at the Annual Town Meeting, Article #17. This exemption is reimbursable by the Department of Revenue, or to take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to increase the cost of living adjustment, as provided by the Department of Revenue, to the 2005 amount that may be used to increase the exemption granted to certain senior citizens and surviving spouses and minors under MGL, Chapter 59, Section 5, Clauses 17, 17C1/2 or 17D. This article was voted for on May 3, 1999, at the Annual Town Meeting, Article #17. This exemption is reimbursable by the Department of Revenue.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 8:14

Article 13 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Templeton Scholarship Fund for the purpose of awarding scholarships to eligible applicants from the Town of Templeton, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Dollars **(\$600.00)** for the Templeton Scholarship Fund for the purpose of awarding scholarships to eligible applicants from the Town of Templeton.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 8:15

Article 14 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for an audit of the Town's 2003 financial records, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars **(\$17,500.00)** for an audit of the Town's 2003 financial records.

Passed/May 11th @ 8:16

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a total sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars **(\$262,779.00)** for the Worcester County Retirement System assessment; said sum to be provided as follows: a sum of money to be transferred from the Light Department, a sum of money to be transferred from the Water Department, a sum of money to be transferred from the Sewer Department and a sum of money to be raised by taxation, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town vote to appropriate the total sum of Two Hundred Sixty-Two Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Nine Dollars **(\$262,779.00)** for the Worcester County Retirement System assessment; said sum to be provided as follows:

The sum of Sixty-Nine Thousand, Four Hundred Four Dollars and Twenty-Eight Cents **(\$69,404.28)** to be transferred from the Light Department,

The sum of Twenty-Four Thousand, Eight Dollars and Eight Cents **(\$24,008.08)** to be transferred from the Water Department,

The sum of Twenty-Three Thousand, One Dollar and Seventy-Seven Cents **(\$23,001.77)** to be transferred from the Sewer Department, and

The sum of One Hundred Forty-Six Thousand, Three Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars and Eighty-Seven Cents **(\$146,364.87)** to be raised by taxation.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 8:19

Article 16 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to pay the Town's Maturing Principal and Interest on Long-Term Debt incurred through bonds and notes issued in accordance with Town Meeting votes, or to take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the total sum of One Million, Sixty-Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars **(\$1,067,875.00)** to pay the Maturing Principal and Interest on the various Debt Obligations of the Town, said sum of money to be paid as follows:

The sum of Three Hundred Ninety-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars **(\$394,667.00)** to be transferred from the Municipal Water Department,

The sum of Two Hundred One Thousand, Eight Hundred Eighty-Seven Dollars **(\$201,887.00)** to be transferred from the Sewer Betterment Account,

The sum of Twenty-Two Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars **(\$22,500.00)** to be transferred from the Sewer Enterprise Account, and

The sum of Four Hundred Forty-Eight Thousand, Eight Hundred Twenty-One Dollars **(\$448,821.00)** to be raised by taxation.

Passed Unanimously/May 11th @ 8:22

Article 17 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to pay town charges for municipal operational expenses for fiscal year 2005, and to set the salary and compensation of all Elected and Appointed Officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, and that it raise and appropriate an additional sum of money to fully fund the requested budgets, and thereby approve the town charges as requested, provided that this additional appropriation be contingent upon the approval of a levy limit override question under the General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(g), or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to Passover Article #17.

Defeated/May 11th @ 9:06

On an amended motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Million, One Hundred Forty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Ninety-Four Dollars **(\$3,144,694.00)** to pay Town Charges for municipal operational expenses for fiscal year 2005, and to set the salary and compensation of all Elected and Appointed Officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as follows:

Moderator Salary	252.00
Moderator Expenses	50.00
Selectmen Salaries	23,260.00
Town Coordinator	45,000.00
Selectmen's' Office Salaries	43,247.00
Selectmen's' Office Expenses	12,585.00
Chairman Advisory Committee Salary	240.00
Advisory Board Clerical Support	450.00
Advisory Committee Expenses	875.00
Town Accountant Salary	24,000.00
Assistant Town SW License Fee	750.00
Assessors Salaries	13,957.00
Assessors Office Salary	36,260.00
Assessors Office Expenses	10,385.00
Town Treasurer Salary	32,000.00
Assistant Town Treasurer Salary	7,155.00
Town Treasurer Office Expenses	8,600.00
Tax Taking Expenses	5,000.00
Town Collector Salary	31,994.00
Assistant Town Collector Salary	5,000.00
Town Collector Office Expense	14,600.00
Tax Liens Expenses	2,500.00
Town Council Expenses	39,811.00
Town Clerk Salary	34,471.00
Assistant Town Clerk Salary	16,899.00
Town Clerk Office Expense	22,870.00
Conservation Comm. Chairman Salary	250.00
Conservation Comm. Clerical Support	2,163.00
Conservation Commission Expenses	735.00
Conservation Agent	8,320.00
Planning Board Salaries	4,200.00
Planning Board Secretary Wages	11,266.00
Planning Board Expenses	4,380.00
Board of Appeals Expenses	500.00
Town Buildings Expenses	30,000.00
Town Bldg. Repairs & Maintenance	38,000.00
Town Report/Street Listing Wages	1,250.00
Town Report/Street Listing Expenses	5,860.00
Town Vehicles-Gasoline & Diesel Exp.	60,000.00
Town Travel Expenses	1,500.00
General Insurance Expenses	118,925.00
Unemployment Comp Ins Expense	9,000.00
Group Insurance Expenses	450,000.00
Town Technology Expenses	13,650.00
Town Telephone Expenses	23,415.00
Police Department Salaries	509,566.00

Police Department Expenses	49,483.00
Fire Chief Salary	27,513.00
Deputy Fire Chiefs Salaries	1,170.00
Fire Department Salaries	43,680.00
Fire Department Expenses	41,620.00
Building Inspector Salaries	28,080.00
Building Inspector Clerk	17,021.00
Building Inspector Expenses	1,425.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures Salary	785.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures Expenses	125.00
Animal Inspector Salary	1,070.00
Mema/Civil Defense Director Salary	416.00
Mema/Civil Defense Expenses	455.00
Animal Control Officer Salary	7,777.00
Animal Control Officer Expenses	7,194.00
Tree Warden Salaries	3,640.00
Tree Warden Expenses	5,250.00
Communication Commission Wages	196,306.00
Communication Commission Expenses	22,928.00
Comm. Comm. Training & Rel. Exp.	8,200.00
Field Driver Salary	50.00
Pest Control Expenses	3,122.00
Right to Know Law Expenses	130.00
Public Safety Committee	236.00
Highway Department Salaries	263,741.00
Highway Department Expenses	86,889.00
Mechanic's Salary	39,516.00
Town Vehicle/Machinery Maint. Exp.	64,213.00
Snow & Ice Removal Expenses	80,000.00
Street Lighting Expense	21,944.00
Solid Waste Disposal Expense	4,500.00
Cemetery Comm. Salary	884.00
Cemetery/Parks Dept. Salaries	119,825.00
Cemetery/Parks Dept. Secretary's Wages	11,270.00
Cemetery/Parks Dept. Expenses	30,000.00
Cemetery Dept. Sold/Sail Grave	600.00
Board of Health Salaries	7,488.00
Board of Health Office Salaries	68,770.00
Board of Health Office Expenses	2,800.00
Council on Aging Salaries	30,823.00
Council on Aging Expenses	6,290.00
Veterans Services District	6,063.00
Veterans Benefits	8,000.00
Boynton Library Salaries	30,241.00
Boynton Library Expenses	15,726.00
Recreation Commission Salaries	11,152.00

Recreation Commission Expenses	3,691.00
Arts Council Expenses	1,000.00
Historical Commission Expenses	525.00
Cable Comm. Expense	1,063.00
Memorial/Veterans Day Expenses	1,000.00
Interest on Tax Anticipation Notes	12,000.00
Interest Hwy. Chap. 90 Borrowing	17,000.00
Mont. Reg. Planning Commission	1,629.00
School Committee Salaries	3,184.00
TOTAL TOWN CHARGES	3,144,694.00
Passed/May 11th @ 9:28	

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Defeated/May 11th @ 9:30**

**A motion was made and seconded to reconsider Article #17.
Defeated/May 11th @ 9:34**

Article 18 To see if the Town will vote to allow the Narragansett Regional School Committee to present a report regarding the status of the Elementary School Project Planning, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to allow the Narragansett Regional School Committee to present a report regarding the status of the Elementary School Project Planning.
Defeated but allowed by the Moderator/May 11th @ 9:41

**A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.
Passed/May 11th @ 10:00 (Yes-117, No-93)**

Article 19 To see if the Town will vote to accept the updated Regional Agreement for the Narragansett Regional School District of Templeton/Phillipston or to take any action relative thereto.

A proposed amendment was made and seconded to increase from Five Thousand Dollars (**\$5,000.00**) to Ten Thousand Dollars (**\$10,000.00**) for Capital Repair & Maintenance costs in the NRSD Agreement.
Defeated/May 12th @ 7:29

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to:
Pass Over/May 12th @ 7:31

Article 20 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Narragansett Regional School District for the fiscal year 2005, or take any other action relative thereto.

A motion was made and seconded to vote by Secret Ballot on Article #20.
Defeated/May 12th @ 8:11

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted not to raise and appropriate the sum of Two Million, Eight Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, Three Hundred Seven Dollars **(\$2,863,307.00)** for the Narragansett Regional School District for the fiscal year 2005.
Defeated/May 12th @ 8:17 (Yes-66, No-152)

A motion was made and seconded to Reconsider Article # 20.
Defeated/May 12th @ 8:19

Article 21 To see if the Town will vote, as a member of the Narragansett Regional School District, and pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16B, to reallocate the total of the two sums of money required by the Department of Education as the required Minimum Local Contribution by Phillipston and Templeton to the Narragansett Regional School District, in accordance with the District's Regional Agreement, said reallocation of the total of the regional Minimum Local Contribution of each Town to be reallocated in accordance with the terms of the Narragansett Regional District Regional Agreement which provides for a percentage allocation based upon actual student enrollments from each Town as of October first preceding the beginning of each Fiscal Year; with the following provisos: (a) that the total of the required Minimum Contribution shall not be decreased; (b) that this reallocation must be approved by each member Town by a majority vote in the Annual or Special Town Meeting; and (c) the Commissioner of Education will be notified if this article is adopted by both member Towns, or take any action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted, as a member of the Narragansett Regional School District, and pursuant to the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 71, Section 16B, to reallocate the total of the two sums of money required by the Department of Education as the required Minimum Local Contribution by Phillipston and Templeton to the Narragansett Regional School District, in accordance with the District's Regional Agreement, said reallocation of the total of the regional Minimum Local Contribution of each Town to be reallocated in accordance with the terms of the Narragansett Regional District Regional Agreement which provides for a percentage allocation based upon actual student enrollments from each Town as of October first preceding the beginning of each Fiscal Year; with the following provisos: (a) that the total of the required Minimum Contribution shall not be decreased; (b) that this reallocation must be approved by each member Town by a

majority vote in the Annual or Special Town Meeting; and (c) the Commissioner of Education will be notified if this article is adopted by both member Towns.

Passed/May 12th @ 8:35

Article 22 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Narragansett Regional School District for the fiscal year 2005 by reallocating the minimum contribution subject to the acceptance of Chapter 71, Section 16B, or take any other action relative thereto

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Seventy-Four Thousand, Seventy-Two Dollars **(\$174,072.00)** for the Narragansett Regional School District for the fiscal year 2005 by reallocating the minimum contribution subject to the acceptance of Chapter 71, Section 16B.

Passed/May 12th @ 8:36

Article 23 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Thirteen Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars **(\$13,567.00)** for payment of the Narragansett Regional School District's fiscal year 2005 Teacher's Deferral Assessment, or take any other action relative thereto

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Thirteen Thousand, Five Hundred Sixty-Seven Dollars **(\$13,567.00)** for payment of the Narragansett Regional School District's fiscal year 2005 Teacher's Deferral Assessment.

Passed/May 12th @ 8:37

Article 24 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-One Dollars **(\$380,591.00)** for payment of long-term debt for the expansion and renovation of the Narragansett Regional High School/Narragansett Middle School in accordance with a Debt Exclusion voted on January 22, 1996, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Eighty Thousand, Five Hundred Ninety-One Dollars **(\$380,591.00)** for payment of the long-term Debt for the expansion and renovation of the Narragansett Regional High School/ Narragansett Middle School in accordance with a Debt Exclusion voted on January 22, 1996.

Passed/May 12th @ 8:38

Article 25 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (**\$64,135.00**) for the purpose of gasoline leak remediation at the Narragansett Regional High School/Narragansett Middle School in accordance with the Debt Exclusion voted on January 22, 1996, or to take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Sixty-Four Thousand, One Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars (**\$64,135.00**) for the purpose of gasoline leak remediation at the Narragansett Regional High School/Narragansett Middle School in accordance with the Debt Exclusion voted on January 22, 1996.
Passed Unanimously/May 12th @ 8:41

Article 26 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District for the Fiscal Year 2005, or to take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thirty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Sixty-Four Dollars (\$136,164.00) for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District for the Fiscal Year 2005.
Passed/May 12th @ 8:44

Article 27 To see if the Town will vote to authorize Revolving Funds for certain Town departments, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2, for Fiscal Year 2005, as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

- a. Revolving Fund for the Council on Aging: to deposit fees charged from the use of the Council on Aging Van and to authorize the director to expend such funds for wages and expenses for operation of the van, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Three Thousand Dollars (**\$3,000.00**).
- b. Revolving Fund for the Cemetery Department: to deposit fees charged for weekend burials, and to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to expend such funds for wages associated with such burials, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Eight Thousand Dollars (**\$8,000.00**).
- c. Revolving Fund for the Communication Commission: to deposit rental fees collected for tower space on Ladder Hill and to authorize the Communication Commissioners to expend such funds to provide cellular phone service for all departments, provided that the amount to

be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Seven Thousand Dollars **(\$7,000.00)**.

- d. Revolving Fund for the Electrical, Plumbing and Gas Inspectors: to deposit fees charged for inspections and to authorize the Inspectors to expend such funds for wages and expenses for inspections, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars **(\$15,000.00)**.
- e. Revolving Fund for the Parking Clerk: to deposit fines for parking violations and to authorize the Parking Clerk to expend such funds for expenses incurred in the collection of such fines, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars **(\$500.00)**.
- f. Revolving Fund for the Planning Board: to deposit collected for development plans and documents and to authorize the Planning Board to expend such funds to pay for expenses and services incurred for review of said plans and documents, and also for educational purposes provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars **(\$20,000.00)**.
- g. Revolving Fund for the Board of Appeals: for expenses and salaries related to hearings. Fees collected by the chair or the designee may be deposited to this account, provided that the amount to be expended for FY 2005 shall not exceed Three Thousand Dollars **(\$3,000.00)**.
- h. Regular Revolving Fund for the Board of Health: to deposit fees collected for site assignment hearings and housing inspections and for the Board of Health to expend such funds in relation to said site assignments and housing inspections, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Two Thousand Dollars **(\$2,000.00)**.
- i. Revolving Fund for the Board of Health: to deposit receipts collected from the sale and disposal of recyclable goods and to authorize the Board of Health to expend such funds to expand the recycling program, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Two Thousand Dollars **(\$2,000.00)**.
- j. Compost Bin Revolving Fund for the Board of Health: to deposit fees collected for the sale of compost bins and pay for expenses related to compost bins, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars **(\$1,000.00)**.

- k. Revolving Fund for the Animal Control Officer: to deposit fees collected for adoption, spay & neutering deposits, the town's portion of dog licensing, pick up fees, donations, and kenneling fees and to expend such funds collected for expenses incurred in the care of animals in the animal shelter, provided that such sum for FY 2005 shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars **(\$10,000.00)**.
- l. Revolving Fund for the Fire Department to deposit receipts collected from the sale of burning permits and to authorize said Department to expend such funds to replace Forest Fire Equipment, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Four Thousand Dollars **(\$4,000.00)**.
- m. Revolving Fund for the Highway Department: to deposit receipts collected from the driveway permits and road-cut opening for infrastructure upgrades or repairs and wages that are directly related to those repairs and upgrades, provided that the amount to be expended shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars **(\$20,000.00)**.

On an amended motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to authorize Revolving Funds for certain Town departments, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2, for Fiscal Year 2005, as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

- a. Revolving Fund for the Council on Aging: to deposit fees charged from the use of the Council on Aging Van and to authorize the director to expend such funds for wages and expenses for operation of the van, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Three Thousand Dollars **(\$3,000.00)**.
- b. Revolving Fund for the Cemetery Department: to deposit fees charged for weekend burials, and to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to expend such funds for wages associated with such burials, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Eight Thousand Dollars **(\$8,000.00)**.
- c. Revolving Fund for the Communication Commission: to deposit rental fees collected for tower space on Ladder Hill and to authorize the Communication Commissioners to expend such funds to provide cellular phone service for all departments, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Seven Thousand Dollars **(\$7,000.00)**.

- d. Revolving Fund for the Electrical, Plumbing and Gas Inspectors: to deposit fees charged for inspections and to authorize these Inspectors to expend such funds for wages and expenses for inspections, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Fifteen Thousand Dollars **(\$15,000.00)**.
- e. Revolving Fund for the Parking Clerk: to deposit fines for parking violations and to authorize the Parking Clerk to expend such funds for expenses incurred in the collection of such fines, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Five Hundred Dollars **(\$500.00)**.
- f. Revolving Fund for the Planning Board: to deposit fees collected for development plans and documents and to authorize the Planning Board to expend such funds to pay for expenses and services incurred for review of said plans and documents, and also for educational purposes provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars **(\$20,000.00)**.
- g. Revolving Fund for the Board of Appeals: for expenses and salaries related to hearings. Fees collected by the Chair or the designee may be deposited to this account, provided that the amount to be expended for FY 2005 shall not exceed Three Thousand Dollars **(\$3,000.00)**.
- h. Regular Revolving Fund for the Board of Health: to deposit fees collected for site assignment hearings, housing inspections and nursing clinics for the Board of Health to expend such funds in relation to said site assignments, housing inspections, and nursing clinic supplies & stipends, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Two Thousand Dollars **(\$2,000.00)**.
- i. Revolving Fund for the Board of Health: to deposit receipts collected from the sale and disposal of recyclable goods and to authorize the Board of Health to expend such funds to expand the recycling program, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Six Thousand Dollars **(\$6,000.00)**.
- j. Compost Bin Revolving Fund for the Board of Health: to deposit fees collected for the sale of compost bins and pay for expenses related to compost bins, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed One Thousand Dollars **(\$1,000.00)**.
- k. Revolving Fund for the Animal Control Officer: to deposit fees collected for adoption, spay & neutering deposits, the town's portion of dog licensing, pick up fees, donations, and kenneling fees and to expend such funds collected for expenses incurred in the care of

animals in the animal shelter, provided that such sum for FY 2005 shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars **(\$10,000.00)**.

- l. Revolving Fund for the Fire Department to deposit receipts collected from the sale of burning permits and to authorize said Department to expend such funds to replace Forest Fire Equipment, provided that the amount to be expended in FY 2005 shall not exceed Four Thousand Dollars **(\$4,000.00)**.
- m. Revolving Fund for the Highway Department: to deposit receipts collected from the driveway permits and road-cut opening for infrastructure upgrades or repairs and wages that are directly related to those repairs and upgrades, provided that the amount to be expended shall not exceed Twenty Thousand Dollars **(\$20,000.00)**.
Passed Unanimously/May 12th @ 8:52

Article 28 To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Law, C.44, s.53F1/2, to establish a Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Enterprise Fund beginning with fiscal year 2005, or take any other action relative thereto.
Defeated/May 12th @ 9:05

Article 29 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the of Thirty Thousand Dollars **(\$30,000.00)** to initially fund the operations of the Fire Department Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Enterprise Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.
No Motion/May 12th

Article 30 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to fund the operating expenses for the Fire Department Emergency Medical Services, or take any other action relative thereto.
Defeated/May 12th @ 9:08

Article 31 To see if the Town will vote to accept 90% grant funding in the amount of One Hundred Four Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars **(\$104,400.00)** received by the Fire Department under the Federal Assistance to Firefighter Grant program for fire fighting equipment, and further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Eleven Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars **(\$11,600.00)** for the Town's 10% contribution required under the terms and conditions of said grant, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to accept 90% grant funding in the amount of One Hundred Four Thousand, Four Hundred

Dollars **(\$104,400.00)** received by the Fire Department under the Federal Assistance to Firefighter Grant program for fire fighting equipment, and further, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand, Six Hundred Dollars **(\$11,600.00)** for the Town's 10% contribution required under the terms and conditions of said grant.

Passed Unanimously/May 12th @ 9:12

Article 32

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the total sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Ten Dollars **(\$37,910.00)** to fund the lease agreements for the following capital items for FY005: or take any other action relative thereto:

- 1 (one) Street Sweeper for the Templeton Highway
Department: 4th year lease payment of a seven (7)-year lease @ **\$15,503.00.**
- 1 (one) Municipal Tractor for the Templeton Highway
Department: 4th year lease payment of a five (5)-year lease @ **\$22,407.00.**

or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the total sum of Thirty-Seven Thousand, Nine Hundred Ten Dollars **(\$37,910.00)** to fund the lease agreements for the following capital items for FY005, or take any other action relative thereto:

- 1 (one) Street Sweeper for the Templeton Highway
Department: 4th year lease payment of a seven (7)-year lease @ **\$15,503.00.**
- 1 (one) Municipal Tractor for the Templeton Highway
Department: 4th year lease payment of a five (5)-year lease @ **\$22,407.00.**

Passed Unanimously/May 12th @ 9:14

Article 33

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of money for improvements at Scout Hall to comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Massachusetts State Building Code. Certain compliance requirements are listed in the 2003 "Physical Accessibility Report for Public Facilities" for the Town of Templeton, or take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Seventeen Thousand, Seven Hundred Dollars **(\$17,700.00)** for improvements at Scout Hall to comply with the American Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Massachusetts State Building Code. Certain compliance requirements are listed in the 2003 “Physical Accessibility Report for Public Facilities” for the Town of Templeton.
Passed/May 12th @ 9:15

Article 34 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or other wise provide the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars **(\$28,000.00)** to purchase and provide equipment for a new police cruiser, or take any other action relative thereto.
No Motion/May 12th

Article 35 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or other wise provide the sum of Fifteen Thousand Dollars **(\$15,000.00)** for repairs to the Fire Department 1981, Grumman Aerial Ladder and Pump Truck, or to take any action relative thereto.
Defeated/May 12th @ 9:22

Article 36 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or other wise provide the sum of money for the purchase of two (2) snow plows, or to take any action thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum Eleven Thousand Dollars **(\$11,000.00)** for the purchase of two (2) snowplows.
Passed Unanimously/May 12th @ 9:24

Article 37 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or other wise provide the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars **(\$10,000.00)** for Town Records Preservation under the direction of the Town Clerk, or to take any action thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars **(\$10,000.00)** for Town Records Preservation under the direction of the Town Clerk.
Passed/May 12th @ 9:25

Article 38 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of Two Hundred Sixty Thousand Dollars **(\$260,000.00)** for a new fire truck pumper engine and equipment to replace the outdated fire engine pumper used in the Baldwinville and Otter River villages, contingent upon the approval of a capital expenditure exclusion question under the General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(i1/2), or to take any action thereto.
No Motion/May 12th

Article 39 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of Fifteen Thousand, Four Hundred Dollars (**\$15,400.00**) for replacing the body of a sand truck, contingent upon the approval of a capital expenditure exclusion question under the General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(i1/2), or to take any action thereto.

No Motion/May 12th

Article 40 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$100,000.00**) for the reconstruction of various Town roads, contingent upon the approval of a capital expenditure exclusion question under the General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(i1/2), or to take any action thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Thousand Dollars (**\$100,000.00**) for the reconstruction of various Town roads, in accordance with a capital expenditure exclusion voted on May 3, 2004.

Passed Unanimously/May 12th @ 9:29

Article 41 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, the sum of Twenty Thousand Dollars (**\$20,000.00**) for cemetery roads' improvements, contingent upon the approval of a capital expenditure exclusion question under the General Laws Chapter 59, Section 21C(i1/2), or to take any action thereto.

No Motion/May 12th

Article 42 To see if the Town will vote to direct the Board of Selectmen to research, develop, and present for town meeting approval a personnel policy for Town employees, or to take any action thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to direct the Board of Selectmen to research, develop, and present for town meeting approval a personnel policy for Town employees.

Passed Unanimously/May 12th @ 9:29

Article 43 To see if the Town would consider adopting a new form of government by establishing a Town Charter in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 43B, "Home Rule Procedures," or to take any action thereto.

Defeated/May 12th @ 9:51 (Yes 66, No 69)

A motion was made and seconded to Reconsider Article # 43.

Defeated/May 12th (Yes 64, No 81)

Article 44 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a Town By-Law for the purpose of providing public input on warrants, or to take any action thereto.

Time Limit for Submitting Warrant Articles

Warrants for Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meetings shall be open for a minimum of 14 days before closing and posting the warrants.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to adopt the following as a Town By-Law for the purpose of providing public input on warrants:

Time Limit for Submitting Warrant Articles

Warrants for Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meetings shall be open for a minimum of 14 days before closing and posting the warrants.

Passed/May 12th @ 10:08

Article 45 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a Town By-Law for the purpose of informing the citizens of Templeton, or to take any action thereto:

Official Town of Templeton Website

The Templeton Board of Selectmen shall designate an official Town website, for the posting town business, and provide for its maintenance, security, and improvement through a specific budget line item in the fiscal year following passage of this article.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to adopt the following as a Town By-Law for the purpose of informing the citizens of Templeton:

Official Town of Templeton Website

The Templeton Board of Selectmen shall designate an official Town website, for the posting town business, and provide for its maintenance, security, and improvement through a specific budget line item in the fiscal year following passage of this article.

Passed/May 12th @ 10:13

Article 46 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a General Town By-Law for the purpose of informing the citizens of Templeton, or to take any action thereto:

Posting of Warrants and By-Laws

The Templeton Board of Selectmen shall post all By-Laws and Town Meeting Warrants on the official Town website, within 24 hours of posting warrants or within 72 hours following notification of acceptance

by the Attorney General of Massachusetts for By-Laws. By-Laws existing prior to the passage of this By-Law shall be posted on the official Town Website by the end of the fiscal year following passage of this article.

On an amended motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to adopt the following as a General Town By-Law for the purpose of informing the citizens of Templeton:

Posting of Warrants and By-Laws

The Templeton Board of Selectmen shall post all By-Laws and Town Meeting Warrants on the official Town website, within 1 business day of posting warrants or within 3 business days following notification of acceptance by the Attorney General of Massachusetts for By-Laws. By-Laws existing prior to the passage of this By-Law shall be posted on the official Town Website by the end of the fiscal year following passage of this article.

Passed Unanimously/May 12th @ 10:18

Article 47 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a Town By-Law for the purpose of giving the average citizen a reasonable opportunity to attend public meetings, or to take any action thereto:

Public Meetings of Town Boards

All public meetings by all Town Boards shall be held at 6:00 p.m. or later except in an emergency, or the Town Board shall state a valid reason why a meeting cannot be held at such times.

No Motion/May 12th

Article 48 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a Town By-Law for the purpose of requiring a waiting period before any defeated General By-Law may be placed on a Warrant for a Town vote.

Waiting Period For Defeated General By-Laws

No General By-Law may be placed on Warrant for Town vote if it, or its substantial equivalent, has been defeated by Town vote within the preceding ten (10) months.

No Motion/May 12th

Article 49 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the provisions of Mass. General Law Chapter 111 section 26G with the added provision that the installer is responsible for the cost of the inspections, or to take any other action relative thereto.

City and Town Board of Health

Chapter 111: Section 26G Septic system installers; inspections

Section 26G. In any city, town or district which accepts the provisions of this section notwithstanding the provisions of section seventeen of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A, a septic installer who is appointed or elected to the board of health may engage or work at the business of septic

system installation within the area over which the board of health has jurisdiction while serving as a board member; provided, however, that neither the board of health member nor the board shall inspect a septic system installation done by said board of health member, or said member's partner, employer, employee or co-employee. The inspection of work so done shall be performed either by the board of health of another city, town or district or by a special assistant health agent who is appointed solely for the purpose of performing such inspections by the mayor of the city, the board of selectmen of a town or the governing board of a district. If the board of Selectmen also serves as the board of health, said septic system installer shall not participate in the appointment of special assistant health agent.

This section shall take effect upon its acceptance in a city, by vote of city council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such city; in a town, by a vote of town meeting; in a municipality have town council form of government, by a vote of the town council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such municipality; and, in a district, by the vote as above provided of the cities and towns of the districts.

The installer is responsible for the cost of the inspections.

On an amended motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to adopt the provisions of Mass. General Law Chapter 111 section 26G with the added provision that the installer is responsible for the cost of the inspections, or to take any other action relative thereto.

City and Town Board of Health

Chapter 111: Section 26G Septic system installers; inspections

Section 26G. In any city, town or district which accepts the provisions of this section notwithstanding the provisions of section seventeen of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A, a septic installer who is appointed or elected to the board of health may engage or work at the business of septic system installation within the area over which the board of health has jurisdiction while serving as a board member; provided, however, that neither the board of health member nor the board shall inspect a septic system installation done by said board of health member, or said member's partner, employer, employee or co-employee. The inspection of work so done shall be performed either by the board of health of another city, town or district or by a special assistant health agent who is appointed solely for the purpose of performing such inspections by the mayor of the city, the board of selectmen of a town or the governing board of a district. If the board of Selectmen also serves as the board of health, said septic system installer shall not participate in the appointment of special assistant health agent.

This section shall take effect upon its acceptance in a city, by vote of city council, subject to the provisions of the charter of such city; in a town, by a vote of town meeting; in a municipality have town council form of government, by a vote of the town council, subject to the provisions of the

charter of such municipality; and, in a district, by the vote as above provided of the cities and towns of the districts.

The installer is responsible for the cost of the inspections. The town is not responsible for payment.

Passed/May 12th @ 10:25

Article 50 To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as a General Town By-Law for the purpose of regulating commercial haulers of municipal solid waste, construction and demolition debris, Special waste, and/or other waste.

TRANSPORTATION FEE:

The Templeton Board of Health (TBOH) shall require all out of Town commercial vehicles transporting Municipal Solid Waste, Construction and Demolition Debris, Special Waste, and/or other waste transported to a landfill within or through the Town of Templeton to be inspected and registered with the TBOH. Each company employing haulers passing within Templeton must pay an annual registration fee **\$500.00** dollars. In addition, the TBOH shall assess an annual registration fee, initially set at **\$100.00** dollars per vehicle, to be reviewed and fixed annually by the TBOH.

These fees shall be used by the TBOH to pay for inspection and program costs through the TBOH revolving account for the Town of Templeton

No Motion/May 12th

Article 51 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

No Motion/May 12th

Article 52 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Special Reserve Account (Advisory Board), or to take any other action relative thereto.

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (**\$40,000.00**) for the Special Reserve Account (Advisory Board).

Passed/May 12th @ 10:29

Article 53 To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money to be used by the Board of Assessors in fixing the tax rate to meet appropriations made for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2005, or to take any other action relative thereto.

No Motion/May 12th

Meeting adjourned @ 10:29

As you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in each precinct; namely, the Post Office in Templeton, the Post Office in East Templeton, the Post Office in Baldwinville, at Cote's Market in Otter River, and at the Town Office Building in Baldwinville and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks 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 in said County, in the City of Gardner.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of said meeting

Given under our hands this 27th day of April in the Year AD 2004.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Thomas Martin, Chairman
Randy L. Brown, Vice Chairman
Patrick Dunlavey, Clerk
Paul Quattrociocchi, Member

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Neil A. Cullen,
Constable of Templeton

OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, ss.

April 27, 2004

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, the Town Offices at 4 Elm Street in Baldwinville, and at Cote's Market in Otter River, 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 County in the City of Gardner, and by

delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Neil A. Cullen
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol A. Harris
Town Clerk of Templeton

Meeting Attendance 05-11-2004
Voters Total 314
Meeting Attendance 05-12-2004
Voters Total 228