

**TOWN OF TEMPLETON**  
**WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**MARCH 29, 2014**

**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 the Town of Templeton on Saturday, March 29, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.**, then and there to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1** To see if the Town will vote to assess an additional sum of money in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the municipal government for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**

**A substitute motion was duly made and seconded to postpone this meeting to April 15<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Defeated/March 29 @ 11:20am**

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that an additional Five Hundred and Five Thousand Dollars (**\$505,000**) be raised in FY 2014 real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the municipal government in accordance with the appropriations voted by the Town at the May 14, 2013 Annual Town Meeting for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, provided however, that this vote shall not take effect unless or until the town votes by ballot to exempt this amount from the limitations on taxes set forth in G.L. chapter 59, 21C(i) ("Proposition Two and ½ so called).  
**Passed/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11:29 by hand count y-224, n-49**

**A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider Article 1.**  
**Defeated/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11:32**

**ARTICLE 2** To see if the Town will vote to make adjustments to the Fiscal 2014 appropriations voted by the Town pursuant to Article 9 (Town budget) or Article 11 (Firefighters/EMT) at the May 14, 2013 Annual Town Meeting, by way of increase, decrease or otherwise, including changes in funding sources, and to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow pursuant to any statute, a sum or sums of money to carry out such adjustments; or take any other action relative thereto.  
**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the Fiscal 2014 appropriations voted by the Town pursuant to Article 9 (Town budget) or Article 11 (Firefighters/EMT) at the May 14, 2013 Annual Town Meeting be amended by increasing appropriations as follows:

**(\$26,899)** be appropriated to fund the deficit for FY 2013, and to meet this appropriation, **(\$26,899)** be transferred from the Town's stabilization fund.

**Passed by 2/3/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 11:34**

**ARTICLE 3** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow pursuant to any applicable statute a sum of money or further to amend by increase or decrease or otherwise adjust the annual appropriations voted at the May 14, 2013 Annual Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**

**No Motion**

**ARTICLE 4** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Stabilization Fund to augment available funding sources for the Town's Fiscal 2014 annual operating budget; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**

**No Motion**

**ARTICLE 5** To see if the Town will vote to approve or disapprove the three million, five hundred thousand dollar **(\$3,500,000.00)** debt authorized by vote of the Narragansett Regional School District on March 5, 2014 to pay costs of (i) replacing the existing oil-fired boilers serving the High and Middle Schools with a woodchip-fired boiler, to be located in the existing boiler room, (ii) construction of a woodchip storage facility to be located adjacent to the boiler room, and (iii) all other costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by the Selectboard at the request of the School Committee**

**A motion was duly made and seconded to allow a short presentation.**

**A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.**

**Passed/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 12:20**

A substitute motion was duly made and seconded that the town vote that three million, five hundred thousand dollars **(\$3,500,000.00)** debt authorized by vote of the Narragansett Regional School District on March 5, 2014 to pay costs of (i) replacing the

existing oil-fired boilers serving the High and Middle Schools with a woodchip-fired boiler, to be located in the existing boiler room, (ii) construction of a woodchip storage facility to be located adjacent to the boiler room, and (iii) all other costs incidental and related thereto, be hereby approved.

**Passed by 2/3's/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 12:21**

**ARTICLE 6** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, an amount of money to be expended under the direction of Templeton Elementary School Building Committee for the Schematic Design portion of the Feasibility Study for the Templeton Elementary School, located off Route 202, King Philips Trail in Templeton, MA, known as Crow's Hill, identified as Town Assessor identification no. 2-7-40 and described in the deed recorded at the Worcester County Registry of Deeds in Book 1600, Page 313, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town.  
**Submitted by the Selectboard at the request of the School Committee**

**A motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.**

**Passed/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 12:51**

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that five hundred thousand dollars **(\$500,000.00)** be hereby appropriated for the purpose of paying costs of the Feasibility Study/Schematic Design work ahead for the Templeton Center Elementary School, located at 17 South Road, in Templeton MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and for which the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended under the direction of the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee. To meet this appropriation the Narragansett Regional School District, with the approval of the Templeton Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority. The Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, and further provided that the appropriation hereunder shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½), and that the amount borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement that may be executed between the Town and the MSBA.

**Passed by 2/3/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 12:52**

**ARTICLE 7** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the town administrator to enter into a 5 year lease/purchase agreement for an equipped ambulance for the Fire Department; and the appropriate Fifty Seven Thousand Dollars (**\$57,000**) to fund the first year of such lease/purchase agreement, by transferring such sum from the receipts reserved for appropriation, account number 22-300-3560-3283 (ambulance receipts) or any other available funds, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by the Selectboard at the request of the Fire Chief**

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the Town Administrator be hereby authorized to enter into a 5 year lease/purchase agreement for an equipped ambulance for the Fire Department; and that Fifty Seven Thousand Dollars (**\$57,000**) be hereby appropriated to fund the first year of such lease/purchase agreement, and to meet this appropriation, such sum be transferred from the receipts reserved for appropriation, account number 22-300-3560-3283 (ambulance receipts).

**Passed/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1:01**

**A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider Article 6.**

**Defeated/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1:04**

**ARTICLE 8** To see if the Town will vote to consolidate the offices of Treasure and Collector and establish a joint Treasure /Collector position and an Assistant Treasure/Collector position to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen or their designee; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by the Selectboard at the request of the Advisory Board**

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the Treasurer, who is appointed by the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to act as Collector and to be assisted by an Assistant Treasurer appointed by the Board of Selectmen, subject to the Town voting by ballot question pursuant to M.G.L. c.41, Section 1 to authorize its Treasurer to act as collector.

**Passed/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1:10**

**ARTICLE 9** To see if the Town will vote to reaffirm votes taken under Articles 23 and 24 of the May 14, 2013 Annual Town Meeting to transfer a total of **\$170,000** from retained earnings in the Sewer Department Enterprise Fund to pay for costs associated with the Town's application for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Revolving Fund loan, necessary for the abandonment of the wastewater treatment lagoon, and to pay for the purchase of a used sludge hauling truck; or take any other action relative thereto.

**Submitted by the Board of Selectmen**

On a motion duly made and seconded the town voted that the votes adopted by the town pursuant to Articles 23 and 24 of the May 14, 2013 Annual Town Meeting be confirmed and ratified to transfer a total of One Hundred Seventy Thousand Dollars (**\$170,000**) from retained earnings in the Sewer Department Enterprise Fund to pay for costs associated with the Town's application for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Revolving Fund loan, necessary for the abandonment of the wastewater treatment lagoon, and to pay for the purchase of a used sludge hauling truck.

**Passed/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1:15**

**A motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn the meeting.**

**Passed/March 29<sup>th</sup> @ 1:16**

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, at Cote's Market in Otter River, and at the Town Office Buildings at 4 Elm Street, Baldwinville, and at 690 Patriots Road, Templeton, and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks 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.

Given under our hands this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March in the year AD 2014.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Jeffrey Bennett, Chairman

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Kenn Robinson, Vice Chairman

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Doug Morrison, Clerk

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Julie Farrell, Member

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Diane Haley Brooks, Member

A True Copy: ATTEST

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John White  
Constable of Templeton

**WORCESTER, SS**

March 13, 2014

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 Cote's Market in Otter River, and at the Town Office Buildings at 4 Elm Street in Baldwinville and at 690 Patriots Road in Templeton and by delivering a copy to each of the Precinct Clerks 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 in said County in the city of Gardner.

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John White  
Constable of Templeton

Meeting Attendance 03-29-2014

Voters Total 300

Date of this Certification:

April 26, 2016

A True Copy, ATTEST

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Carol A. Harris, Templeton Town Clerk