

TOWN OF TEMPLETON
WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 9, 2015

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

Monday, November 9, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

then and there to act on the following articles:

The Town Meeting was opened by Carol Harris, Town Clerk.
Nominations were accepted for the position of Temporary Moderator.
Derek Hall was elected as Temporary moderator for this special town meeting.
Carol Harris was appointed by Derek Hall to be the assistant moderator for Article 2.

ARTICLE 1 DEBT AUTHORIZATION: TEMPLETON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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 the Templeton Elementary School Building Committee for the purpose of paying the costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new *Templeton Elementary School located at 17 South Road, Templeton MA*, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town, through Narragansett Regional School District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"). The Town acknowledges that MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA through the Narragansett Regional School District, shall be the sole responsibility of the Town. Any grant that the Town may receive through the *Narragansett Regional School District*, from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) **62.84%** of eligible, approved project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Narragansett Regional School Committee

**A Motion was duly made and seconded to move the question.
Passed by 2/3/November 9th @ 8:13pm**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the amount of Forty-Seven Million, Five Hundred Sixty-Three Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (**\$47,563,184**) for the purpose of paying the costs of designing, constructing, originally equipping and furnishing a new Templeton Elementary School located at 17 South Road, Templeton MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto (the "Project"), which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years, and for which the Town, through Narragansett Regional School District, 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; and to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount under M.G.L. Chapter 44, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; The Town acknowledges that MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the Town incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA, through the Narragansett Regional School District, shall be the sole responsibility of the Town; provided further that any grant that the Town, through the Narragansett regional School District, may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall not exceed the lesser of: (1) Sixty-Two and Eighty-Four Hundredths Percent (**62.84%**) of eligible, approved Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or (2) the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA; provided that any 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 of borrowing authorized pursuant to this vote shall be reduce by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the Narragansett Regional School District and the MSBA.

Passed by 2/3/November 9th @ 8:14

**A motion was duly made and seconded to reconsider Article 1.
Defeated/November 9th @ 8:16**

ARTICLE 2 DEBT AUTHORIZATION: POLICE STATION UPGRADE

To see if the Town of Templeton will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to be expended under direction of the Selectmen to pay costs of designing, constructing and equipping a 4,000 square foot addition to and remodeling of the Templeton Police Station, located at 33 South Road, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate the sum of Nine Hundred Seventy-Five Thousand Dollars (**\$975,000**) to pay costs of designing, constructing and equipping a 4,000 square foot addition to and remodeling of the Templeton Police Station, located at 33 South Road, and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto; said sum to be

expended under the direction of the Selectmen; and to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said sum under M.G.L. 44, Section 7, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; provided, however, that no sum shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless the Town shall have voted to exempt the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (also known as Proposition 2 ½).

Passed Unanimously/November 9th @ 8:33

ARTICLE 3 FISCAL 2015 UNPAID BILLS

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 to pay for unpaid bills from prior fiscal years, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate One Hundred Thirty-Five Dollars and Thirty-Seven cents (**\$135.37**) from the FY'16 tax levy and Eight Hundred Ninety-Seven Dollars and Twenty Cents (**\$897.20**) from Sewer Department revenues to pay bills remaining from Fiscal 2015.

Passed Unanimously/November 9th @ 8:35

ARTICLE 4 FISCAL 2016 FINANCIAL TRANSFERS

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 5 of the May 16, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, the Annual Operating Budget, by making the following transfers:

From	Acct. Name	Amount	To	Acct. Name
1000-951-900-53-5305-0000	TRIENNIAL REVALUATION	\$5,000	1000-141-100-51-5110-0000	DEPUTY ASSESSORS' OFFICE SALARY
9010-200-000-00-2300-0020	PLANNING RESERVE - DETENTION PONDS	\$48,040	1000-421-400-54-5420-0000	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - EXPENSES
1000-945-900-57-5743-0000	GENERAL INSURANCE	\$19,000	1000-945-900-57-5743-0000	TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$14,000	1000-135-100-54-5420-0000	TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES
1000-220-200-54-5420-0000	FIRE/EMS EXPENSE	111,608.50	NO ACCT. NUMBER	2015 SNOW & ICE DEFICIT

or take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

**A Substitute motion was duly made and seconded to vote on each item separately.
 Defeated/November 9th @ 8:48 pm**

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to transfer funds within the Fiscal 2016 annual Operating Budget as follows:

From	Acct. Name	Amount	To	Acct. Name
1000-951-900-53-5305-0000	TRIENNIAL REVALUATION	\$5,000	1000-141-100-51-5110-0000	DEPUTY ASSESSORS' OFFICE SALARY
9010-200-000-00-2300-0020	PLANNING RESERVE – DETENTION PONDS	\$16,000	1000-421-400-54-5420-0000	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT - EXPENSES
9010-200-000-00-2300-0020	PLANNING RESERVE – DETENTION PONDS	\$32,000	1000-945-900-57-5743-0000	TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES
1000-945-900-57-5743-0000	GENERAL INSURANCE	\$19,000	1000-945-900-57-5743-0000	TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES
1000-123-100-51-5110-0000	TOWN ADMINISTRATOR	\$14,000	1000-135-100-54-5420-0000	TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES
1000-220-200-51-5117-0000	FIRE/EMS SALARY	111,608.50	NO ACCT. NUMBER	2015 SNOW & ICE DEFICIT

Passed/November 9th @ 9:10pm

ARTICLE 5 FY 2016 APPROPRIATION TO THE OPEB ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote amend Article 5 of the May 16, 2016 Annual Town Meeting , the Annual Operating Budget, by raising and appropriating a sum of money for deposit into the Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) account; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to raise and appropriate Sixty-Four Thousand, Six Hundred Eight dollars (**\$64,608**) to be deposited into the Selectmen’s Office Expenses Budget (01-122-5400-5421).

Passed/November 9th @ 9:20pm

ARTICLE 6 COMMUNITY PRESERVATION FUNDS: 4 ELM STREET PROJECT

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Ninety Eight Thousand Dollars (**\$98,000**) from the Templeton Community Preservation General Reserve Fund to be spent by the Town Administrator to create open space by paying for demolition and removal of debris at the former Town Office Building at 4 Elm Street, Baldwinville, and for supplies and site preparation work required for the property to be established as a conservation area to be managed by the Cemetery and Parks Department; and that the Board of Selectmen, or such other Town board as the Board of Selectmen may designate, be authorized to acquire by purchase or gift and hold in the name of or enforceable by the Town and to grant a non-profit organization, charitable foundation or corporation, such conservation restrictions that will meet the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, as may be necessary or proper to carry out the foregoing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted that Ninety-Eight Thousand Dollars (**\$98,000**) be hereby appropriated by the Templeton Community Preservation Fund to provide for the removal of the two buildings at 4 Elm Street, and further, to establish a conservation area under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission and maintained by the Cemetery and Parks Department; and that the Board of Selectmen, or such other Town board as the Board of Selectmen may designate, be authorized to acquire by purchase or gift and hold in the name of or enforceable by the Town and to grant a non-profit organization, charitable foundation or corporation, such conservation restrictions that will meet the requirements of Chapter 184 of the General Laws, as may be necessary or proper to carry out the foregoing.

Passed Unanimously/November 9th @ 9:25pm

ARTICLE 7 SEWER DEPARTMENT: SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the additional sum of **\$80,000** to operate the Sewer Department; said sum to be apportioned to be used for salaries, operating and maintenance, legal, engineering and other expenses of the Templeton Sewer Department; and further that said sum is to be raised from sewer user charges that were voted by the Sewer Commission on August 8, 2015, and which will be collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Sewer Commission

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to appropriate Eighty Thousand Dollars (**\$80,000**) to supplement the Fiscal 2016 budget of the Templeton Sewer Department to be spent under the direction of the Templeton Sewer Commissioners.

Passed Unanimously/November 9th @ 9:26pm

ARTICLE 8 COA REVOLVING FUND

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the General Laws of the Commonwealth to amend a Council on Aging revolving account for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016; or to take any other action related thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to amend the Council on Aging revolving fund established at the May 16, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ of the General Laws, by increasing the permitted level of annual spending through the revolving fund from \$5,000 to **\$91,000**.

Passed/November 9th @ 9:29pm

ARTICLE 9 PERSONNEL BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article XLVII of the Town By-Laws and to substitute a new Article XLVII which shall read as follows:

Article XLVII – The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for the overall administration of the personnel system. The Selectmen shall promulgate personnel policies defining the rights, benefits and obligations of employees of the Town;

or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to repeal Article XLVII of the Town By-Laws and to substitute a new Article XLVII as presented in Article 9 of this warrant.

Article XLVII – The Board of Selectmen shall be responsible for the overall administration of the personnel system. The Selectmen shall promulgate personnel policies defining the rights, benefits and obligations of employees of the Town;

Passed/November 9th @ 9:33pm

ARTICLE 10 SICK TIME BY-LAW

To see if the Town will vote to repeal Article XVII of the Town By-Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

On a motion duly made and seconded the Town voted to repeal Article XVII of the Town By-Laws.

Passed/November 9th @ 9:35pm

**A motion was duly made and seconded to dissolve the Special Town meeting.
Passed Unanimously/November 9th @ 9:35pm**

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 Office Building at 160 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 Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of October in the year AD 2015.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

John Columbus, Chairman

Diane Haley Brooks, Vice Chairman

Doug Morrison, Clerk

Kenn Robinson, Member

Julie Richard, Member

True Copy: ATTEST

John White

Constable of Templeton

OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, SS

October 22, 2015

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 Office Building at 160 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 Worcester County, in the City of Gardner.

John White
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol A. Harris
Town Clerk of Templeton

Meeting Attendance 11-9-2015
Voters Total 356