

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF TEMPLETON
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 13, 2008

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 Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 7:00 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 2007 Town Report, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to allow any of the Town Committees to present their reports, or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to extend the duration of the Senior Center Oversight Committee for the Planning and Construction of a Senior Center to include examining additional sites and/or buildings for a Senior Center, until such time as the Board of Selectmen concludes that the Committee has completed its mission, members of said Committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a one year term, or to take any other action relative thereto..
- Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the interest income in the amount of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Dollars and Five Cents (\$157.05) from the Otis G. Rice Fund to the Narragansett Regional School District for school activities, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 5. 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, 2008, 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.

- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to apply for and to accept and to 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.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept and to 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.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventeen Dollars (\$258,717.00) and any additional sum(s) of money that may be available in accordance with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Chapter 90 program and to 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 to take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Hundred Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000.00) from the surplus funds of the operating account of the Municipal Lighting Plant as of December 31, 2007, for use by the Assessors to reduce the tax rate for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of One Million, Three Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand, One Hundred Eighty-Four Dollars (\$1,378,184.00) to operate the Water Department, which sum is to be raised from water receipts, or take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by the Water Department
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of Eleven Thousand, Nine Hundred Sixty-One Dollars (\$11,961.00) from the Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Fund, FY'08, established pursuant to General Law Chapter 29, Section 2Z, when received, to pay Sewer Debt Service in fiscal year 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by the Sewer Department

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or to transfer from available funds the sum of One Million, Four Hundred Ninety-One Thousand, Nine Hundred Thirty-Six Dollars (\$1,491,936.00) to operate the Sewer Department; said sum is to be apportioned as follows: the sum of Eight Hundred Thirty-Nine Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty-Seven Dollars (\$839,327.00) to be used for salaries, operating, maintenance, legal, engineering, and other expenses of the Templeton Sewer Department and the sum of Six Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand, Six Hundred Nine Dollars (\$652,609.00) to be used for sewer debt of the Town. Said total sum is to be raised from sewer user receipts and fees, entrance fees, tipping fees paid by disposal contractors, sewer betterment fees, certified free cash, monies raised by taxation, and other fees collected as per Sewer Department Rules by the Town of Templeton Sewer Department. Said debt payments are to be paid as follows:

Bond Payments for FY'09

Paid by Betterments	\$151,000.00
Paid by USRDA Restricted Account	35,000.00
Paid by Sewer Enterprise Certified Free Cash surplus	133,000.00
Paid by taxation	<u>333,420.00</u>
<i>Total payments for FY'09</i>	\$652,609.00

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13. To see if the town will vote to approve spending of up to \$25,000.00 for legal fees for use by the Sewer Commissioners to hire special counsel to prosecute litigation against Kopelman & Paige and/or William Hewig, III for possible malpractice involving case 02-2424C and situation surrounding the Wastewater Treatment Plant contract. Money to be funded by the Sewer Enterprise account. Any monies received in damages from this lawsuit to go back to the Sewer Enterprise account or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to increase the cost of living adjustment, as provided by the Department of Revenue, to the fiscal year 2009 amount of 3.4 percent 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, 17C, 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.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors

- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to hear and act on the report of the Community Preservation Committee on the Fiscal Year 2009 Community Preservation budget and, pursuant to G.L. Ch. 44B §6, to appropriate from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues a sum of money to meet the administrative expenses and all other necessary and proper expenses of the Community Preservation Committee for Fiscal Year 2009 and reserve for future appropriation from Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues a sum of money for open space, historic resources, and community housing purposes, as well as a sum of money to be placed in the 2009 Budgeted Reserve for general Community Preservation Act purposes; and further to appropriate from the Community Preservation Fund a sum or sums of money for Community Preservation projects or purposes as recommended by the Community Preservation Committee, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Six Thousand Dollars (\$6,000.00) to update the Assessors' maps, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by the Board of Assessors
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a contract for a period of up to five (5) years for the purchase of new real estate tax/excise tax billing and abatement/exemption software for the Tax Collector and the Assessors' office to include a maintenance contract; and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Thirteen Thousand, Sixty-Five Dollars (\$13,065.00) for such purposes for the first fiscal year of such contract and acquisition, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by the Board of Assessors and the Tax Collector
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide, the sum of One Thousand, Two Hundred Dollars (\$1,200.00) for the Templeton Scholarship Fund for the purpose of awarding scholarships to eligible applicants from the Town of Templeton, or to take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a total sum of Three Hundred Forty-Five Thousand, Forty Dollars (\$345,040.00) for the Worcester Regional Retirement System assessment; said sum to be provided as follows: the sum of Eighty-Five Thousand, Six Hundred Eighteen Dollars and Seventy-Five Cents (\$85,618.75) to be transferred from the Light Department, the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand, Four Hundred Thirty-Two Dollars and Two Cents (\$32,432.02) to be transferred from the Water Department, the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Eighty-Four Cents (\$28,776.84) to be transferred from the Sewer Department, and the sum of One Hundred Ninety-Eight Thousand,

Two Hundred Twelve Dollars and Forty Cents (\$198,212.40) to be raised by taxation, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 20. 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.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease of property for use as office space for various Town departments for the period commencing on July 1, 2008 and terminating on June 30, 2010, with three options to renew said lease for one year at a time, and on such other terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by abolishing the personnel bylaw established pursuant to G.L. c41 ss108A and 108C and any and all revisions to said personnel bylaw.
Submitted by Citizen Petition

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to rescind its adoption of GL.c.41 – s23C, to create the position of Executive Secretary (hereinafter entitled "Town Coordinator") to perform town administrative duties under the supervision and control of the Board of Selectmen.
Submitted by Citizen Petition

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to add the following positions to the Personnel Compensation and Classification Plan, a copy of which is on file in the Town Clerk's office:

Deputy Assessor	(Grade 9)
Planner	(Grade 10)
Social Service Coordinator	(Grade 4)

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Article 25. 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 2009 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, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to increase wages effective July 1, 2008, for non-union, non-contracted eligible employees 3.5 percent pursuant to the "Compensation Plan for the Town of Templeton" and "Wage Classification Plan" approved at the Annual Town Meeting of May 10, 11, & 17, 2005 and on file in the Town Clerk's office; said 3.5 percent wage increases are as indicated on the sheet titled "Compensation Plan for the Town of Templeton, FY09 Proposed 3.5% Increase," on file in the Town Clerk's office; and further to vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money to increase the amount of compensation by 3.5 percent for elected and non-contracted appointed officials not covered by said "Compensation Plan for the Town of Templeton" and "Wage Classification Plan," or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court for special legislation as set forth below establishing a consolidated department of municipal finance; provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill prior to enactment by the General Court; and provided further that the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of this petition:

**“AN ACT ESTABLISHING A DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE IN THE
TOWN OF TEMPLETON.**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by
the authority of the same as follows:*

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, there is hereby established in the town of Templeton, hereinafter referred to as the town, a department of finance, which shall be responsible for the overall management and administration of the town's financial operations and services. The department of finance shall be comprised of the town accountant, town collector, town treasurer and the board of assessors. The department shall be under the direction of a director of finance, in this act called the director, who shall also serve as the town accountant, who shall be responsible to the board of selectmen for the duties specified in this act.

SECTION 2. The director shall be appointed by the board of selectmen for a term of one, two, or three years, and may be removed after a hearing. The director shall be a person especially by education, training, and experience to perform the duties of director.

The responsibilities and duties of the director shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- (1) to coordinate fiscal management practices of the accountant, collector, treasurer, and board of assessors;
- (2) to coordinate with all town departments and manage the collection of all budget and financial information, including the forecasting of revenues for the forthcoming fiscal year in order to prepare an annual budget for the annual town meeting;
- (3) to set policies and procedures for the collection of all revenues due and owing to the town of Templeton as a result of tax levies, and the issuance of licenses and permits;
- (4) to review and oversee, on a yearly basis, the various town trust funds, and to ensure that funds are prudently invested, and when any such trust fund fails due to the extinction of the purpose for which said fund was created, the department of finance, with the advice and consent of, and through, the board of selectmen, shall seek appropriate relief in a court of competent jurisdiction from the duties of investment and distribution imposed by the trust fund instrument;
- (5) to report to the board of selectmen and finance committee concerning all financial matters affecting town government;
- (6) to coordinate with the department of revenue pertaining to all matters on their municipal calendar; and
- (7) to coordinate and manage all financial information received from the board of assessors to forecast future financial growth and anticipated revenues, and advise the board of selectmen, finance committee and town meeting accordingly.

SECTION 3. The board of selectmen shall appoint the town treasurer and town collector, and may remove them during their term after a hearing, as well as employees and staff within the department, except assistant assessors which shall be appointed by the board of assessors in accordance with the provisions of section 25A of chapter 41 of the General Laws. The board of assessors shall be elected. Except as set forth below, department officers and staff shall be supervised by the director with regard to financial operations and services, and by the board of selectmen with regard to personnel matters. Assistant assessors shall be supervised by the board of assessors in a manner consistent with the standards for financial operations and services established by the director.

SECTION 4. Upon the establishment of the department, the person holding the office of town accountant may become director of the department of finance. The incumbents in the office of town collector and town treasurer, the board of assessors and all present employees of said departments or officers and shall be transferred to said department, and shall not forfeit pay grade or time in service.

SECTION 5. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the board of selectmen may establish an employment contract for the director of finance for a period not to exceed three years to provide for the salary, fringe benefits and other conditions of employment including, but not limited to, severance pay, reimbursement for expenses incurred in the performances of duties or office, liability insurance and leave. Said contract shall prevail over any conflicting provision of any local personnel by-law, rule or regulation. In addition to the benefits provided municipal employees under chapters 32 and 32B of the General Laws, the contract may provide for supplemental retirement and insurance benefits.

Nothing contained in this section shall affect the appointment or removal powers of the board of selectmen over any position hereinbefore mentioned, nor shall it grant tenure to such officer, nor shall it abridge section 67 of chapter 44 of the General Laws.

SECTION 6. This act shall take effect upon passage.” or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) for the fiscal year 2009 Real Estate and Personal Property Interim Year Adjustment and for the next Tri-Annual Recertification, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the Town’s share of the Narragansett Regional School District assessment for the fiscal year 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Narragansett Regional School District Committee

Article 30. 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 2009 Teachers’ Deferral Assessment, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Narragansett Regional School District Committee

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Thirty Thousand, Eight Hundred Five Dollars (\$330,805.00) 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, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Narragansett Regional School District Committee

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand, Seven Hundred Seventy-Five Dollars (\$25,775.00) for payment of the long-term debt for roof repairs at the Narragansett Regional School District High School/Middle School Complex, in accordance with a debt exclusion voted on September 10, 2007, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by the Narragansett Regional School District Committee

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Two Hundred Seventy-Eight Thousand, Five Hundred Forty-Five Dollars (\$278,545.00) for the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School District for the fiscal year 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto.
Submitted by the Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School Committee

Article 34. 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 53E1/2, for fiscal year 2009 as follows, or to 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 fiscal year 2009 shall not exceed Five Thousand Dollars (**\$5,000.00**);
- 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 and to expend such funds for Cemetery capital improvements provided that the amount to be expended in fiscal year 2009 shall not exceed Eight Thousand Dollars (**\$8,000.00**);
- c) Revolving Fund for the Board of Appeals: to deposit application fees and to authorize the Board of Appeals to expend such funds to pay for expenses and salaries related to hearings and applications. Fees collected by the Chair or the designee may be deposited to this account, provided that the amount to be expended for fiscal year 2009 shall not exceed Three Thousand Dollars (**\$3,000.00**);
- d) Revolving Fund for the Board of Health: to deposit receipts collected from the sale of recycling equipment 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 fiscal year 2009 shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (**\$10,000.00**);

- e) Revolving Fund for the Animal Control Officer: to deposit fees collected for adoption, spay and neutering deposits, the town's portion of dog licensing, pick-up fees, donations, and kenneling fees and to authorize the Animal Control Officer to expend such funds collected for expenses incurred in the care of animals in the animal shelter, provided that such sum for fiscal year 2009 shall not exceed Ten Thousand Dollars (**\$10,000.00**).

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to extend the term of the Golf Study Committee, members of said Committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a one year term, until such time as the Board of Selectmen concludes that the Committee has completed its mission, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase the Templewood Golf Course, together with all buildings, fixtures and other improvements appurtenant thereto, which is comprised of five (5) parcels of land that are located on Brooks Road, Templeton, shown on Assessors' Map 5-08 as Parcel 11, on Map 5-08 as Parcel 6, on Map 5-06 as Parcel 74, on Map 5-06 as parcel 74.3, and on Map 5-06 as Parcel 74.6, and contain a total of 128.16 acres, more or less, for recreational purposes, said land to be conveyed to the Town pursuant to G.L. c. 40, § 14, as the same may hereafter be amended, to be managed and controlled by a committee formed in accordance with G.L. c. 40, § 14; and as funding therefor to borrow a sum of money for such purposes ; to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(3) of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefore; further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for any loans or grants, including an Urban Self Help Grant, as the Board deems appropriate to assist in said purchase; provided, however, that no funds shall be borrowed or expended hereunder unless and until the Town shall have voted to exclude the amounts required to repay any borrowing pursuant to this vote from the limitations of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws (Proposition 2 ½), or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of obtaining for two (2) full appraisals of the Templewood Golf Course property located on Brooks Road, Templeton, as shown on Assessors' Map 5-08 as Parcel 11, on Map 5-08 as Parcel 6, on Map 5-06 as Parcel 74, on Map 5-06 as parcel 74.3, and on Map 5-06 as Parcel 74.6 containing a total of 128.16 acres, more or

less, to meet the requirements of Urban Self Help Grant funding, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the total sum of Forty-Nine Thousand, Nine Hundred Ten Dollars (\$49,910.00) to fund the lease agreements for the following capital items for fiscal year 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto:

One (1) Backhoe Loader for the Cemetery Department:
4th year lease payment of a five (5)-year lease @ \$12,410.00.

Submitted by the Cemetery Department

One (1) Ambulance for the Fire Department
2nd year lease payment of a four (4)-year lease @ \$37,500.00.

Submitted by the Fire Department

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to establish a five (5) member committee to study the most effective method of combining the Highway and Sewer Departments under one manager and/or engineer. Said committee is to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a one year term and is to include one (1) Selectman, one (1) Sewer Commissioner, the Highway Department Superintendent, the Sewer Department Superintendent, and one (1) member at large. Said committee is to report back to the Town at the next Annual Town Meeting, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article XVIII – Restraining of Dogs, Section 6, of the Town of Templeton By-Laws by amending paragraph 2, first sentence to read: “The owner of any dog so impounded may reclaim such dog upon payment of the sum of ~~\$10.00~~ \$15.00 for the first twenty-four hour period herein known as a pick up fee, and ~~\$3.00~~ \$10.00 per day care or any part thereof that the dog is held;” and further by amending paragraph 3 first and second sentences to read: “Adoption of Animals: An Adoption fee of \$30.00 minimum plus any additional fees up to the amount the Town has invested in the animal shall be paid to the Town for care and handling of animals. This covers the ~~\$3.00~~ \$10.00 a day care and handling fee,” or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Animal Control Officer

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VII of the Town of Templeton By-Laws, Section 4, second sentence by deleting “to assist the said Town Counsel” to read as follows: They shall likewise fill any vacancies in said office for the unexpired term, and may employ special counsel ~~to assist the said Town Counsel~~ whenever, in their judgment, necessity therefore arises,” or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 42. Voted to have the Annual Town Meeting moved to the 2nd Saturday in May.

Submitted by Citizen Petition

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to amend the existing Templeton By-Law, Article XXI Zoning by adding the underlined sentences to Section 9.4.2 Site Plan Review Procedures as follows:

“Procedures: Applicants shall submit five (5) COPIES OF THE SITE PLAN TO THE Planning Board for review, and within three (3) days thereafter shall also submit a copy of the site plan to the Board of Selectmen, Board of Health, Building Inspector, and Conservation Commission for their advisory review and comments. The Planning Board shall hold a public hearing on any complete application within 60 days of its submission. Public notice of said hearing shall be given in accordance with the requirements of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A Section 11. The Planning Board shall review and act upon the site plan, with such conditions as may be deemed appropriate, within sixty (60) days of the closing of the Public Hearing, and notify the applicant of its decision. The decision of the Planning Board shall be upon a majority of the Board, shall be in writing, and shall be filed with the Town Clerk within fourteen days thereafter. No building permit or certificate of occupancy shall be issued by the Building Inspector without the written approval of the site plan by the Planning Board, or unless 60 days pass after the closing of the Public Hearing without action by the Planning Board. All time limits may be extended in writing by mutual agreement of the applicant and the Planning Board.”

or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money for architectural services through construction documents for a new municipal town office building and police station to be constructed on Town-owned land to the rear of the Town Highway Department, off Baldwinville Road, Baldwinville, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Building Study Committee

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to extend the duration of the seven (7) person Municipal Building Study Committee established by vote of the Annual Town Meeting on May 10, 2006 and charged with the additional responsibility of including a feasibility study for a police station at the Special Town Meeting on November 29, 2007, members of said Committee to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for a one year term until such time as the Board of Selectmen concludes that the Committee has completed its mission, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen and the Municipal Building Study Committee

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) to fund engineering costs for the design of a proposed recycling center and other work incidental and related thereto including preparing applications for any and all necessary permits, licenses and/or authorizations associated with the design and construction of a proposed recycling center, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Health

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$30,000.00) to purchase fifteen (15) automatic external defibrillators, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Fire Department

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of Nine Thousand, Eight Hundred Dollars (\$9,800.00) to purchase two (2) Watch-Guard digital in-car video systems for the Police Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Police Department

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to establish a special purpose stabilization fund for capital purposes to be known as “Capital Stabilization Fund,” or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Nine Hundred Fifty-One Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$951,500.00) to purchase and equip, as applicable, and with warranty, as applicable, the following new, capital equipment, and provided, however, that this appropriation shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of a Proposition 2 ½, so called, override ballot question pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.59, §21C(g), or to take any other action relative thereto:

One (1)-ton dump truck	Cemetery Department	\$ 55,000
One seven-passenger van	Council on Aging	25,000
Pumper truck	Fire Department	398,500
Ford F450 Truck	Highway Department	50,000
Stainless Steel Slide-in Sander	Highway Department	20,000
Police SUV	Police Department	33,000
Town Road Repairs	Highway Department	250,000
Boiler Repair	East Templeton Elementary School	20,000
Roof and fascia replacement	Templeton Elementary School	90,000
Roof repairs	Baldwinville Elementary School	<u>10,000</u>
	TOTAL	\$951,500

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.

Submitted by Board of Selectmen

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) for the Reserve Fund, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Advisory Board

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, 2009, or to take any other action relative thereto.

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 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 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 24rd day of April in the Year AD 2008.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Gerald Skelton, Chairman

Gregg Edwards, Vice Chairman

John Henshaw, Clerk

Julie Farrell, Member

Patrick E. Dunlavey, Member

A True Copy: ATTEST

Randy L. Brown
Constable of Templeton

OFFICER'S RETURN

WORCESTER, SS

April 24, 2008

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 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.

Randy L. Brown
Constable of Templeton

A True Copy, ATTEST:

Carol A. Harris
Town Clerk of Templeton