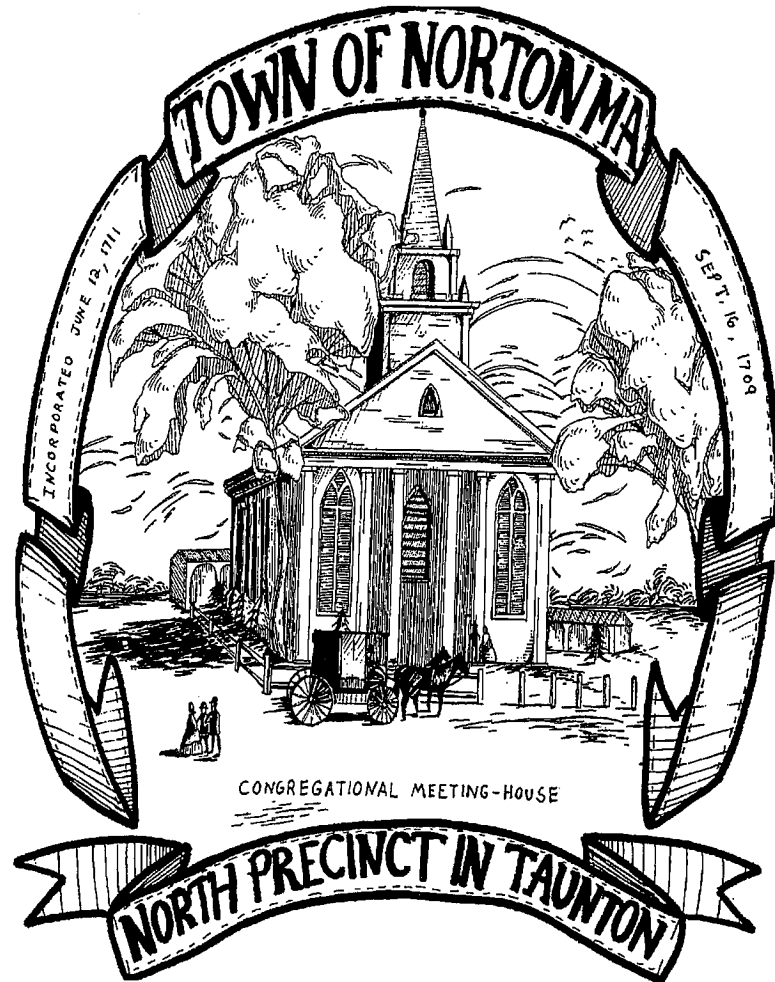


# TOWN OF NORTON



WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2009



**TOWN OF NORTON  
WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
NOVEMBER 18, 2009  
BRISTOL, SS.**

To Dale Clark, or either of the Constables of the Town of Norton:

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norton, qualified to vote in Norton affairs, to meet in the Henri A. Yelle Elementary School Gymnasium, West Main Street, in said Norton, on Wednesday, the 18th day of November, 2009, A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will amend the vote taken under Article 11 of the June 8, 2009, Annual Town Meeting appropriating the FY 2010 Water Department budget, by transferring from the Water Surplus Account the sum of \$644,870.00 as an other funding source for the Water Department budget, and by reducing the appropriation from Water Revenue by a like amount, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.43B, §10(a), to amend the Town Charter to change the elected Town Clerk position to an appointed position, as set forth below:

- (1) Amend Section 3-1(a) of the Town Charter by deleting, after the words, "water and sewer commissioners," the words "town clerk."
- (2) Amend Section 3-1(g) of the Town Charter, entitled "Filling of Vacancies," by deleting subsection (3), entitled "Town Officer," in its entirety.
- (3) Amend Section 3-5 of the Town Charter, entitled, "Town Clerk," by deleting the section in its entirety and renumbering the remaining sections of Chapter 3 accordingly.
- (4) Amend Article 4 of the Town Charter, entitled, "Town Manager," by inserting a new section, Section 4-7, entitled "Town Clerk" as follows:
  - (a) Appointment – There shall be a Town Clerk, appointed by the Town Manager.
  - (b) Powers and Duties – The town clerk shall collect be the keeper of vital statistics for the town; the custodian of the town seal; shall administer the oath of office to all persons, elected or appointed, to any town office; shall issue such licenses and permits as are required by law to be issued by town clerks supervise and manage the conduct of all elections and other matters relating to elections; be the clerk of the town meeting, keep its records and in the absence of the town moderator or deputy town moderator to preside pending the election of a temporary town moderator. The town clerk shall have such other powers and duties as are given to town clerks by general law, by this charter, by by-law, or by other vote of the town meeting.
- (5) Amend Article 8 of the Town Charter, entitled, "Transitional Provisions," by inserting a new section, Section 8-7, Appointed Town Clerk, as follows:

The vote to amend the Charter to change the position of town clerk from elected to appointed (by deleting in Section 3-1(a) the words "town clerk," deleting in their entirety Sections 3-1(g)(3) and Section 3-5, and inserting a new Section 4-7), shall take effect immediately upon approval by the voters at the 2010 Annual Town Election; provided, however, that any individual elected as town clerk at the same election at which the referenced charter amendments are approved by the voters of the town shall hold said office and perform the duties thereof only until the appointment to said office is made in accordance with Section 4-7 of the charter. Upon appointment of a town clerk in accordance with Section 4-7, the position of elected town clerk shall be abolished. The town manager may make an appointment pursuant to Section 4-7 immediately upon the effective date of the amendments to Sections 3-1(a), 3-1(g)(3), 3-5 and 4-7 of the charter, notwithstanding the provisions of Section 7-10 of the charter.

or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. The Committee feels that recommendation of this article will allow for increased efficiency in the operation of the department and will facilitate the selection of a qualified candidate.**

### ARTICLE 3

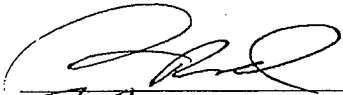
To see if the Town will: (1) transfer from the Board of Selectmen for tax title purposes to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of conveyance, upon such terms and conditions as said Board deems appropriate, to a nonprofit corporation for affordable housing purposes, the land shown as Parcel 642 on Assessors Map 3 consisting of approximately 5,000 square feet off Hawthorne Road, such transaction to be undertaken in consultation with the Local Housing Partnership; and further, (2) transfer from the Board of Selectmen for tax title purposes to the Board of Selectmen for purposes of conveyance, upon such terms and conditions as said Board deems appropriate, the land shown as Parcel 126 on Assessors Map 3 consisting of approximately 3,000 square feet off Holly Road, or take any other action relative thereto.


(LOCAL HOUSING PARTNERSHIP AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

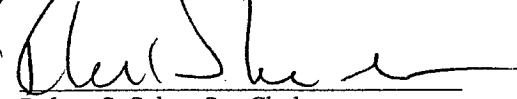
**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

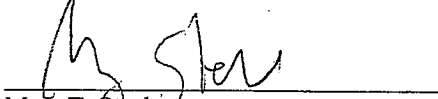
And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the body of same at Chartley Post Office, Norton Post Office, Trinitarian Church, Unitarian Church, Norton Library, and three other public places within the limits of said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof, and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this 29th day of OCTOBER in the year Two Thousand Nine.

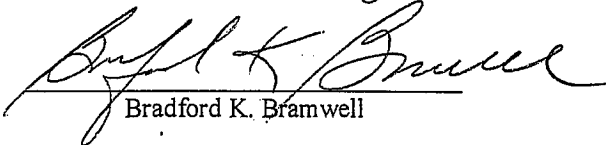
**TOWN OF NORTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN, BY:**

  
Timothy R. GIBLIN, Chairman

  
Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Vice Chairman

  
Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk

  
Mary T. Steele

  
Bradford K. Bramwell

Norton, Massachusetts

I have served this Warrant by posting attested copies at Chartley Post Office, Norton Post Office, Trinitarian Church, Unitarian Church, Norton Library, and three other public places within the limits of said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

ATTEST:

Ronald A. Benaschi CONSTABLE ☒ DATE 11/03/09