

**TOWN OF NORTON
WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 13, 2024
BRISTOL, SS.**

To Michael Mayer, Sr., or any 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 at the Norton High School, 66 West Main Street, in said Norton, on Monday, the 13th day of May, 2024, A.D., at seven fifteen in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay unpaid bills for which obligation was incurred in prior fiscal years, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to pay the following unpaid bill incurred in a prior fiscal year using \$10,649.85 from Free Cash:

| ACCOUNT | DEPARTMENT | VENDOR | PURPOSE | AMOUNT |
|-------------|------------|--------------|----------|-------------|
| 001-151-570 | Legal | KP Law, P.C. | Services | \$10,649.85 |

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay all outstanding separation expenses associated with the retirement of various employees from the Town of Norton and authorize the Town Accountant, in consultation with the Town Manager, to allocate amounts to appropriate departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that no action be taken at this time.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to supplement, or otherwise change the funding sources for, the Fiscal Year 2024 operating budget appropriated under Article 7 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that no action be taken at this time.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to supplement, or otherwise change the funding sources for, the Fiscal Year 2024 Water Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 5 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that no action be taken at this time.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to supplement, or otherwise change the funding sources for, the Fiscal Year 2024 Sewer Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 6 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that no action be taken at this time.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Capital Improvements Fund established by the By-Law entitled "Capital Improvements Fund," from which appropriations may be made by a two-thirds vote at any Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that no action be taken at this time.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, including but not limited the Capital Improvements Fund, and/or borrow a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2024 capital improvements budget appropriated under Article 9 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of purchasing, or leasing with an option to purchase for periods of time up to or in excess of three years, new and/or replacement capital items for various Town Departments and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, be authorized to borrow under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8 of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that no action be taken at this time.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation to amend the Town Charter to provide for the appointment of the Town Manager for a term of years, and, to clarify that an expiration of the term of such an appointment is not a "removal" for purposes of the Charter, all as set forth below, and further, to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Select Board to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; or take any other action relative thereto:

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTON

SECTION 1. The charter of the town of Norton as on file with the archivist of the commonwealth in accord with section 12 of chapter 43B of the general laws shall hereby be amended by deleting the second sentence of subsection 1 of chapter 4 and inserting in place thereof the following: The Select Board shall appoint the Town Manager to serve for a term of up to five (5) years and shall fix the compensation for such person, annually, within the amount appropriated by the Town.

SECTION 2. Said charter is hereby further amended by deleting the first sentence of subsection 5 of said chapter 4 and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences: The Select Board, by the affirmative votes of four members, may terminate and remove, or suspend, the Town Manager from office during the Town Manager's term of appointment in accordance with the procedure set forth below. The non-reappointment of the Town Manager at the conclusion of the Town Manager's term of appointment shall not be considered a removal within the meaning of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(SELECT BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 9

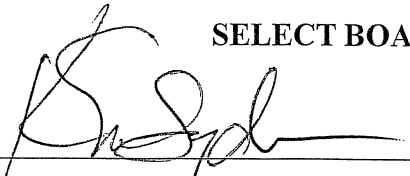



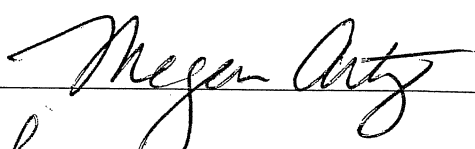
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000.00 for culvert replacement projects, including other incidental and related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

(HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that the amount of \$25,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash for the purposes stated in Article 9.

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, Norton Municipal Center, Norton Public 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 25th day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.


SELECT BOARD/TOWN OF NORTON

Norton, Massachusetts

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

ATTEST:

 CONSTABLE Norton DATE April 25, 2024