

TOWN OF NORTON
WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 15, 2023
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 15th day of May, 2023, 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 bills incurred in a prior fiscal year using \$395.20 from existing Fiscal Year 2023 funds in Account No. 001-192-570:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	AMOUNT
001-192-570	Municipal Building	Citron Hygiene	\$ 395.20

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 appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2023 operating budget appropriated under Article 6 of the June 7, 2022, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to amend the vote taken under Article 6 of the June 7, 2022, Annual Town Meeting by increasing appropriations for certain line items and to do so, by transferring the additional amount of \$126,682.00 from Account No. 001-910-511-5171 as follows:

Account	Department	Use	Amount
001-300	Norton Public Schools	Transportation	\$ 101,682.00
001-940-570	Miscellaneous	Insurances	\$ 15,000.00
001-940-570	Miscellaneous	Medicaid Reimbursement	\$ 10,000.00
TOTAL FY23 OPERATING BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS:			\$ 126,682.00

ARTICLE 4

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 supplement the Fiscal Year 2023 Water Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 4 of the June 7, 2022, 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 appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2023 Sewer Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 5 of the June 7, 2022, 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 2023 capital improvements budget appropriated under Article 8 of the June 7, 2022, 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, is 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 raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of replacing the traffic signal at Norton Fire Department Headquarters – Station 2 located at 70 East Main Street, including all other incidental and related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TOWN MANAGER)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that the amount of \$85,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash for the purposes stated in Article 8.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the sum of \$1,000,000.00 for the purpose of engineering, planning, design, permitting and construction for replacement of approximately 1,920 linear feet of asbestos cement (AC) water main along Peter Street and Stephen Street with new 8-inch ductile iron (DI) water main and appurtenances and trench pavement, and for related legal, administrative, and all other pertinent expenses associated with the project; to expend all funds available for this project including all incidental and related costs, or take any other action related thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

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

ARTICLE 10

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 an engineering consultant to redesign, alter, and/or relocate the layout of the intersection of Mansfield Avenue, Taunton Avenue, and Main Street in Norton, portions of which are State roadways, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD AND TRAFFIC STUDY COMMITTEE)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that the amount of \$25,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash for the purposes stated in Article 10.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, and/or borrow an additional sum of money to supplement the vote taken under Article 13 of the October 19, 2015, Annual Town Meeting for the engineering and design of the multi-purpose recreational Norton Rail Trail Project, including any incidental costs associated with the Project, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that the amount of \$15,000.00 be transferred from Free Cash for the purposes stated in Article 11.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation to authorize the Town Treasurer, per the Town's cash and investment policy and in consultation with the Select Board, to invest Town of Norton trust funds in accordance with the Prudent Investor Rule and sections 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 of chapter 203C, 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 to take any action related thereto.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING CERTAIN INVESTMENTS BY THE TREASURER OF THE TOWN OF NORTON

SECTION 1. Notwithstanding any general or special law to the contrary, the treasurer of the town of Norton is hereby authorized to invest any trust funds of the town in the custody of the treasurer in accordance with the Prudent Investor Rule and sections 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9 of chapter 203C of the General Laws and in accordance with the Town of Norton cash and investment policy, as the same may be amended by the town of Norton, acting by and through the Select Board, from time to time.

SECTION 2. Section 54 of chapter 44 of the General Laws shall not apply to the town of Norton.

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

(SELECT BOARD AND TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR)

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, 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 27th day of April in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

SELECT BOARD/TOWN OF NORTON

Meghan Arty
[Signature] [Signature]

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:

Michael May CONSTABLE Norton DATE April 27, 2023