

**TOWN OF NORTON  
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, 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 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to accept and enter into contracts for the expenditure of any funds allotted, or to be allotted, by the Commonwealth and/or County for the construction, reconstruction and improvement of Town roads, and to see if the Town will raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of road and other municipal improvements within the Town of Norton which are eligible for reimbursement, subject to conditions detailed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, pursuant to G.L. c.90, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$31,000.00 for tree services, including but not limited to the removal of hazardous trees, stump removal, and performance of additional preventative and emergency services Town-wide, including crane rentals and other incidental and related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

(HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT)

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 necessary to pay debts and charges of the Water Enterprise, as set forth below, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto:

WATER:

	Chapter 44, Section 53F½			
	2022 Expend	2023 Expend	2024 Approp.	2025 Dept. Request
Personnel Services	1,033,606	1,057,049	1,261,554	1,277,099
Indirect Expenses	533,254	558,352	529,826	575,934
Other Charges & Expenditures	803,861	793,233	1,347,550	1,318,000
Debt Service	1,668,073	1,605,905	1,678,520	1,740,223
Total:	4,038,794	4,014,539	4,817,450	4,911,256

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

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 necessary to pay debts and charges of the Sewer Enterprise, as set forth below, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, or take any action relative thereto:

SEWER:

	Chapter 44, Section 53F½			
	2022 Expend	2023 Expend	2024 Approp.	2025 Dept. Request
Personnel Services	253,623	282,072	457,827	460,359
Indirect Expenses	112,325	130,869	164,947	153,547
Other Charges & Expenditures	1,156,310	1,107,947	1,343,489	1,417,251
Debt Service	385,355	405,014	403,214	397,440
Total:	1,907,613	1,925,902	2,369,477	2,428,597

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

## ARTICLE 6

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds to pay Town debts and charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year, consistent with the provisions of G.L. c.41, §108, and to appropriate monies for same, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

## ARTICLE 7

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)

## ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money 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 G.L. c. 44, §§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)

## ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will appropriate the unexpended proceeds of bonds of the Town dated October 19, 2023, issued to finance costs of the replacement of Wells 5 and 6, as approved under a vote of the Town passed June 27, 2020 (Article 9), which project is now complete and for which no further financial liability remains, to pay costs of the South Worcester Street and East Hodges Street Water Main replacement project and the costs of engineering, investigation, design, and construction for Treatment Facility Upgrades and PFAS treatment, other contaminant remediation, and other water quality process improvements at all water sources and appurtenances at town wells, including all costs incidental and related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving fund annual expenditure limits for those revolving funds outlined in the General Bylaws under Chapter 58 Finances, Article 1 Departmental Revolving Funds, as on file with the Town Clerk, for Fiscal Year 2025 as shown in the table below, or take any other action relative thereto:

<b>237 MANSFIELD AVENUE (WENDELL JACKSON PROPERTY) REVOLVING FUND</b>	
Spending Limit:	\$60,000.00
<b>FORESTRY REVOLVING FUND</b>	
Spending Limit:	\$30,000.00
<b>HOME COMPOSTING BIN DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND</b>	
Spending Limit:	\$2,000.00
<b>RECYCLING REVOLVING FUND</b>	
Spending Limit:	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIAN(S) REVOLVING FUND</b>	
Spending Limit:	\$10,000.00
<b>COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING FUND</b>	
Spending Limit:	<b>\$20,000.00</b>
<b>STORMWATER BYLAW REVOLVING FUND</b>	
Spending Limit:	\$100,000.00
<b>79 NORTH WORCESTER STREET (CAMP EDITH READ PROPERTY) REVOLVING FUND</b>	
Spending Limit:	\$60,000.00

(SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 11

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 the Fiscal Year 2025 Five-Year Re-Certification Program and its associated costs as mandated by the Department of Revenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF ASSESSORS)

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. Chapter 90, Section 17C, to authorize the Select Board, in the interest of public safety and without further authority, to establish a speed limit of 25 miles per hour on any roadway inside a thickly settled or business district on any way in Norton that is not a state highway, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD AND TRAFFIC STUDY COMMITTEE)

### ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public way the roadway known as Leonard Street North, as heretofore laid out by the Select Board and shown as "Phase II Road" on a plan of land entitled "As Built Plan and Profile of Bluestar Business Park, Phase 2, Sta. 0+00 to 24+15 in Norton, MA," dated September 6, 2023, revised through April 8, 2024, prepared by Halnon Land Surveying, Inc., and on file with the Town Clerk, and authorize the Select Board to acquire, by gift, purchase, and/or eminent domain, the fee to and/or permanent easements to use Leonard Street North for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Norton and any drainage, utility, access, sight line and/or other easements related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

(PLANNING BOARD AND SELECT BOARD)

### ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to revoke the acceptance of Civil Service Laws for the Town of Norton Police Department at all ranks effective July 1, 2024, thereby removing the police department force from the provisions of the Civil Service Laws, and the rules and regulations relating to the same, provided that this revocation will not affect the Civil Service status of existing personnel in their current positions, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TOWN MANAGER AND POLICE CHIEF)

### ARTICLE 15

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 collecting and disposing of discarded items abandoned along the roadways and throughout the town that require special handling, including all other incidental and related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

(HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT)

### ARTICLE 16

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 having Household Hazardous Waste Collection day(s), or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF HEALTH)

ARTICLE 17

This is to request to see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Norton's General Code by inserting the following, or take any other action relative thereto:

Home Owners Privacy

Home owners have the right to privacy under Massachusetts nuisance laws as well as the right to quiet enjoyment on their property without interference from others.

Cameras will not be permitted to be installed above privacy fences and over a homeowner's property line from any side of the property to video tape or take pictures with the intent to harass, annoy or threaten the person or property without the written consent of the homeowner.

This would apply to any single and multi-family home's.

Excluded from this is any law enforcement to conduct their lawful responsibilities.

(PETITION OF PARASKEVI [STELLA] CONSTANTINE)

ARTICLE 18

This is a request to see if the Town will vote to amend the Norton Zoning Bylaws chapter 175 of the General Code, by deleting the strike through text as follows, and by renumbering accordingly, as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

Article XX lighting

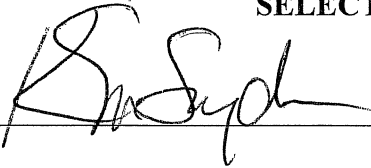
175-20.2 Applicability

- A. ~~Lighting which is an accessory use to one and two family residential dwellings.~~


(PETITION OF PARASKEVI [STELLA] CONSTANTINE)

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, seven 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 2nd day of may in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Four.

**SELECT BOARD/TOWN OF NORTON**

  
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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, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

ATTEST:



CONSTABLE NORTON DATE:

