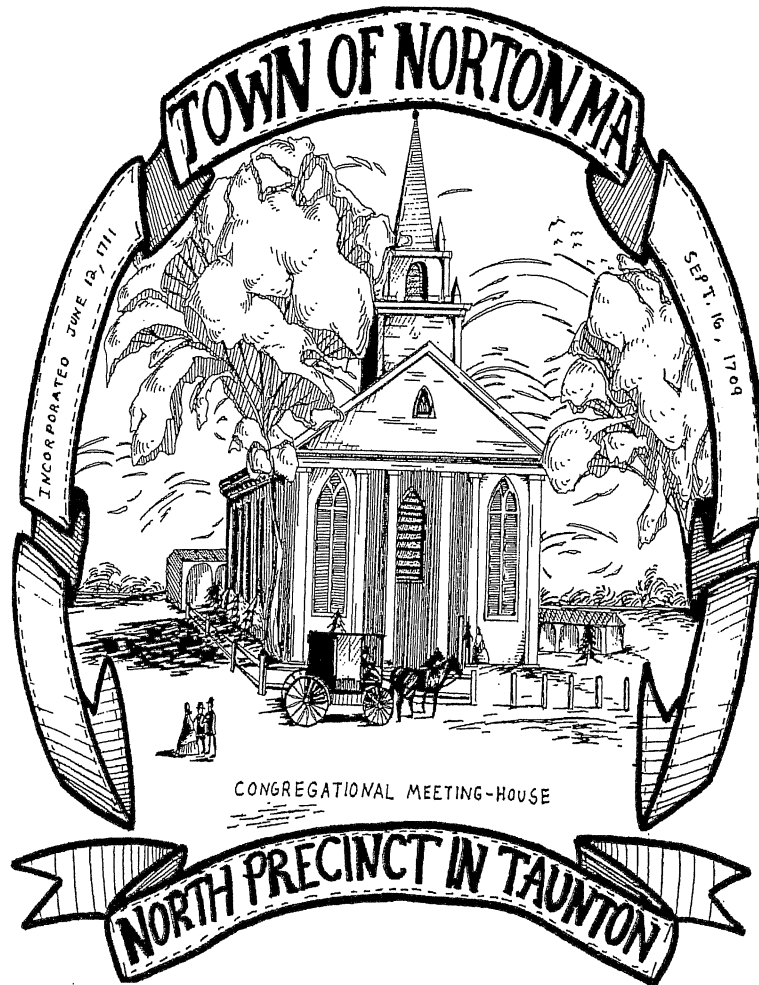
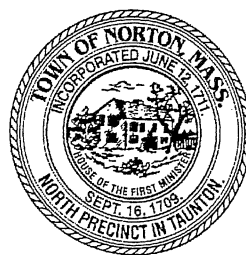


TOWN OF NORTON



WARRANTS FOR THE ANNUAL AND SPECIAL TOWN MEETINGS
WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

MONDAY, MAY 15, 2023



REPORT OF THE NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting

During Fiscal Year 2023, as required by Charter and By-Laws, the Finance Committee reviewed and made recommendations on all warrant articles at the Annual Town Meeting in May and all Special Town Meetings. In addition, the Committee has been meeting since February reviewing budgets, warrant articles and anticipated revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2024.

Preparing a budget for FY24 has continued to be a challenging process. Our major revenue sources include: 1.) taxes collected on real estate located within the Town limits. Under the Proposition 2½, these real estate taxes can be increased no more than 2.5% from the prior year. 2.) In addition, the Town budgets for expected new growth within the Town, from new construction and growing businesses. 3) The Town is also a recipient of slightly more than \$17,400,000 in Local Aid funds from the Commonwealth of MA. 4) The town receives local receipts such as automobile excise tax revenue and permitting fees round out the major sources of Town revenue. 5.) Finally, other income includes \$850,000 from ambulance receipts, \$200,000 gift from the Hicks fund and \$50,000 from other sources.

The budget for FY24 recommended by the Finance Committee to the May 2023 session of the Annual Town Meeting barely provides level services for the coming year. We recommended the use of \$1,119,041 of available free cash. This leaves the town with only \$465,610 left in available free cash. The use of free cash to balance the budget is risky, as it uses non-recurring revenue to balance current and continuing operating expenses but because of our conservative approach to revenue and expenses, we have been fortunate to have enough free cash to support its use. In addition, we recommend the use of \$707,500 from our Stabilization Fund for this year's school budget. The Stabilization Fund was established to set aside funds for emergency use and with our strong fiscal policies we have been fortunate to build up this fund balance. It is recommended to have at least 5% of our budget in our Stabilization Fund to keep us at a good bond rating for future borrowing. Therefore, it will be the priority of this board to recommend using free cash in the Fall to put the funds back in this account.

The expenditures approved within the budget include salaries (largely increasing per contractual agreements). There were high numbers of step increases within Police, Fire and School departments. Expenditures also include maintenance, various debt payments, supplies and benefits. **The members of the Finance Committee recognize that when revenue does not keep pace with expenses, the imbalance can only be rectified in two ways: with a Proposition 2½ Override or to keep expenditures within projected revenues.** We emphasize the importance of operating within the various recommended budgets which will require the assistance of the various department heads, committees and boards. They must operate within the recommended budgets to avoid potential reductions in expenditure, and possibly services at a later date. This is increasingly difficult with the mandates that several of our budgets must adhere to. The budget presented by the Town Manager, and recommended by the Finance Committee, is a balanced budget and we have allocated the anticipated revenues to the recommended budgets as fairly as possible.

The recommended FY2024 budget of \$69,965,686 is a 5.4% increase from the appropriated FY2023 budget to date with the increases broken out as follows:

- 1.91% increase for the General Government budget
- 4.12% increase for the Norton Public Schools budget
- 10.63% increase for Fixed & Shared Expenses

With the FY24 level services budget, the Police and Fire Departments budgets were reduced largely in their overtime budgets. The reductions in overtime could result in a reduction for certain shifts and run the risk of increasing response times for any of these departments. In the Fire Department, they are faced with the obstacle of keeping the Chartley station open with the SAFER grant expiring. This grant funded four positions to keep that station open and staffed. The recommended Norton Public Schools budget results in a \$1,658,387 shortfall from the requested 9.1% increase (4.12% in state implemented mandatory spending increases for special education and 4.98% increase in level funding for general education, which was only contractual increases). The \$707,500 from the Stabilization Fund will cover only the 4.12% increase in special education state mandates.

The total operating budget as of this writing, excluding state and county assessments, is \$69,965,686. This is a 5.4% increase (\$3,585,978) over the FY2023 approved budget of \$66,379,608.

The Finance Committee wishes to thank the School Committee, School Superintendent Dr. Joseph Baeta, Police Chief Brian Clark, Fire Chief Shawn Simmons, Highway Superintendent Keith Silver, Water/Sewer Superintendent Frank Fournier and the many town boards and department heads for their presentations and diligence in the budgeting process. Additional thanks to Assistant to the Town Manager Michelle Brown and Finance Committee Recording Secretary Anne Simpson for their invaluable assistance to the Committee. Moreover, the Finance Committee extends a special thank you to Town Manager Michael Yunits for his guidance, preparation and helpful insights throughout the budget process, and to the Select Board for their ongoing collaboration. Lastly, well wishes to Aimee Sawyer who moved on from the Finance Committee this year for her many years of service.

Respectfully submitted by the Norton Finance Committee:

Kevin Bugaj
Paula Daniels, Vice Chair
Stephen Evans
Tracy Mahan
Sandra Ollerhead
Frank "Joe" Parker, III
William Rotondi
Paul Schleicher, Sr.
Cody Thompson
Zack Tsilis
Bonnie Yezukevich, Chair

**TOWN OF NORTON
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, 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 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)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. This will authorize the Select Board to accept funds for road maintenance and repairs provided by the State.

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)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to transfer the amount of \$31,000.00 from Free Cash.

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 fund and implement Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Town and various Unions for the period beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, and/or for general collective bargaining settlement purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that the Town vote to transfer the amount of \$206,893.00 from Free Cash, \$10,810.00 from Water Enterprise Receipts, and \$1,922.00 from Sewer Enterprise Receipts, all as specified, to fund and implement the first year of the three-year Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Town and the following Unions for the period beginning July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026, and to authorize the Town Accountant to allocate amounts to appropriate departments:

1. From Free Cash, the sum of \$20,196.00, to be added to that appropriated for such purposes under Article 7 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting for Local 1702, State Council 93, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (Clerical Employees);
2. From Free Cash, the sum of \$46,279.00, to be added to that appropriated for such purposes under Article 7 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, for Local 1702, State Council 93, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (Highway Department Employees);
3. From Water Receipts, the sum of \$10,290.00, to be added to that appropriated for such purposes under Article 5 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting and from Sewer Receipts, the sum of \$1,922.00, to be added to that appropriated for such purposes under Article 6 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, for Local 1702, State Council 93, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, AFL-CIO (Water and Sewer Department Employees);
4. From Free Cash, the sum of \$38,600.00, to be added to that appropriated for such purposes under Article 7 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, for Norton Police Association, MassCop Local #512;
5. From Free Cash, the sum of \$95,633.00, to be added to that appropriated for such purposes under Article 7 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting, for Local # 2678, International Association of Firefighters; and,

6. From Free Cash, the sum of \$6,185.00, to be added to that appropriated for such purposes under Article 7 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting and from Water Receipts, the sum of \$520.00 to be added to that appropriated for such purposes under Article 5 of the May 15, 2023, Annual Town Meeting for United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC, Local Union 9517 Unit 14, f/k/a SENA-B.

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 Water Enterprise, as set forth below, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, or take any other action relative thereto:

WATER:

	Chapter 44, Section 53F½			
	2021 Expend	2022 Expend	2023 Approp.	2024 Dept. Request
Personnel Services	1,039,386	1,033,606	1,313,727	1,242,231
Indirect Expenses	390,715	533,254	558,352	529,826
Other Charges & Expenditures	714,250	803,861	1,292,500	1,347,500
Debt Service	1,820,037	1,668,073	1,620,004	1,620,991
Total:	3,964,388	4,038,794	4,784,583	4,740,548

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$4,740,548.00 as follows:

Personnel Services	\$1,242,231
Indirect Expenses	\$ 529,826
Other Charges & Expenditures	\$1,347,500
Debt Service	\$1,620,991
Total:	\$4,740,548

The funding for this article is from the Water Enterprise Account which is funded by water receipts (including but not limited to user charges, lease revenue, interest, permits, anticipated receipts, and miscellaneous revenues) and by transferring from retained earnings the amount of \$497,204.00. The Indirect Expenses will be appropriated in the General Fund Article 7 for indirect costs and allocated to the Water Enterprise Fund for funding.

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 necessary to pay debts and charges of the Sewer Enterprise, as set forth below, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023, or take any action relative thereto:

SEWER:

	Chapter 44, Section 53F½			
	2021 Expend	2022 Expend	2023 Approp.	2024 Dept. Request
Personnel Services	161,093	253,623	436,433	439,422
Indirect Expenses	94,986	112,325	130,869	164,947
Other Charges & Expenditures	1,074,910	1,156,311	1,307,226	1,343,489
Debt Service	219,210	385,354	425,014	403,213
Total:	1,550,199	1,907,613	2,299,542	2,351,071

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$2,351,071.00 as follows:

Personnel Services	\$ 439,422
Indirect Expenses	\$ 164,947
Other Charges & Expenditures	\$1,343,489
Debt Service	\$ 403,213
Total:	\$2,351,071

The funding for this article is from the Sewer Enterprise Account which is funded by sewer use receipts (including but not limited to user charges, fees, charges, interest, permits, betterments, and miscellaneous revenues) and by transferring from retained earnings the amount of \$20,657.00 and from the West Main Street Betterment Account the amount of \$83,200.00. The Indirect Expenses will be appropriated in the General Fund Article 7 for indirect costs and allocated to the Sewer Enterprise Fund for funding.

ARTICLE 7

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)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$69,965,686.00 for the Fiscal Year to fund the FY24 Operating Budget, all as presented in the Finance Committee's Report. To do so, the amount of \$66,233,154.00 is to be raised and appropriated, the amount of \$529,826.00 is to be raised from Water receipts, the amount of \$164,947.00 is to be raised from Sewer receipts, and further, the amount of \$3,037,759.00 is to be transferred from the following funds for a total appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2024 operating budget of \$69,965,686.00:

Hicks Fund	\$ 200,000.00
Stabilization Fund	\$ 707,500.00
Ambulance Receipts	\$ 850,000.00
Overlay	\$ 100,000.00
Septic Betterments	\$ 35,000.00
Dog Fund	\$ 10,000.00
Debt Exclusion Premium	\$ 11,218.00
Wetlands Protection	\$ 5,000.00
Free Cash	<u>\$ 1,119,041.00</u>
TOTAL TRANSFERS	\$ 3,037,759.00

ARTICLE 7

FY 2024 Operating Budget		FY 2021 Expended	FY 2022 Expended	FY 23 Budget Appropriated/ Transferred	FY 2024 Dept. Request	FY 2024 Town Manager Recommend.	FY 2024 Finance Comm Recommend.
Select Board (122)							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 60,568.93	\$ 64,484.80	\$ 70,700.00	\$ 74,700.00	\$ 74,300.00	\$ 74,300.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 1,585.36	\$ 1,304.04	\$ 3,510.00	\$ 3,660.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Totals		\$ 62,154.29	\$ 65,788.84	\$ 74,210.00	\$ 78,360.00	\$ 76,700.00	\$ 76,700.00
Town Manager (123)							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 262,132.89	\$ 271,696.72	\$ 283,862.00	\$ 300,637.00	\$ 300,387.00	\$ 300,387.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 11,345.42	\$ 19,510.24	\$ 54,300.00	\$ 54,400.00	\$ 42,850.00	\$ 42,850.00
Totals		\$ 273,478.31	\$ 291,206.96	\$ 338,162.00	\$ 355,037.00	\$ 343,237.00	\$ 343,237.00
Finance Committee (131)							
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 650.86	\$ 896.95	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 2,015.00
Totals		\$ 650.86	\$ 896.95	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 2,015.00	\$ 2,015.00
Reserve Fund (132)							
Appropriation			\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Transfers	502	\$ 87,984.00	\$ (122,455.00)	\$ -			
Totals		\$ 87,984.00	\$ 27,545.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Town Accountant (135)							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 216,098.44	\$ 224,707.62	\$ 236,130.00	\$ 246,836.00	\$ 242,109.00	\$ 242,109.00
Purchase Of Services	520	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 26,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00	\$ 29,000.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 1,176.59	\$ 3,492.49	\$ 3,485.00	\$ 3,420.00	\$ 3,420.00	\$ 3,420.00
Totals		\$ 243,275.03	\$ 254,200.11	\$ 266,615.00	\$ 279,256.00	\$ 274,529.00	\$ 274,529.00
Assessors (141)							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 170,768.30	\$ 187,050.97	\$ 200,923.00	\$ 212,281.00	\$ 209,393.00	\$ 209,393.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 28,900.34	\$ 31,350.39	\$ 39,825.00	\$ 54,125.00	\$ 39,225.00	\$ 39,225.00
Totals		\$ 199,668.64	\$ 218,401.36	\$ 240,748.00	\$ 266,406.00	\$ 248,618.00	\$ 248,618.00
Treasurer/Collector (147)							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 226,430.19	\$ 259,606.40	\$ 265,996.00	\$ 275,519.00	\$ 267,945.00	\$ 267,945.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 46,138.71	\$ 43,518.83	\$ 54,950.00	\$ 57,511.00	\$ 57,511.00	\$ 57,511.00
Totals		\$ 272,568.90	\$ 303,125.23	\$ 320,946.00	\$ 333,030.00	\$ 325,456.00	\$ 325,456.00

ARTICLE 7

		FY 2021 Expended	FY 2022 Expended	FY 23 Budget Appropriated/ Transferred	FY 2024 Dept. Request	FY 2024 Town Manager Recommend.	FY 2024 Finance Comm Recommend.
FY 2024 Operating Budget							
<u>Legal Services (151)</u>							
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 112,645.31	\$ 100,587.53	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Totals		\$ 112,645.31	\$ 100,587.53	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
<u>Data Processing (155)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 36,200.13	\$ 37,191.13	\$ 41,222.00	\$ 43,700.00	\$ 42,482.00	\$ 42,482.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 386,247.72	\$ 429,729.64	\$ 423,500.00	\$ 424,400.00	\$ 372,500.00	\$ 372,500.00
Totals		\$ 422,447.85	\$ 466,920.77	\$ 464,722.00	\$ 468,100.00	\$ 414,982.00	\$ 414,982.00
<u>Tax Title Foreclosure (158)</u>							
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 18,807.12	\$ 23,341.61	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 33,472.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Totals	570	\$ 18,807.12	\$ 23,341.61	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 33,472.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
<u>Town Clerk (161)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 117,582.19	\$ 117,821.38	\$ 125,290.00	\$ 131,994.00	\$ 130,055.00	\$ 130,055.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 7,986.87	\$ 12,361.54	\$ 15,200.00	\$ 10,450.00	\$ 10,150.00	\$ 10,150.00
Totals		\$ 125,569.06	\$ 130,182.92	\$ 140,490.00	\$ 142,444.00	\$ 140,205.00	\$ 140,205.00
<u>Elections (162)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 630.00	\$ 670.00	\$ 685.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 700.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 75,206.52	\$ 14,954.11	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 32,200.00	\$ 32,200.00	\$ 32,200.00
Totals		\$ 75,836.52	\$ 15,624.11	\$ 56,685.00	\$ 32,900.00	\$ 32,900.00	\$ 32,900.00
<u>Conservation Comm (171)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 127,970.47	\$ 119,941.75	\$ 132,421.00	\$ 139,810.00	\$ 137,232.00	\$ 137,232.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 15,607.75	\$ 10,838.88	\$ 20,561.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 22,500.00
Totals		\$ 143,578.22	\$ 130,780.63	\$ 152,982.00	\$ 162,310.00	\$ 159,732.00	\$ 159,732.00
<u>Planning Board (175)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 119,907.78	\$ 121,141.93	\$ 131,930.00	\$ 131,833.00	\$ 131,833.00	\$ 131,833.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 2,490.91	\$ 1,878.76	\$ 3,825.00	\$ 8,175.00	\$ 8,175.00	\$ 8,175.00
Totals		\$ 122,398.69	\$ 123,020.69	\$ 135,755.00	\$ 140,008.00	\$ 140,008.00	\$ 140,008.00

ARTICLE 7

FY 2024 Operating Budget	FY 2021 Expended	FY 2022 Expended	FY 23 Budget Appropriated/ Transferred	FY 2024 Dept. Request	FY 2024 Town Manager Recommend.	FY 2024 Finance Comm Recommend.
<u>SE REG Plan & Econ Dev (176)</u>						
Assessment	\$ 3,653.96	\$ 3,745.30	\$ 3,874.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
Totals	\$ 3,653.96	\$ 3,745.30	\$ 3,874.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,000.00
<u>Zoning Bd Of Appeals (177)</u>						
Charges & Expenditures	\$ 9.20	\$ 29.38	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Totals	\$ 9.20	\$ 29.38	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
<u>Municipal Bldg Maint (192)</u>						
Charges & Expenditures	\$ 182,993.88	\$ 156,540.26	\$ 186,835.00	\$ 162,375.00	\$ 162,375.00	\$ 162,375.00
Totals	\$ 182,993.88	\$ 156,540.26	\$ 186,835.00	\$ 162,375.00	\$ 162,375.00	\$ 162,375.00
<u>Town Report (195)</u>						
Printing	\$ 1,871.53	\$ 2,191.75	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
Totals	\$ 1,871.53	\$ 2,191.75	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 2,400.00
<u>Postage -All Depts (199)</u>						
Charges & Expenditures	\$ 33,817.99	\$ 25,038.49	\$ 42,600.00	\$ 52,550.00	\$ 52,550.00	\$ 52,550.00
Totals	\$ 33,817.99	\$ 25,038.49	\$ 42,600.00	\$ 52,550.00	\$ 52,550.00	\$ 52,550.00
<u>Police Department (210)</u>						
Personnel Services	\$ 3,667,082.26	\$ 3,612,031.46	\$ 3,781,139.00	\$ 3,941,506.00	\$ 3,820,856.00	\$ 3,820,856.00
Charges & Expenditures	\$ 199,229.73	\$ 195,425.35	\$ 238,520.00	\$ 238,545.00	\$ 238,545.00	\$ 238,545.00
Totals	\$ 3,866,311.99	\$ 3,807,456.81	\$ 4,019,659.00	\$ 4,180,051.00	\$ 4,059,401.00	\$ 4,059,401.00
<u>Fire Department (220)</u>						
Personnel Services	\$ 3,758,122.52	\$ 4,060,067.93	\$ 4,216,232.00	\$ 4,562,823.00	\$ 4,278,029.00	\$ 4,278,029.00
Charges & Expenditures	\$ 200,235.86	\$ 237,609.91	\$ 242,900.00	\$ 294,190.00	\$ 272,400.00	\$ 272,400.00
Total	\$ 3,958,358.38	\$ 4,297,677.84	\$ 4,459,132.00	\$ 4,857,013.00	\$ 4,550,429.00	\$ 4,550,429.00
<u>Emergency Medl Serv (230)</u>						
Charges & Expenditures	\$ 135,747.30	\$ 147,052.05	\$ 188,100.00	\$ 218,050.00	\$ 218,050.00	\$ 218,050.00
Totals	\$ 135,747.30	\$ 147,052.05	\$ 188,100.00	\$ 218,050.00	\$ 218,050.00	\$ 218,050.00

ARTICLE 7

		FY 2021 Expended	FY 2022 Expended	FY 23 Budget Appropriated/ Transferred	FY 2024 Dept. Request	FY 2024 Town Manager Recommend.	FY 2024 Finance Comm Recommend.
FY 2024 Operating Budget							
<u>Emergency Planning (240)</u>							
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 7,384.39	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Totals		\$ 7,384.39	\$ 7,700.00	\$ 8,200.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
<u>Inspection Dept (241)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 203,393.91	\$ 191,867.88	\$ 210,074.00	\$ 240,499.00	\$ 240,499.00	\$ 240,499.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 14,996.91	\$ 11,758.64	\$ 18,625.00	\$ 18,625.00	\$ 18,625.00	\$ 18,625.00
Totals		\$ 218,390.82	\$ 203,626.52	\$ 228,699.00	\$ 259,124.00	\$ 259,124.00	\$ 259,124.00
<u>Sealer Weights (244)</u>							
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,507.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
Totals		\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,507.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00	\$ 2,600.00
<u>Communication Center (290)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 359,974.08	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Assessment	560	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals		\$ 509,974.08	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00	\$ 300,000.00
<u>Animal Control (292)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 70,467.16	\$ 82,198.00	\$ 88,740.00	\$ 91,859.00	\$ 91,859.00	\$ 91,859.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 8,507.53	\$ 8,933.06	\$ 14,030.00	\$ 14,080.00	\$ 14,080.00	\$ 14,080.00
Totals		\$ 78,974.69	\$ 91,131.06	\$ 102,770.00	\$ 105,939.00	\$ 105,939.00	\$ 105,939.00
<u>Tree Warden (294)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Totals		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<u>School Department (300)</u>							
		\$ 30,451,067.60	\$ 31,953,276.45	\$ 33,332,297.00	\$ 36,364,830.00	\$ 33,998,943.00	\$ 34,706,443.00
Totals		\$ 30,451,067.60	\$ 31,953,276.45	\$ 33,332,297.00	\$ 36,364,830.00	\$ 33,998,943.00	\$ 34,706,443.00

ARTICLE 7

FY 2024 Operating Budget	FY 2021 Expended	FY 2022 Expended	FY 23 Budget Appropriated/ Transferred	FY 2024 Dept. Request	FY 2024 Town Manager Recommend.	FY 2024 Finance Comm Recommend.
<u>Southeastern Reg Voc (306)</u>						
Assessments	560 \$ 1,396,122.00	\$ 1,585,790.00	\$ 1,582,609.00	\$ 1,717,885.00	\$ 1,717,885.00	\$ 1,717,885.00
Totals	\$ 1,396,122.00	\$ 1,585,790.00	\$ 1,582,609.00	\$ 1,717,885.00	\$ 1,717,885.00	\$ 1,717,885.00
<u>Reg Agricultural Sch (308)</u>						
Assessments	560 \$ 19,336.00	\$ 79,169.94	\$ 119,557.00	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 116,000.00
Totals	\$ 19,336.00	\$ 79,169.94	\$ 119,557.00	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 116,000.00	\$ 116,000.00
<u>Highway (420)</u>						
Personnel Services	510 \$ 858,768.20	\$ 802,474.23	\$ 869,554.00	\$ 901,193.00	\$ 879,898.00	\$ 879,898.00
Charges & Expenditures	570 \$ 103,022.09	\$ 101,130.71	\$ 116,600.00	\$ 149,050.00	\$ 139,050.00	\$ 139,050.00
Surface Treatment	580 \$ 7,999.99	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
Repairs to Private Ways	581 \$ 1,000.00	\$ 798.25	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Totals	\$ 970,790.28	\$ 912,403.19	\$ 997,154.00	\$ 1,064,243.00	\$ 1,032,948.00	\$ 1,032,948.00
<u>Snow Removal (423)</u>						
Charges & Expenditures	570 \$ 167,628.70	\$ 216,819.77	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
Totals	\$ 167,628.70	\$ 216,819.77	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
<u>Street Lighting (425)</u>						
Charges & Expenditures	570 \$ 35,092.50	\$ 35,733.62	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
Totals	\$ 35,092.50	\$ 35,733.62	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
<u>Sanitary Landfill (438)</u>						
Charges & Expenditures	570 \$ 12,900.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
Reserve Fund Supplement			\$ -			
Totals	\$ 12,900.00	\$ 7,600.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 14,000.00
<u>Board of Health (510)</u>						
Personnel Services	510 \$ 160,992.35	\$ 167,703.92	\$ 177,651.00	\$ 184,099.00	\$ 184,010.00	\$ 184,010.00
Charges & Expenditures	570 \$ 1,929.04	\$ 6,844.44	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00	\$ 10,200.00
Totals	\$ 162,921.39	\$ 174,548.36	\$ 187,851.00	\$ 194,299.00	\$ 194,210.00	\$ 194,210.00

ARTICLE 7

FY 2024 Operating Budget	FY 2021 Expended	FY 2022 Expended	FY 23 Budget Appropriated/ Transferred	FY 2024 Dept. Request	FY 2024 Town Manager Recommend.	FY 2024 Finance Comm Recommend.
<u>Public Health Nurse (522)</u>						
Personnel Services	510 \$ 35,139.00	\$ 50,967.35	\$ 40,170.00	\$ 40,300.00	\$ 40,300.00	\$ 40,300.00
Charges & Expenditures	570 \$ 5,692.42	\$ 8,807.76	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 10,250.00
Totals	\$ 40,831.42	\$ 59,775.11	\$ 50,420.00	\$ 50,550.00	\$ 50,550.00	\$ 50,550.00
<u>Council on Aging (541)</u>						
Personnel Services	510 \$ 92,102.05	\$ 97,988.55	\$ 104,733.00	\$ 243,858.00	\$ 138,000.00	\$ 138,000.00
Charges & Expenditures	570 \$ 9,031.31	\$ 11,600.64	\$ 16,500.00	\$ 40,540.00	\$ 30,540.00	\$ 30,540.00
Reserve Fund Supplement			\$ -			
Totals	\$ 101,133.36	\$ 109,589.19	\$ 121,233.00	\$ 284,398.00	\$ 168,540.00	\$ 168,540.00
<u>Veterans Agent (543)</u>						
Personnel Services	510 \$ 68,670.93	\$ 86,110.20	\$ 93,307.00	\$ 98,056.00	\$ 98,056.00	\$ 98,056.00
Charges & Expenditures	570 \$ 2,128.23	\$ 3,804.82	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
Veterans Benefits	579 \$ 173,653.29	\$ 152,663.15	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
Reserve Fund Supplement			\$ -			
Totals	\$ 244,452.45	\$ 242,578.17	\$ 317,057.00	\$ 321,806.00	\$ 301,806.00	\$ 301,806.00
<u>Library (610)</u>						
Other Charges & Expenditures	570 \$ 501,781.00	\$ 512,051.00	\$ 522,292.00	\$ 587,122.00	\$ 568,997.00	\$ 568,997.00
Totals	\$ 501,781.00	\$ 512,051.00	\$ 522,292.00	\$ 587,122.00	\$ 568,997.00	\$ 568,997.00
<u>Recreation (630)</u>						
Personnel Services	510 \$ 25,473.42	\$ 14,591.13	\$ 27,539.00	\$ 28,249.00	\$ 28,249.00	\$ 28,249.00
Charges & Expenditures	570 \$ 13,603.13	\$ 14,742.24	\$ 16,650.00	\$ 17,550.00	\$ 17,550.00	\$ 17,550.00
Totals	\$ 39,076.55	\$ 29,333.37	\$ 44,189.00	\$ 45,799.00	\$ 45,799.00	\$ 45,799.00
<u>Memorial & Vets Day (692)</u>						
Other Charges & Expenditures	570 \$ 1,404.65	\$ 830.23	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Totals	\$ 1,404.65	\$ 830.23	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00

ARTICLE 7

FY 2024 Operating Budget	FY 2021 Expended	FY 2022 Expended	FY 23 Budget Appropriated/ Transferred	FY 2024 Dept. Request	FY 2024 Town Manager Recommend.	FY 2024 Finance Comm Recommend.
<u>Maturing Debt (711)</u>						
Maturing Principal on LT Debt 590	\$ 1,761,773.24	\$ 1,817,136.77	\$ 1,951,299.00	\$ 2,951,578.00	\$ 2,951,578.00	\$ 2,951,578.00
Repayment of Temporary Loans 594	\$ 128,862.00	\$ 129,182.00	\$ 129,182.00	\$ 74,904.00	\$ 74,904.00	\$ 74,904.00
Totals	\$ 1,890,635.24	\$ 1,946,318.77	\$ 2,080,481.00	\$ 3,026,482.00	\$ 3,026,482.00	\$ 3,026,482.00
<u>Interest (750)</u>						
Interest on Long-Term Debt 590	\$ 535,289.59	\$ 557,533.12	\$ 1,159,509.00	\$ 1,666,452.00	\$ 1,666,452.00	\$ 1,666,452.00
Interest on Notes 594	\$ 15,741.76	\$ 7,722.15	\$ 267,424.00	\$ 32,254.00	\$ 32,254.00	\$ 32,254.00
Reserve Fund Supplement			\$ -			
Totals	\$ 551,031.35	\$ 565,255.27	\$ 1,426,933.00	\$ 1,698,706.00	\$ 1,698,706.00	\$ 1,698,706.00
<u>Employee Benefits (910)</u>						
Personnel Services 510	\$ 3,119,215.04	\$ 3,339,796.12	\$ 3,571,602.00	\$ 3,927,425.00	\$ 3,927,425.00	\$ 3,927,425.00
Other Personnel Services 511	\$ 6,853,622.18	\$ 7,819,678.69	\$ 8,306,838.00	\$ 8,760,499.00	\$ 8,424,000.00	\$ 8,424,000.00
Charges & Expenditures 570	\$ 531,578.34	\$ 550,134.76	\$ 583,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 600,000.00	\$ 600,000.00
Totals	\$ 10,504,415.56	\$ 11,709,609.57	\$ 12,461,440.00	\$ 13,287,924.00	\$ 12,951,425.00	\$ 12,951,425.00
<u>Unemployment Comp (911)</u>						
Charges & Expenditures 570	\$ 75,026.25	\$ 7,860.47	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Totals	\$ 75,026.25	\$ 7,860.47	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
<u>Miscellaneous (940)</u>						
Fuel Expenses 540	\$ 98,350.75	\$ 168,534.15	\$ 130,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Charges & Expenditures 570	\$ 693,153.50	\$ 775,687.83	\$ 810,789.00	\$ 945,200.00	\$ 888,345.00	\$ 888,345.00
Totals	\$ 791,504.25	\$ 944,221.98	\$ 940,789.00	\$ 1,095,200.00	\$ 1,038,345.00	\$ 1,038,345.00
GRAND TOTALS	\$ 59,115,701.56	\$ 62,288,576.63	\$ 66,379,708.00	\$ 72,734,984.00	\$ 69,258,186.00	\$ 69,965,686.00

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 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 9

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)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$1,064,788.00, by transferring the amount of \$677,988.00 from the Capital Improvements Account, \$166,000.00 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings, \$28,000.00 from the Dog Fund, and \$192,800.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund to purchase, or lease with an option to purchase, for periods of time up to or in excess of three years, the following new and/or replacement capital items for various Town Departments as follows:

DATA PROCESSING - IT (155)	
Replacements for end of life equipment, unfunded mandates and equipment repairs.	\$ 35,000.00
E-Permitting (Software, Hardware, and Miscellaneous Set-Up Fees and Expenses)	\$ 81,096.00
ELECTIONS (162)	
Ballot Machines (Two)	\$ 11,500.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT (210)	
Firing Range Ventilation System	
Police Line Cruiser Replacements (Three)	\$ 182,000.00
CEW Tasers (Year 3 of 5)	\$ 21,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)	
Ambulance	\$ 89,000.00
Replace Staff Car (80/20: Ambulance \$52,800; Capital \$13,200)	\$ 66,000.00
Jaws/Heavy Rescue Equipment (80/20: Ambulance \$40,000; Capital \$10,000)	\$ 50,000.00
Structural Firefighting Hose	\$ 20,000.00
Turnout Gear Replacement (50/50: Ambulance \$11,000; Capital \$11,000)	\$ 22,000.00
ANIMAL CONTROL (292)	
Construction and Paving of Roadway at Hill Street Animal Shelter (50/50: Dog Fund \$28,000; Capital \$28,000)	\$ 56,000.00
NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS (300)	
District Wide Wifi Replacement	\$ 124,342.00
HIGHWAY (420)	
2 Sanders 3 Yd/2 Yd for 1-Ton Dump Trucks	\$ 15,000.00
Peterbilt Dump Truck (Year 3 of 5)	\$ 28,150.00
John Deere 5090M Utility Tractor Diamond Boom Mower (Year 4 of 4)	\$ 34,300.00
Tire Changer and Balancer for Highway/Police	\$ 10,000.00
TREE DEPARTMENT	
Bucket Truck (Year 5 of 5)	\$ 53,400.00
SUBTOTAL: \$898,788.00	
WATER (450)	
Dodge Ram 2500 4x4 Pick Up with utility body and plow (RE)	\$ 73,000.00
Caterpillar 305CR Mini Excavator with additional bucket and counter weight (RE)	\$ 93,000.00
SUBTOTAL WATER PROJECTS: \$166,000.00	

The balance in the Capital Improvements Account is \$811,713. Of this amount, \$677,988.00 will be used to fund Article 9 if approved, leaving a balance of \$133,725.00 in the account for future capital improvement needs.

ARTICLE 9

PROPOSED FY24 CAPITAL BUDGET

	DEPARTMENT REQUESTS FY24	RECOMMENDATIONS		
		TOWN MANAGER	CAPITAL	FINANCE COMMITTEE
FISCAL YEAR 2024				
DATA PROCESSING - IT (155)				
Replacements for end of life equipment, unfunded mandates and equipment repairs.	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
E-Permitting (Software, Hardware, and Miscellaneous Set-Up Fees and Expenses)	\$ 81,096.00	\$ 81,096.00	\$ 81,096.00	\$ 81,096.00
ELECTIONS (162)				
Ballot Machines (Two)	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00	\$ 11,500.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT (210)				
Firing Range Ventilation System	\$ 88,300.00			
Police Line Cruiser Replacements (Three)	\$ 182,000.00	\$ 182,000.00	\$ 182,000.00	\$ 182,000.00
CEW Tasers (Year 3 of 5)	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00	\$ 21,000.00
Window Project	\$ 31,000.00			
Security Fencing	TBD			
FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)				
Heat Pumps in Kitchen and 2nd Floor Bedroom Area (70 East Main St.)	\$ 47,235.00			
Ambulance	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 89,000.00	\$ 89,000.00
Replace Staff Car (80/20)*	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 66,000.00	\$ 66,000.00
Jaws/Heavy Rescue Equipment*	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
Structural Firefighting Hose	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Turnout Gear Replacement (50/50)*	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 22,000.00
Mobile & Portable Radios (80/20)*	\$ 125,000.00			
ANIMAL CONTROL (292)				
Construction and Paving of Roadway at Hill Street Animal Shelter (50/50)	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 56,000.00
NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS (300)				
Install New Fire Protection Devices - NMS	\$ 121,113.00			
Safety Requirements & Protocols - Exterior Doors	\$ 87,525.00			
Second Exit Access Road - NMS	\$ 45,000.00			
Technology Displays	\$ 182,952.00			
Auditorium Lighting & Stage Curtains- NMS	\$ 118,885.00			
District Wide Wifi Replacement	\$ 124,342.00	\$ 124,342.00	\$ 124,342.00	\$ 124,342.00

ARTICLE 9

PROPOSED FY24 CAPITAL BUDGET

		DEPARTMENT REQUESTS FY24	RECOMMENDATIONS		
			TOWN MANAGER	CAPITAL	FINANCE COMMITTEE
HIGHWAY (420)					
FISCAL YEAR 2024					
Wood Chipper for Tree Cutting		\$ 65,000.00			
2 Sanders 3 Yd/2 Yd for 1-Ton Dump Trucks		\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Peterbilt Dump Truck (Year 3 of 5)		\$ 28,150.00	\$ 28,150.00	\$ 28,150.00	\$ 28,150.00
John Deere 5090M Utility Tractor Diamond Boom Mower (Year 4 of 4)		\$ 34,300.00	\$ 34,300.00	\$ 34,300.00	\$ 34,300.00
Tire Changer and Balancer for Highway/Police		\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TREE DEPARTMENT					
Bucket Truck (Year 5 of 5)		\$ 53,400.00	\$ 53,400.00	\$ 53,400.00	\$ 53,400.00
BOARD OF HEALTH (510), INSPECTION (241) and CONSERVATION (171)					
Inspectional Services Vehicle Replacement (Three)		\$ 128,155.00			
SUBTOTAL:		\$ 1,938,953.00	\$ 898,788.00	\$ 898,788.00	\$ 898,788.00
WATER (450)					
Dodge Ram 2500 4x4 Pick Up with utility body and plow (R)		\$ 73,000.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 73,000.00	\$ 73,000.00
Caterpillar 305CR Mini Excavator with additional bucket and counter weight (RE)		\$ 93,000.00	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 93,000.00	\$ 93,000.00
Cottage St. Elevated Water Tank Replacement Phase 2		\$ -			
SUBTOTAL WATER PROJECTS:		\$ 166,000.00	\$ 166,000.00	\$ 166,000.00	\$ 166,000.00
TOTAL CAPITAL REQUEST		\$ 1,618,153.00	\$ 677,988.00	\$ 677,988.00	\$ 677,988.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE RESERVE FUND		\$ 292,800.00	\$ 192,800.00	\$ 192,800.00	\$ 192,800.00
TOTAL DOG FUND		\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00	\$ 28,000.00
TOTAL BORROWING		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL WATER "SURPLUS" (Retained Earnings)		\$ 166,000.00	\$ 166,000.00	\$ 166,000.00	\$ 166,000.00
TOTAL OTHER TRANSFER		\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL (INC. FROM ALL FUNDING SOURCES)		\$ 2,104,953.00	\$ 1,064,788.00	\$ 1,064,788.00	\$ 1,064,788.00

ARTICLE 10

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 \$375,000.00 for the purpose of engineering, planning, designing, permitting and/or constructing in-tank aeration systems at the ground storage tank located at Cottage Street to improve water quality and appurtenances, including legal, administrative and all other incidental and related expenses associated with the project; or take any other action related thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that the Town be authorized to borrow the amount of \$375,000.00 for the purposes set forth in Article 10.

ARTICLE 11

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 \$900,000.00 for the purpose of engineering, test well drilling, designing, permitting and/or constructing the replacement of drinking water wells and appurtenances, including legal, administrative and all other incidental and related expenses associated with the project; or take any other action related thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that the Town be authorized to borrow the amount of \$900,000.00 for the purposes set forth in Article 11.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws to expressly exempt all Town buildings and facilities, new or existing, from the payment of water and sewer tie-in or related fee requirements, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Not recommended.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to create a Special Education Stabilization Fund pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 40, §5B, for future payments of unanticipated or unbudgeted special education costs, out of district tuition, or transportation and from which appropriations may be made by a two-thirds vote at any Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Not recommended.

ARTICLE 14

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)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to transfer the amount of \$3,000.00 from Free Cash for the purposes set forth in Article 14.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust Program Reserve for Appropriation Account to support administrative costs of said program, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF HEALTH)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to transfer the amount of \$10,000.00 from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust Program Reserve for Appropriation Account for the purposes set forth in Article 15.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Norton Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 175, Article XIII of the General Code, Floodplain District, by inserting the underlined text, deleting the ~~striketrough text~~, and renumbering the various sections accordingly, and, reorganizing as shown in the corresponding informational parentheticals, all as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

ARTICLE XIII
Floodplain District

§175-13.1 Purpose. The purpose of the Floodplain Overlay District is to:

1. Ensure public safety by reducing the threats to life and personal injury
2. Eliminate new hazards to emergency response officials
3. Prevent the occurrence of public emergencies resulting from water quality, contamination, and pollution due to flooding
4. Avoid the loss of utility services which if damaged by flooding would disrupt or shut down the utility network and impact regions of the community beyond the site of flooding
5. Eliminate costs associated with the response and cleanup of flooding conditions
6. Reduce damage to public and private property resulting from flooding waters

§175-13.2 Definitions. The following definitions should be applied to the Floodplain Overlay District. Terms and words not defined herein but defined by FEMA shall have the meanings given therein unless a contrary intention clearly appears.

BASE FLOOD ELEVATION. The elevation of surface water resulting from a flood that has a 1% chance of equaling or exceeding that level in any given year. The BFE is shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for zones AE, AH, A1-A30, AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1- A30, AR/AH, AR/AO, V1-V30 and VE.

DEVELOPMENT. Any man-made change to improved or unimproved real estate, including but not limited to building or other structures, mining, dredging, filling, grading, paving, excavation or drilling operations or storage of equipment or materials.

ELEVATION CERTIFICATE. An elevation certificate is a document that lists a building's location, lowest point of elevation, flood zone and other characteristics, according to FEMA. It is used to enforce local building ordinances and to help determine flood insurance rates.

FLOOD BOUNDARY AND FLOODWAY MAP. An official map of a community issued by FEMA that depicts, based on detailed analyses, the boundaries of the 100-year and 500-year floods and the 100-year floodway.

FLOOD HAZARD BOUNDARY MAP (FHBM.). An official map of a community issued by the Federal Insurance Administrator, where the boundaries

of the flood and related erosion areas having special hazards have been designated as ~~Zone A or E.~~ **special flood hazard areas.**

FLOODWAY. The channel of the river, creek or other watercourse and the adjacent land areas that must be reserved in order to discharge the base flood without cumulatively increasing the water surface elevation more than a designated height.

FUNCTIONALLY DEPENDENT USE. A use which cannot perform its intended purpose unless it is located or carried out in close proximity to water. The term includes only docking facilities, port facilities that are necessary for the loading and unloading of cargo or passengers, and ship building and ship repair facilities, but does not include long-term storage or related manufacturing facilities.

HIGHEST ADJACENT GRADE. The highest natural elevation of the ground surface prior to construction next to the proposed walls of a structure.

HISTORIC STRUCTURE. Any structure that is:

1. Listed individually in the National Register of Historic Places (a listing maintained by the Department of Interior) or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as meeting the requirements for individual listing on the National Register;
2. Certified or preliminarily determined by the Secretary of the Interior as contributing to the historical significance of a registered historic district or a district preliminarily determined by the Secretary to qualify as a registered historic district;
3. Individually listed on a state inventory of historic places in states with historic preservation programs which have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior; or
4. Individually listed on a local inventory of historic places in communities with historic preservation programs that have been certified either:
 - (1) By an approved state program as determined by the Secretary of the Interior or
 - (2) Directly by the Secretary of the Interior in states without approved programs.

LOWEST ADJACENT GRADE. The lowest point of the ground level immediately next to a building.

NEW CONSTRUCTION. Structures for which the start of construction commenced on or after the effective date of the first floodplain management code, regulation, ordinance, or standard adopted by the authority having jurisdiction, including any subsequent improvements to such structures. *New construction includes work determined to be substantial improvement.*

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE. A vehicle which is:

1. Built on a single chassis;
2. 400 square feet or less when measured at the largest horizontal projection;
3. Designed to be self-propelled or permanently towable by a light duty truck; and
4. Designed primarily not for use as a permanent dwelling but as temporary living quarters for recreational, camping, travel, or seasonal use.

REGULATORY FLOODWAY - see **FLOODWAY**.

SPECIAL FLOOD HAZARD AREA. The land area subject to flood hazards and shown on a Flood Insurance Rate Map or other flood hazard map as Zone A, AE, A1-30, A99, AR, AO, AH, V, VO, VE or V1-30.

START OF CONSTRUCTION. The date of issuance for new construction and substantial improvements to existing structures, provided the actual start of construction, repair, reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, placement or other improvement is within 180 days after the date of issuance. The actual start of construction means the first placement of permanent construction of a building (including a manufactured home) on a site, such as the pouring of a slab or footings, installation of pilings or construction of columns.

1. Permanent construction does not include land preparation (such as clearing, excavation, grading or filling), the installation of streets or walkways, excavation for a basement, footings, piers or foundations, the erection of temporary forms or the installation of accessory buildings such as garages or sheds not occupied as dwelling units or not part of the main building. For a substantial improvement, the actual "start of construction" means the first alteration of any wall, ceiling, floor or other structural part of a building, whether or not that alteration affects the external dimensions of the building. [Base Code, Chapter 2, Section 202]

STRUCTURE. For floodplain management purposes, a walled and roofed building **including**. **This definition also includes** a gas or liquid storage tank; that is principally above ground, as well as a manufactured home.

SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE. Damage of any origin sustained by a structure whereby the cost of restoring the structure to its before-damaged condition

would equal or exceed 50 percent of the market value of the structure before the damage occurred. Work on structures that are determined to be substantially damaged is considered to be substantial improvement, regardless of the actual repair work performed.

SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT. Any reconstruction, rehabilitation, addition, or other improvement of a structure, the cost of which equals or exceeds 50 percent of the market value of the structure (or smaller percentage if established by the community) before the “start of construction” of the improvement. This term includes structures that have incurred “substantial damage,” regardless of the actual repair work performed.

SUBSTANTIAL REPAIR OF A FOUNDATION. When work to repair or replace a foundation results in the repair or replacement of a portion of the foundation with a perimeter along the base of the foundation that equals or exceeds 50% of the perimeter of the base of the foundation measured in linear feet, or repair or replacement of 50% of the piles, columns or piers of a pile, column or pier supported foundation, the building official shall determine it to be substantial repair of a foundation. Applications determined by the building official to constitute substantial repair of a foundation shall require all existing portions of the entire building or structure to meet the requirements of 780 CMR.

VARIANCE. A grant of relief by a community from the terms of a flood plain management regulation.

VIOLATION. The failure of a structure or other development to be fully compliant with the community's flood plain management regulations. A structure or other development without the elevation certificate, other certifications, or other evidence of compliance required in §60.3(b)(5), (c)(4), (c)(10), (d)(3), (e)(2), (e)(4), or (e)(5) is presumed to be in violation until such time as that documentation is provided.

WATERCOURSE. Watercourse includes any canal, channel, conduit, creek, culvert, ditch, drain, gully, ravine, reservoir, perennial stream, wash, waterway or wetland. Watercourses do not include man-made drainage ways.

ZONES, FLOOD –

ZONE A. An area of special flood hazard without water surface elevations determined

ZONE A1-30 and ZONE AE. An area of special flood hazard with water surface elevations determined

ZONE AH. Areas of special flood hazards having shallow water depths and/or unpredictable flow paths between (1) and (3) feet, and with water surface elevations determined

ZONE AO. An area of special flood hazards having shallow water depths and/or unpredictable flow paths between (1) and (3) ft. *(Velocity flow may be evident; such flooding is characterized by ponding or sheet flow.)*

ZONE A99. An area of special flood hazard where enough progress has been made on a protective system, such as dikes, dams, and levees, to consider it complete for insurance rating purposes. (Flood elevations may not be determined.)

ZONES B, C, AND X. Areas of minimal or moderate flood hazards or areas of future-conditions flood hazard. *(Zone X replaces Zones B and C on new and revised maps.)*

ZONE V. An area of special flood hazards without water surface elevations determined, and with velocity, that is inundated by tidal floods (coastal high hazard area)

ZONE V1-30 and ZONE VE. An area of special flood hazards, with water surface elevations determined and with velocity, that is inundated by tidal floods (coastal high hazard area)

§175-13.3 Location. The Floodplain District is herein established as an overlay district.

- a. The District includes all special flood hazard areas designated within the Town of Norton, Bristol County Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) **dated July 6, 2021** issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the administration of the National Flood Insurance Program. The exact boundaries of the District shall be defined by the 1%-chance base flood elevations shown on the FIRM and further defined by the Bristol County Flood Insurance Study (FIS) report dated **July 6, 2021**. The FIRM and FIS report are incorporated herein by reference and are on file with the Town Clerk, Planning Board, Building Official, and Conservation Commission.
- b. The map panels of the Bristol County FIRM that are wholly or partially within the Town of Norton are Panel Numbers 25005C0039F, 25005C0043F, 25005C0044F, 25005C0109F, 25005C0127F, 25005C0131F, 25005C0132F, 25005C0134F, 25005C0136F, 25005C0137F, 25005C0141F, 25005C0151F and 25005C0153F dated July 7, 2009, and Panel Numbers 25005C0107G, 25005C0126G, 25005C0128G, 25005C0129G, and 25005C0133G, dated July 16, 2015.

§ 175-13.4. Use regulations.

A. Reference to existing regulations.

- (1) The Floodplain District is established as an overlay district to all other districts. All development in the district, including structural and nonstructural activities, whether permitted by right or by special permit, shall comply with MGL c. 131, § 40, and with the following:
 - (a) Section of the Massachusetts State Building Code which addresses floodplain and coastal high-hazard areas (~~currently 780~~);
 - (b) Wetlands Protection Regulations, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) (currently 310 CMR 10.00);
 - (c) Inland Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 13.00);
 - (d) Coastal Wetlands Restriction, DEP (currently 310 CMR 12.00);
 - (e) Minimum Requirements for the Subsurface Disposal of Sanitary Sewage, DEP (currently 310 CMR 15, Title 5); (f) Town of Norton Zoning Bylaw; and
 - (g) Town of Norton Wetlands Bylaw, if any.

(h) Town of Norton Stormwater Management Bylaw, Chapter 133 of the Norton General Bylaws.

- (2) Any variances from the provisions and requirements of the above-referenced state regulations may only be granted in accordance with the required variance procedures of these state regulations.

B. Permitted uses. The following uses of low flood damage potential and causing no obstructions to flood flows are encouraged, provided they are permitted in the underlying zoning district and they do not require structures, fill, or storage of materials or equipment:

- (1) Agricultural uses such as farming, grazing, truck farming, horticulture, etc.
- (2) Forestry and nursery uses.
- (3) Outdoor recreational uses, including fishing, boating, play areas, etc.
- (4) Conservation of water, plants, wildlife.
- (5) Wildlife management areas, foot, bicycle, and/or horse paths.
- (6) Temporary nonresidential structures used in connection with fishing, growing, harvesting, storage, or sale of crops raised on the premises.

- (7) Buildings lawfully existing prior to the adoption of these provisions and minor alterations that do not increase the floor space of the structure.

C. Special permit uses. The Planning Board may, after a duly advertised public hearing, grant a special permit for a building, structure or use in the floodplain, provided that such building, structure or use is permitted in the underlying zoning district and subject to the following limitations:

- (1) No permit shall be issued to fill or excavate in the floodway or to build a new structure or to substantially improve an existing structure in the floodway;
- (2) In Zones A and AE, the proposed use, including filling or excavating, when combined with all existing uses, shall not increase the water surface elevation of the one-hundred-year flood more than zero inch at any point. This is to be so certified to the Planning Board by a registered professional engineer upon application for the special permit.

D. Other use regulations.

~~(1) Within Zones AH and AO on the FIRM, adequate drainage paths shall be provided around structures on slopes, to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.~~

~~(2) In zones along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated on the Bristol County FIRM, encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.~~

~~(3)~~ (1) All subdivision proposals shall be designed to minimize flood damage, including that all utilities and facilities shall be located and constructed to minimize or eliminate flood damage and that adequate stormwater drainage controls are provided to reduce exposure to flood hazards and so that there, at a minimum, shall be no increase in stormwater runoff when post-construction conditions are compared to pre-construction conditions, using drainage calculations prepared by a licensed professional engineer.

~~(4)~~ (2) Existing contour intervals of site and elevations of existing structures shall be included on the plans provided.

~~(5)~~ (3) There shall be established a "routing procedure" which shall circulate or transmit one copy of the development plan to the Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Board of Health and Building Inspector and for comments which shall be considered by the appropriate permitting board prior to issuing applicable permits.

~~(6)~~ (4) Base flood elevation data. Base flood elevation data is required for subdivision proposals or other developments greater than five lots or five acres within unnumbered A Zones.

- (7) (5) In all special flood hazard areas it shall be the responsibility of the owner or builder to notify in writing prospective owners of the floodplain designation and the availability of flood insurance.

E. Procedures in case of noncompliance.

- (1) In case of a zoning violation, the administration and enforcement of bylaws, including violations and penalties, shall be as dictated in ARTICLE XI of the Norton Zoning Bylaws, and overseen by the Building Commissioner.**
- (2) If a zoning violation occurs, the Building Commissioner is to dictate the best avenue for remediation to ensure maximum compliance given the circumstances.**
 - (a) Violators will be required to meet all FEMA standards, NFIP regulations, provide elevation certificates, and may be required to provide temporary elevation certificates at the discretion of the Building Commissioner.**
 - (b) Violators will be required to meet all other applicable state and local regulations.**
- (3) If the applicant has a grievance with the Decision, they may appeal the Building Commissioner's Decision to the Zoning Board of Appeals as per § 175-10.8 of the Norton Zoning Bylaws. If the grievance is related to a structure, applicants may appeal to the Building Codes Appeal Board (BCAB).**

§175-13.5 Abrogation. The floodplain management regulations found in this Floodplain Overlay District section shall take precedence over any less restrictive conflicting local laws, ordinances or codes.

§175-13.6 Disclaimer of Liability. The degree of flood protection required by this bylaw is considered reasonable but does not imply total flood protection.

§175-13.7 Severability. If any section, provision, or portion of this bylaw is deemed to be unconstitutional or invalid by a court, the remainder of the ordinance shall be effective.

§175-13.8 Designation of community Floodplain Administrator. The Town of Norton hereby designates the position of ~~Conservation Director~~ **Building Commissioner** to be the official floodplain ~~administrator~~ **and NFIP administrator** for the Town.

§175-13.9 Requirement to submit new technical data. If the Town acquires data that changes the base flood elevation in the FEMA mapped Special Flood Hazard Areas, the Town will, within 6 months, notify FEMA of these changes by submitting the technical or scientific data that supports the change(s.) Notification shall be submitted to:

FEMA Region I Risk Analysis Branch Chief
99 High St., 6th floor,
Boston, MA 02110

And copy of notification to:

Massachusetts NFIP State Coordinator
MA Dept. of Conservation & Recreation,
251 Causeway Street,
Boston, MA 02114

§175-13.10 Variances to building code floodplain standards. The Town will request from the State Building Code Appeals Board a written and/or audible copy of the portion of the hearing related to the variance, and will maintain this record in the community's files.

1. The Town shall also issue a letter to the property owner regarding potential impacts to the annual premiums for the flood insurance policy covering that property, in writing over the signature of a community official that (i) the issuance of a variance to construct a structure below the base flood level will result in increased premium rates for flood insurance up to amounts as high as \$25 for \$100 of insurance coverage and (ii) such construction below the base flood level increases risks to life and property.
2. Such notification shall be maintained with the record of all variance actions for the referenced development in the floodplain overlay district.

§175-13.11 Variances to local zoning bylaws. Variance from these floodplain bylaws must meet the requirements set out by State law, and may only be granted if:

1. Good and sufficient cause and exceptional nonfinancial hardship exist;
2. The variance will not result in additional threats to public safety, extraordinary public expense, or fraud or victimization of the public; and
3. The variance is the minimum action necessary to afford relief.

§175-13.12 Permit requirements. The Town of Norton requires a permit for all proposed construction or other development in the floodplain overlay district, including new construction or changes to existing buildings, placement of manufactured homes, placement of agricultural facilities, fences, sheds, storage facilities or drilling, mining, paving and any other development that might increase flooding or adversely impact flood risks to other properties.

§175-13.13 Permit review process. The Town of Norton's permit review process includes the use of a checklist of all local, state and federal permits that will be necessary in order to carry out the proposed development in the floodplain overlay district. The proponent must acquire all necessary permits, and must submit the completed checklist demonstrating that all necessary permits have been acquired.

~~§175-13.14 Subdivision proposals. All subdivision proposals and development proposals in the floodplain overlay district shall be reviewed to assure that:~~

- ~~1. Such proposals minimize flood damage.~~
- ~~2. Public utilities and facilities are located & constructed so as to minimize flood damage.~~
- ~~3. Adequate drainage is provided.~~

~~§175-13.1514 Base flood elevation data for subdivision proposals. When proposing subdivisions or other developments greater than 50 lots or 5 acres (whichever is less), the proponent must provide technical data to determine base flood elevations for each developable parcel shown on the design plans.~~

~~§175-13.1614 Unnumbered A zones.~~ In A Zones, in the absence of FEMA BFE data and floodway data, ~~the building department will review and reasonably utilize the applicant will provide, and the Town staff will subsequently review,~~ base flood elevation and floodway data available from a Federal, State, or other source as criteria for requiring new construction, substantial improvements, or other development in Zone A as the basis for elevating residential structures to or above base flood level, for floodproofing or elevating nonresidential structures to or above base flood level, and for prohibiting encroachments in floodways.

~~§175-13.1715 Floodway encroachment.~~

1. In Zones A, A1-30, and AE, along watercourses that have not had a regulatory floodway designated, the best available Federal, State, local, or other floodway data shall be used to prohibit encroachments in floodways which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.
2. In Zones A1-30 and AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated on the Town's FIRM encroachments are prohibited, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development within the adopted regulatory floodway unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

~~2. In Zones A1-30 and AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated on the Town's FIRM encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.~~

~~3. The Town of Norton prohibits encroachments, including fill, new construction, substantial improvements, and other development within the adopted regulatory floodway unless it has been demonstrated through hydrologic and hydraulic analyses performed in accordance with standard engineering practice that the proposed encroachment would not result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.~~

§175-13.1816 Watercourse alterations or relocations in riverine areas. In a riverine situation, the ~~Conservation Agent~~ NFIP Administrator shall notify the following of any alteration or relocation of a watercourse:

1. Adjacent Communities, especially upstream and downstream
2. Bordering States, if affected
3. NFIP State Coordinator
Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, 8th floor
Boston, MA 02114
4. NFIP Program Specialist
Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region I
99 High Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

~~§175-13.19 AO and AH zones drainage requirements.~~ Within Zones AO and AH on the FIRM, adequate drainage paths must be provided around structures on slopes, to guide floodwaters around and away from proposed structures.

§175-13.2017 Recreational vehicles. In A1-30, ~~AH,~~ and AE Zones, ~~V1-30, VE, and V Zones,~~ all recreational vehicles to be placed on a site must be elevated and anchored in accordance with the zone's regulations for foundation and elevation requirements or be on the site for less than 180 consecutive days or be fully licensed and highway ready.

§175-13.2118 Local enforcement. The ~~Conservation Director~~ NFIP Administrator is the assigned Town official responsible for all local enforcement procedures for non-compliant floodplain development.

(PLANNING BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 17

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 the "Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund" established to cover the unfunded actuarial liability for retirees' health care and life insurance benefits, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TOWN MANAGER)

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

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B, of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

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

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 3rd day of May in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Three.

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:

Michael J. Mayer CONSTABLE NORTON DATE: May 4, 2023

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.

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

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

ATTEST:

Michael J. May

CONSTABLE

Norton

DATE

April 27, 2023

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.