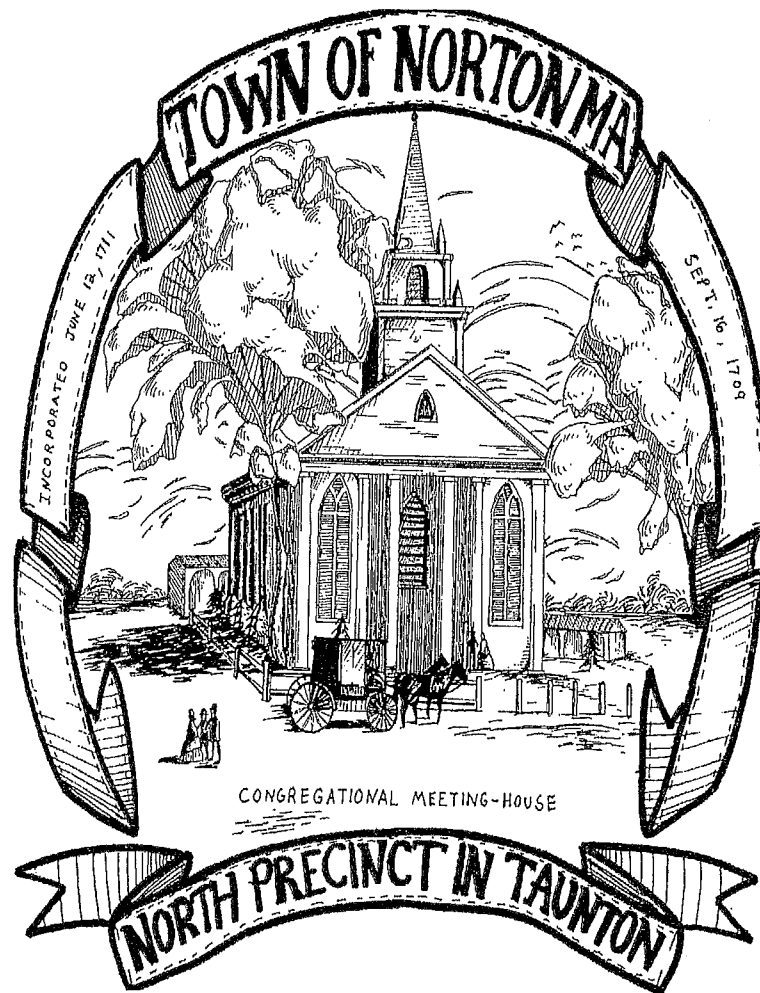
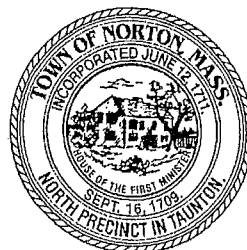


# TOWN OF NORTON



WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
WITH FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2007





**TOWN OF NORTON**  
**WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**  
**FEBRUARY 7, 2007**  
**BRISTOL, SS.**

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

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norton, qualified to vote in Norton affairs, to meet in the Henri A. Yelle Elementary School Gymnasium, West Main Street, in said Norton, on Wednesday, the 7th day of February, 2007, A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will 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.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$631.96 to be transferred from Free Cash for the following:**

<b>\$462.11</b>	<b>Aqua Barriers, Inc.</b>	<b>(Municipal Building)</b>
<b>\$169.85</b>	<b>Healthsouth Braintree Rehab</b>	<b>(Miscellaneous)</b>

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will amend the "Salary Plan" as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Office Administrator	\$28,000-38,000	<u>\$30,000-\$40,000</u>
Assistant to Town Manager	\$35,000-48,000	
Highway Superintendent	\$50,000-70,000	
Town Accountant	\$50,000-65,000	
Assistant Town Accountant	\$30,000-45,000	
Water & Sewer Superintendent	\$65,000-77,000	<u>\$65,000-\$79,000</u>
Asst. Water & Sewer Superintendent	\$28,840-35,020	
Public Health Nurse	\$16.00-24.00 Hourly	
Custodian – Municipal	\$8.50-13.50 Hourly	

(TOWN MANAGER)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. The proposed amendment will allow the Selectmen's Office Administrator and the Water and Sewer Superintendent to receive wage increases that were due on January 1, 2007.**

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen 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 Public Works pursuant to Chapter 90, Section 34(2a) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount is \$152,807.00. This authorizes the Town to spend Chapter 90 roadway funds allotted to the Town by the State.**

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund the cost of a candidate assessment process for the position of Norton Police Chief, including any costs or expenses incidental and related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TOWN MANAGER)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to transfer from Free Cash the amount of \$9,000.00 for an outside consultant to assist in the candidate assessment process for the position of Police Chief.**

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will 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.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Recommended, to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$60,000.00. The Capital Improvements Account is used for the purchase of equipment and the maintenance of the Town's infrastructure. The Committee continually supplements this account in order to meet the Town's future capital needs.

#### ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2007 capital improvements budget appropriated under Article 11 of the May 8, 2006, Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Recommended in the amount of \$60,000.00 to be transferred from the Capital Improvements Account. The Town is under a Federal Communications Commission mandate to relocate its Police radio frequency. The amount requested, in combination with funds obtained from sources outside of the Town, will allow the Police Department to move to a frequency range that is interoperable with the Norton Fire Department and with many of our surrounding towns.

#### ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2007 operating budget appropriated under Article 12 of the May 8, 2006, Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Recommended in the amount of \$48,324.79 as follows:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	PURPOSE	APPROVED
1-141-510	Assessors	Wage Expense - Separation	\$ 11,157.03
1-141-570	Assessors	Expense - Advertising	\$ 1,732.46
1-155-570	Information Technology/ Data Processing	Professional Services	\$ 10,400.00
1-161-511	Town Clerk	Longevity	\$ 100.00
1-161-511	Town Clerk	Wage Expense -	
		Temporary Help	\$ 3,736.00
1-192-570	Municipal Building	Expense - Fire Signage	\$ 3,535.50
	Regional Agricultural		
1-308-560	School	Assessment	\$ 2,298.80
1-630-570	Recreation	Expense -	
		Town Common Lighting	\$ 365.00
1-940-570	Miscellaneous	Insurance	\$ 15,000.00

TOTAL SUPPLEMENTS: \$ 48,324.79

## ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will accept, for all boards, committees, or commissions holding adjudicatory hearings in the Town, the provisions of G.L. c.39, §23D, which provide that a member of a board, committee, or commission holding an adjudicatory hearing shall not be disqualified from voting in the matter solely due to the member's absence from one session of such hearing, provided that certain conditions are met; and provided further that such acceptance shall be applicable to all adjudicatory hearings opened on or after the effective date of the vote taken hereunder, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND PLANNING BOARD)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

## ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen, under such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town, to enter into a long-term lease in excess of three years for a portion or portions of the so-called Slattery Property, acquired by the Town of Norton under Article 13 of the December 9, 2002, Special Town Meeting, and more particularly described as Assessors Map 31, Parcel 1, and Assessors Map 31, Parcel 61, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

## ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will transfer from available funds, a sum of money for professional services and expenses, including, but not limited to technical, regulatory, environmental, legal and/or related expenses, for the creation of a plan delineating wetlands on the Norton Middle School property located at 215-223 West Main Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TOWN MANAGER)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$13,000.00 to be transferred from Free Cash.**

## ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will transfer from available funds a sum of money for the purpose of procuring engineering and design services, together with any professional fees and expenses related thereto, including but not limited to, technical, regulatory, environmental, and/or legal expenses, for the development of specifications and documents required to undertake the procurement process for correction of leaks and damage caused thereby, including, but not limited to, the replacement, renovation, and/or reconstruction of the roof, windows and flashing at the Norton Middle School located at 215-223 West Main Street, and, further, to authorize appropriate public officials to take all actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action, pending additional information.**

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the body of same at Chartley Post Office, Norton Post Office, Trinitarian Church, Unitarian Church, Norton Library, and three other public places within the limits of said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof, and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this 18th day of January in the year Two Thousand Seven.

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

Robert W Kimball Jr  
Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Chairman

Charles J Moitoza Jr  
Charles J. Moitoza, Jr., Vice Chairman

M T Steele  
Mary T. Steele, Clerk

Timothy R. Giffin  
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Stephen G. Gradie  
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Norton, Massachusetts

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

ATTEST:

Dale Varr CONSTABLE Norton DATE 1-23-07