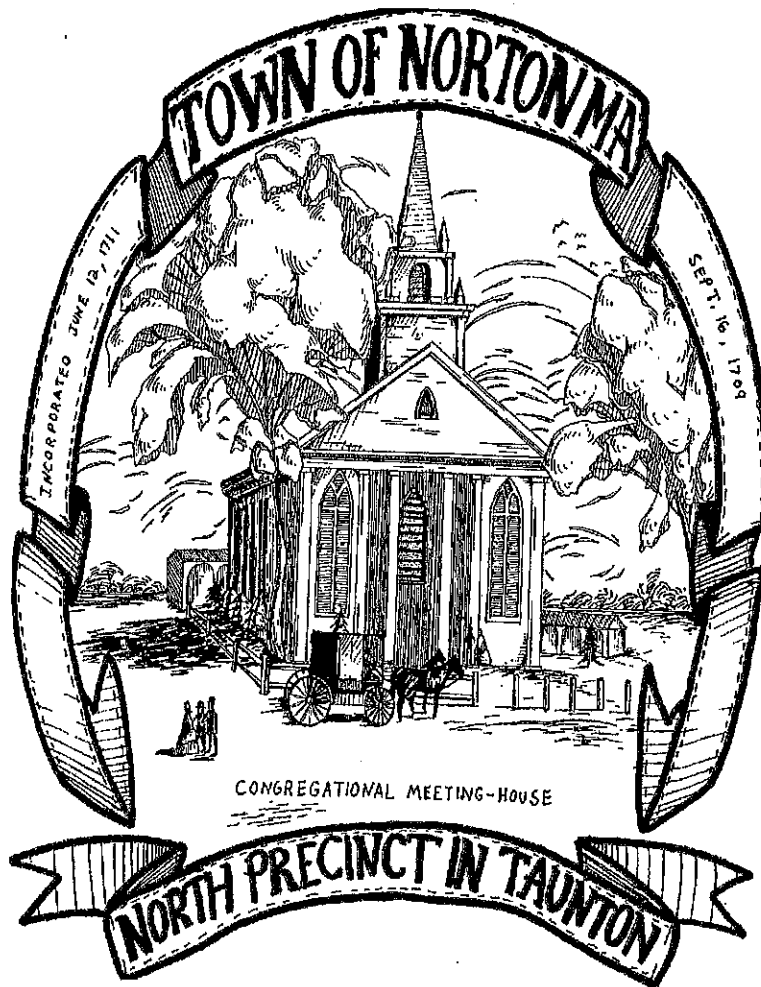
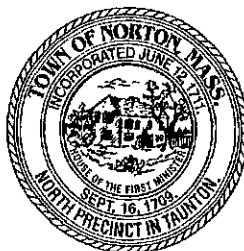


# TOWN OF NORTON



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

MONDAY, MAY 14, 2007



Dear Fellow Citizens of Norton:

This budget as presented reflects anticipated revenues for FY08. It is not a level services budget. In order to provide the same services, both governmental and educational, that the Townspeople have received in FY07, an additional \$276,745 is needed. Current revenue projections do not provide for these funds.

The Finance Committee has warned over the past few years that the town was facing drastic financial hurdles to overcome. Each year the State has come up with increased funding. This year, however, the increase in State funding is very small, totaling an estimated \$107,617.

What that extra funding will not buy:

- Four (4) additional fire fighters that our Chief says are necessary.

- Emergency response times averaging within the 4-minute goal set by the State.

- Chartley Fire Station open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.

- Two (2) additional police officers that our Chief says are necessary.

- One (1) additional cruiser on the road that our Chief says is necessary.

- Staffing and equipment levels to handle multiple emergency calls at one time.

- Rehiring of 16 teachers lost to cut backs.

- Reopening of all the school libraries.

- Funding various supply and books replacement accounts at adequate levels.

At Town Meeting voters will be asked to approve a budget that is \$1,000,000 above projected revenue. Even with the increase of state funding, we are using \$1,000,000 in Free Cash rather than replenishing reserves to make up this shortfall. Our Capital Improvements Account requires the addition of new monies so the necessary appropriations can be made in the future. The Stabilization Fund is at \$930,867, down from a high of \$1,844,00 just 5 years ago.

The Town Meeting voters will be asked:

- To put a Debt Exclusion question on the ballot.

- To authorize repairs to the Middle School for up to \$840,000.

- To approve repairs to the Yelle School on the Special Town Meeting Warrant of up to \$150,000.

The Finance Committee has not recommended the article to put an override on the ballot. The vote was close, but given the overall financial situation in which the Town presently finds itself, the need to fund this year two major school repair proposals, and the clear

rejection by the voters of an override proposal just a year ago, a majority of the Committee did not believe it was appropriate to recommend passage of a budget that would exceed the expected revenue for FY 2008.

On a positive note, health costs will only increase \$182,617 over last year. In an era of 8, 9, and 10% increases, this is significant at a 3% premium increase, obtained through increased co-pays.

It is with these factors in mind that the Finance Committee makes the recommendations contained in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas DeLuca  
Jackie Desrochers  
Michael Fiore  
Wayne Graf  
Paul Helmreich, Chair  
Lee Tarantino, Vice Chair  
Michael Thomas  
Philip Zawasky

**TOWN OF NORTON  
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
MONDAY, MAY 14, 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 Monday, the 14<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2007, 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 amend the "Salary Plan" as follows:

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EXISTING</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
Office Administrator	\$30,000-40,000	<u>\$35,000-45,000</u>
Assistant to Town Manager	\$35,000-48,000	<u>\$45,000-55,000</u>
Highway Superintendent	\$50,000-70,000	<u>\$60,000-80,000</u>
Town Accountant	\$50,000-65,000	<u>\$60,000-80,000</u>
Assistant Town Accountant	\$30,000-45,000	<u>\$40,000-50,000</u>
Water & Sewer Superintendent	\$65,000-79,000	<u>\$70,000-90,000</u>
Asst. Water & Sewer Superintendent	\$28,840-35,020	<u>\$28,840-35,020</u>
Information Technology Director		<u>\$50,000-70,000</u>
Tax Collector - Treasurer		<u>\$60,000-80,000</u>
Public Health Nurse	\$16.00-24.00 Hourly	<u>\$20.00-28.00 Hourly</u>
Custodian – Municipal	\$8.50-13.50 Hourly	<u>\$10.00-\$15.00 Hourly</u>

or take any other action relative thereto.

(TOWN MANAGER)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Recommended. The Finance Committee recommended more than a year ago that the Town Manager undertake a systematic review of appropriate salary ranges and present a comprehensive revision that reflected existing realistic market ranges for these positions in Norton's geographic area. This scale represents the results of this study. Given the salaries of our present staff, it should not require adjustment for a number of years.

### 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. This will authorize the Selectmen to accept funds for road maintenance and repairs provided by the State.**

### ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will authorize the flag commonly identified as the Congregational Meeting House Flag, a likeness of which appears below, to be designated as its official Town Flag, and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to present the new Town flag to the Governor of the Commonwealth for display in the Hall of Flags, or take any other action relative thereto.



(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. The portrayal of the church in the center of Town accurately reflects the history that led Norton to separate from Taunton and become an incorporated community.**

### ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will rezone Residentially-zoned land known as 10 Maple Street, identified as Map 26, Lot 170, from Residential-60 to Industrial, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SOUTH SHORE MILLWORKS, INC.)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action. The Committee had discussed but not voted on this article at the time this report went to print. A formal recommendation by the Committee will be made at Town Meeting.**

#### ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will accept as a public way under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, as amended, Bullock Drive, as shown on a plan titled "As-Built/Acceptance Plan, Bullock Drive, Norton, Massachusetts, prepared for Jacob's Estates, LLC," dated October 26, 2006, revised November 20, 2006, drawn by Yarworth Engineering Co, Inc., as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk; and further, to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Norton and other associated easements, and to appropriate therefor the sum of One Dollar, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

#### ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will accept as a public way under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, as amended, McTee Drive, as shown on a plan titled "As-Built/Acceptance Plan, McTee Drive, Norton, MA" dated December 13, 1997, revised January 27, 1998, drawn by Yarworth Engineering & Land Surveying, as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk; and further, to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Norton and other associated easements, and to appropriate therefor the sum of One Dollar, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

#### ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will accept as a public way under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, as amended, Birch Brook Lane, as shown on a plan titled "As-Built/Acceptance Plan of Birch Brook Lane, Birch Brook Estates, Norton, Massachusetts" dated January 2, 1997, drawn by Freeman Engineering Co., a Division of Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk; and further, to see if the Town will authorize the Board

of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Norton and other associated easements, and to appropriate therefor the sum of One Dollar, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

#### ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will accept as a public way under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, as amended, Goodwin Drive, as shown on a plan titled "As-Built Plan of Goodwin Drive, Essex Valley in Norton, Massachusetts," dated November 9, 1999, revised December 7, 1999, drawn by Freeman Engineering Co., a Division of Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk; and further, to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Norton and other associated easements, and to appropriate therefor the sum of One Dollar, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

#### ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will accept as a public way under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, as amended, Brahman Drive, as shown on a plan titled "Setter Place Estates, a subdivision in Norton, MA," dated November 12, 1996, drawn by R. E. Field Associates, as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk; and further, to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Norton and other associated easements, and to appropriate therefor the sum of One Dollar, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

## ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will accept as a public way under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, as amended, Tucker Place, as shown on a plan titled "Setter Place Estates, a subdivision in Norton, MA," dated November 12, 1996, drawn by R. E. Field Associates, as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk; and further, to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Norton and other associated easements, and to appropriate therefor the sum of One Dollar, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

## ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will accept as a public way under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, as amended, Susan Circle, as shown on a plan titled "Greyhound Acres in Norton, Mass.," dated October 19, 1988, drawn by The BSC Group-Halifax, Inc., as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk; and further, to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Norton and other associated easements, and to appropriate therefor the sum of One Dollar, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

## ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will accept as a public way under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, as amended, Hampshire Court, as shown on a plan titled "Hampshire Court Estates" Definitive Subdivision Plan of Land in Norton, MA, dated June 7, 1988, drawn by John W. Delano & Associates, Inc., as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk; and further, to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Norton and other associated easements, and to appropriate therefor the sum of One Dollar, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)



**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will accept as a public way under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82, as amended, Holmes Street, as shown on a plan titled "Plan of Land in Bristol County, Norton, Mass., dated July 14, 2000, drawn by Landmark Engineering of New England, Inc., as referred to the Planning Board, laid out by the Board of Selectmen, and filed in the Office of the Town Clerk; and further, to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by gift, purchase, or eminent domain an easement to use said street for all purposes for which public ways are used in the Town of Norton and other associated easements, and to appropriate therefor the sum of One Dollar, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action. This article is not ready to be moved at this time.**

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will establish a revolving fund pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½, of the General Laws for the Public School's Full-Day Kindergarten Program, such fund to be used to collect and disburse funds for the nurturing, care, and education of young children enrolled in such program, and to provide further that all receipts, tuition, and enrollment fees received by the School Department for participation in the Full-Day Kindergarten Program shall be deposited in the Full-Day Kindergarten Program Revolving Fund under the jurisdiction of the School Committee, and to provide that the School Committee may authorize disbursements from such revolving fund during the upcoming fiscal year not to exceed an aggregate total of \$60,000, pass any vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. This article establishes a place to deposit funds received from grants or other sources that are designated for the purpose specified. The kind of revolving funds specified in Articles 15-19 must be renewed each year by the vote of Town Meeting.**

## ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will continue a revolving fund pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½, of the General Laws for the Public School's Early Childhood Program, such fund to be used to collect and disburse funds for the nurturing, care, and education of young children enrolled in such program, and to provide further that all receipts, tuition, and enrollment fees received by the School Department for participation in the Early Childhood Program shall be deposited in the Early Childhood Program Revolving Fund under the jurisdiction of the School Committee, and to provide that the School Committee may authorize disbursements from such revolving fund during the upcoming fiscal year not to exceed an aggregate total of \$40,000, pass any vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

## ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will continue a revolving fund pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½, of the General Laws to allow the Highway Department to receive fees for processing recycled materials, including but not limited to white goods, newspapers, tires, etc., and allow the Highway Superintendent to expend such funds to a maximum of \$10,000.00 in the fiscal year in support of recycling activities such as the operation of the Recycling Center; public education efforts; seminars, workshops, information for the Highway Department; studies, and reports on recycling issues, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

## ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will continue a revolving fund pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½, of the General Laws to fund salaries and expenses related to the Norton Fire Department's Certified Hazardous Materials Technician(s), to receive funds from the Southeastern Massachusetts Fire Chief's Hazardous Materials Committee and other available sources for hazardous materials incidents attended by the Department's Hazardous Materials Technician(s), and to authorize the Department to expend up to \$10,000.00 per year from such fund during any fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

## ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will continue a revolving fund pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½, of the General Laws to receive fees and other payments made to the Town by a private not-for-profit cable corporation or foundation, to be expended by the Board of Selectmen to a maximum of \$75,000 for Fiscal Year 2008 for the purposes of paying salaries and fringe benefits for the employee(s) of said corporation or foundation and for other employees or agents of the Town providing services to the corporation or foundation, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

## ARTICLE 20

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

(BOARD OF HEALTH)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$10,000.00, to be transferred from Free Cash.**

## ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to implement the federally mandated Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement #45, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TOWN MANAGER AND TOWN ACCOUNTANT)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$11,000.00, to be transferred from Free Cash. This study, mandated by the Federal Government, will seek to establish the Town's potential future liability in terms of retirement, health, and life insurance benefits for current town employees.**

## ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Fiscal Year 2009 triennial revaluation of property and for the assessment of personal property, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF ASSESSORS)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$50,000.00, to be transferred from Free Cash.**

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to pay the Police Chief all outstanding expenses associated with his retirement from the Norton Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$28,250.00, to be transferred from Free Cash.**

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money to pay a fire fighter all outstanding expenses associated with his retirement from the Norton Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$57,985.00, to be transferred from Free Cash.**

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, or borrow, a sum of money for the purpose of upgrading/replacing various water mains throughout the town, including engineering, design, and construction; and further, that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow a sum of money pursuant to G.L. c.44, §§7 or 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER/SEWER COMMISSION)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$5,000,000.00, to be raised by borrowing and to be paid by capital improvements assessments attached to water use payment bills.**

## ARTICLE 26

To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from the Water Surplus Account for the purpose of funding the engineering and construction costs for the rehabilitation of Well #3 located at Newland Street in Norton, and to authorize appropriate public officials to take all actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER/SEWER COMMISSION)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Recommended in the amount of \$600,000.00, to be transferred from the Water Surplus Account.

## ARTICLE 27

To see if the Town will adopt the following resolution: "Be it resolved that the Water Department continue to be operated under the provisions of the Mass. General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 69B, for the Fiscal Year 2008" or take any other action relative thereto:

WATER DIVISION:

	<u>2005</u> <u>Expend</u>	<u>2006</u> <u>Expend</u>	<u>2007</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2008</u> <u>Requested</u>
Salaries	379,445	492,880	562,683	587,474
Expenses	483,593	527,511	663,700	662,600
Town Reim Serv	167,998	168,425	168,000	168,000
Outstanding Debt	201,369	196,006	190,644	594,032
Total	1,232,405	1,384,822	1,585,027	2,012,106

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Recommended in the amount of \$2,012,106.00, as follows:

Salaries	\$ 587,474.00
Expenses	\$ 662,600.00
Town Reim Serv	\$ 168,000.00
Outstanding Debt	<u>\$ 594,032.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,012,106.00</u>

## ARTICLE 28

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate 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 in the amount of \$285,107.00, to be transferred from Free Cash. This is equal to the amount proposed to be expended from the Capital Improvements Account in Article 29. The Finance Committee's stated policy, established fifteen years ago, is that certified Free Cash should be used to augment existing reserve accounts, not used to fund ongoing operational expenses. The transfer recommended here conforms to that policy, but it represents only a small part of the \$1,944,477.00 in Certified Free Cash available to the Town in Fiscal Year 2007. At the conclusion of the Annual and Special Town Meetings on May 14, 2007, the amount remaining available in Free Cash will be \$77,726.00.

## ARTICLE 29

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase, or lease with an option to purchase, new and/or replacement capital items for various Town Departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

### (BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Recommended in the amount of \$362,787.00. The amount of \$285,107.00 to be transferred from the Capital Improvements Account, \$68,000.00 to be transferred from the Ambulance Reserve Account, and \$9,680.00 to be transferred from the Water Surplus Account for the purchase of the following items:

Financial Software	Accounting Department	\$ 75,000.00
Cruiser Replacement (Two)	Police Department	\$ 60,000.00
Ambulance #2 (Year 1 of 3)	Fire Department	\$ 68,000.00
Pumper Replacement (Year 4 of 5)	Fire Department	\$ 90,000.00
Nozzles/Hardware	Fire Department	\$ 18,000.00
Animal Control Van	Dog Officer	\$ 21,000.00
4 x 4 Pick-Up Truck with Plow	Highway	\$ 30,787.00

## PROPOSED FY08 CAPITAL BUDGET

CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
<b>ACCOUNTING (135)</b>			
Financial Software	75,000	65,320	65,320
		9,680	9,680
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT (210)</b>			
Cruiser Replacement (Three Vehicles)	100,000	60,000	60,000
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)</b>			
Ambulance #2 (Year 1 of 3)	68,000	68,000	68,000
Pumper Replacement (Year 4 of 5)	90,000	90,000	90,000
Nozzles/Hardware	18,000	18,000	18,000
Air Compressor	40,000	0	0
Sedan Replacement	24,000	0	0
<b>INSPECTION (241)</b>			
BMSI Software (Option 1)	7,650	0	0
BMSI Software (Option 2) - \$2,000	0	0	0
<b>COMMUNICATIONS (290)</b>			
CEB Replacement:			
Phase 1	25,000	0	0
<b>DOG OFFICER (292)</b>			
Animal Control Van	21,000	21,000	21,000
<b>SCHOOLS (300)</b>			
Norton Middle School			
Repair Window/Roof Leaks; flashing; lintels	225,000 (Article)	(Article)	(Article)
<b>HIGHWAY (420)</b>			
4 x 4 Pick-Up Truck with Plow	30,787	30,787	30,787
Brush Hog	110,000	0	0
<b>TOTAL (W/O AMBULANCE RESERVE &amp; WATER SURPLUS)</b>	766,437	285,107	285,107
<b>TOTAL AMBULANCE RESERVE FUND</b>	68,000	68,000	68,000
<b>TOTAL WATER SURPLUS ACCOUNT</b>	0	9,680	9,680
<b>TOTAL (INC. AMBULANCE RESERVE &amp; WATER SURPLUS)</b>	834,437	362,787	362,787

### ARTICLE 30

To see if the Town will vote to exclude from the provisions of Proposition 2½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in 1998 in order to construct, equip and furnish the Norton Middle School; provided, however, that this question shall also be presented to the voters at an election, or take any action related thereto.

(TOWN MANAGER)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.** This action, known as a debt exclusion, has been strongly recommended by the Town's outside financial consultant. It will place outside the Proposition 2½ levy limit the sums connected with paying off the principal and interest on the Middle School Construction Bonds that are in excess of the annual construction reimbursement payment received from the State. In FY 2008, that amount will be \$410,849.00. In each successive year, the amount of the exclusion will decline. In its final year, FY 2015, the amount will be \$54,283.00. Over the eight-year period in which the debt exclusion will be in effect, the total amount to be raised outside the debt limit will be \$1,906,719.00. The estimated impact in FY 2008 on the median house value of \$350,000.00 will be \$62.45 in taxes—in FY 2015, it will be \$8.26. Approval of the Article will necessitate the holding of a special election at which the question of the debt exclusion will be placed on the ballot.

The difference between a debt exclusion and a general override is that once the debt that is specified in the exclusion article is paid off, the exclusion disappears. A general override, if approved, permanently raises the tax levy limit on the funds available for the operation of town government and the school system.

### ARTICLE 31

To see what sums the Town will raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, to pay Town debts and charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year, and fix the salary compensation of all elected officials of the Town, as provided by the General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, and to appropriate monies for same, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended** in the amount of \$44,589,826.00. This budget is based upon the estimated revenue available to the Town in FY 2008. It does not address the educational hardships created by the loss of sixteen teaching positions in FY 2007 from what had existed in FY 2006, or the projected 100-student increase in the high school enrollment next year. Nor does it address the problems of serious understaffing in both the Police and Fire/Rescue departments, which grow greater every year as the population of Norton steadily increases. This budget also includes an appropriation of \$1,000,000.00 from existing Free Cash. Taking money from Free Cash to fund ongoing operating expenses is not a wise policy, for the amount of Free Cash available in any given year can fluctuate greatly. However, for the next fiscal year there seems to be no alternative but to use this source, for even with it this budget does not reflect a continuation of existing services. To maintain government and school services at their present levels would require an estimated additional \$276,745.00, which current revenue projections do not provide.



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FY08 Operating Budget		FY 2005 Expense	FY 2006 Expense	FY 2007 Appropriated	FY 2008 Dept Request	FY 2008 Town Mngr Recommend	FY 2008 Finance Comm Recommend.
<u>Treasurer/Collector (147)</u>							
Personal Service	510	\$ 54,106	\$ 55,729	\$ 35,931	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Oth Personal Service	511	\$ 109,135	\$ 120,165	\$ 132,752	\$ 206,500	\$ 206,500	\$ 206,500
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 44,154	\$ 52,051	\$ 82,250	\$ 62,550	\$ 51,075	\$ 51,075
Totals		\$ 207,395	\$ 227,945	\$ 250,933	\$ 269,050	\$ 257,575	\$ 257,575
<u>Legal Services (151)</u>							
Purchase of Services	520	\$ 49,275	\$ 75,782	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Totals		\$ 49,275	\$ 75,782	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
<u>Data Processing (155)</u>							
Personal Service	510				\$ 67,000	\$ 67,000	\$ 67,000
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 73,880	\$ 81,168	\$ 110,400	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000	\$ 44,000
Totals		\$ 73,880	\$ 81,168	\$ 110,400	\$ 111,000	\$ 111,000	\$ 111,000
<u>Web Committee (156)</u>							
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Totals		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
<u>Tax Title Foreclosure (158)</u>							
General Expenses	570	\$ 8,988	\$ 39,097	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Totals	570	\$ 8,988	\$ 39,097	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
<u>Town Clerk (161)</u>							
Personal Service	510	\$ 39,799	\$ 40,994	\$ 42,429	\$ 43,914	\$ 43,914	\$ 43,914
Oth Personal Service	511	\$ 36,790	\$ 37,197	\$ 42,104	\$ 40,076	\$ 40,077	\$ 40,077
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 3,154	\$ 2,757	\$ 2,800	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,350
Totals		\$ 79,743	\$ 80,948	\$ 87,333	\$ 86,990	\$ 86,341	\$ 86,341
<u>Elections (162)</u>							
Personal Service	510	\$ 500	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 21,369	\$ 26,792	\$ 28,090	\$ 23,808	\$ 22,808	\$ 22,808
Totals		\$ 21,869	\$ 27,342	\$ 28,640	\$ 24,358	\$ 23,358	\$ 23,358

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FY08 Operating Budget		FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2008	FY 2008
		Expense	Expense	Appropriated	Dept Request	Town Mngr	Finance Comm
<u>Conservation Comm (171)</u>							
	510	\$ 73,414	\$ 81,017	\$ 88,074	\$ 90,105	\$ 90,105	\$ 90,105
	570	\$ 2,915	\$ 5,129	\$ 3,960	\$ 3,960	\$ 3,165	\$ 3,165
	Totals	\$ 76,329	\$ 86,146	\$ 92,034	\$ 94,065	\$ 93,270	\$ 93,270
<u>Planning Board (175)</u>							
	510	\$ 63,744	\$ 76,390	\$ 84,034	\$ 86,900	\$ 86,901	\$ 86,901
	570	\$ 1,657	\$ 2,681	\$ 4,750	\$ 8,250	\$ 3,850	\$ 3,850
	Totals	\$ 65,401	\$ 79,071	\$ 88,784	\$ 95,150	\$ 90,751	\$ 90,751
<u>SE REG Plan &amp; Econ Dev (176)</u>							
	560	\$ 2,913	\$ 2,913	\$ 2,914	\$ 2,914	\$ 2,914	\$ 2,914
	Totals	\$ 2,913	\$ 2,913	\$ 2,914	\$ 2,914	\$ 2,914	\$ 2,914
<u>Zoning Bd Of Appeals (177)</u>							
	510	\$ 3,287	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	570	\$ 190	\$ 152	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
	Totals	\$ 3,477	\$ 152	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300	\$ 300
<u>Industrial Dev Comm (182)</u>							
	570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
	Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
<u>Municipal Bldg Maint (192)</u>							
	510	\$ 10,080	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
	570	\$ 195,300	\$ 260,161	\$ 258,436	\$ 258,436	\$ 258,436	\$ 258,436
	Totals	\$ 205,380	\$ 260,161	\$ 258,436	\$ 258,436	\$ 258,436	\$ 258,436
<u>Town Report (195)</u>							
	520	\$ 2,824	\$ 2,876	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
	Totals	\$ 2,824	\$ 2,876	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500
<u>Postage - All Depts (199)</u>							
	520	\$ 36,487	\$ 35,766	\$ 43,900	\$ 43,900	\$ 45,400	\$ 45,400
	Totals	\$ 36,487	\$ 35,766	\$ 43,900	\$ 43,900	\$ 45,400	\$ 45,400

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FY08 Operating Budget		FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2008	FY 2008
		Expense	Expense	Appropriated	Dept Request	Town Mngr	Finance Comm
						Recommend	Recommend.
<b><u>Police Department (210)</u></b>							
Personal Service	510	\$ 1,847,125	\$ 1,987,455	\$ 1,927,171	\$ 2,170,448	\$ 2,049,805	\$ 2,049,805
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 145,004	\$ 172,704	\$ 167,298	\$ 179,117	\$ 175,417	\$ 175,417
Totals		\$ 1,992,129	\$ 2,160,159	\$ 2,094,469	\$ 2,349,565	\$ 2,225,222	\$ 2,225,222
<b><u>Fire Department (220)</u></b>							
Personal Service	510	\$ 2,107,574	\$ 2,215,344	\$ 2,230,439	\$ 2,588,519	\$ 2,418,756	\$ 2,418,756
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 114,596	\$ 128,599	\$ 162,300	\$ 167,350	\$ 164,350	\$ 164,350
Total		\$ 2,222,171	\$ 2,343,943	\$ 2,392,739	\$ 2,755,869	\$ 2,583,106	\$ 2,583,106
<b><u>Emergency Medl Serv (230)</u></b>							
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 57,408	\$ 55,685	\$ 70,550	\$ 76,350	\$ 75,350	\$ 75,350
Totals		\$ 57,408	\$ 55,685	\$ 70,550	\$ 76,350	\$ 75,350	\$ 75,350
<b><u>Emergency Planning (240)</u></b>							
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 7,109	\$ 6,580	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
Totals		\$ 7,109	\$ 6,580	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
<b><u>Inspection Dept (241)</u></b>							
Personal Service	510	\$ 120,692	\$ 128,596	\$ 139,251	\$ 146,318	\$ 138,607	\$ 138,607
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 16,812	\$ 13,987	\$ 14,750	\$ 14,750	\$ 14,750	\$ 14,750
Totals		\$ 137,503	\$ 142,584	\$ 154,001	\$ 161,068	\$ 153,357	\$ 153,357
<b><u>Sealer Weights (244)</u></b>							
Personal Service	510	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 1,750	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
Totals		\$ 1,750	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
<b><u>Communication Center (290)</u></b>							
Personal Service	510	\$ 272,124	\$ 281,964	\$ 341,104	\$ 463,091	\$ 328,320	\$ 328,320
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 99,265	\$ 99,972	\$ 127,282	\$ 134,647	\$ 119,287	\$ 119,287
Totals		\$ 371,388	\$ 381,936	\$ 468,386	\$ 597,738	\$ 447,607	\$ 447,607

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FY08 Operating Budget		FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2008	FY 2008
		Expense	Expense	Appropriated	Dept Request	Town Mgr	Finance Comm
						Recommend	Recommend.
<b>Animal Control (292)</b>							
	510	\$ 25,799	\$ 35,677	\$ 35,156	\$ 51,551	\$ 36,279	\$ 36,279
	570	\$ 7,683	\$ 8,221	\$ 9,050	\$ 9,150	\$ 7,900	\$ 7,900
	Totals	\$ 33,482	\$ 43,898	\$ 44,206	\$ 60,701	\$ 44,179	\$ 44,179
<b>Tree Warden (294)</b>							
	570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
	Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
<b>School Department (300)</b>							
	571	\$ 20,329,842	\$ 21,761,738	\$ 22,718,500	\$ 24,442,772	\$ 22,938,056	\$ 22,938,056
	Totals	\$ 20,329,842	\$ 21,761,738	\$ 22,718,500	\$ 24,442,772	\$ 22,938,056	\$ 22,938,056
<b>Southeastern Reg Voc (306)</b>							
	560	\$ 493,053	\$ 522,447	\$ 700,085	\$ 869,327	\$ 869,279	\$ 869,279
	Totals	\$ 493,053	\$ 522,447	\$ 700,085	\$ 869,327	\$ 869,279	\$ 869,279
<b>Reg Agricultural Sch (308)</b>							
	560	\$ 16,239	\$ 17,254	\$ 20,299	\$ 20,299	\$ 20,299	\$ 20,299
	Totals	\$ 16,239	\$ 17,254	\$ 20,299	\$ 20,299	\$ 20,299	\$ 20,299
<b>Highway (420)</b>							
	510	\$ 396,028	\$ 445,280	\$ 491,243	\$ 516,396	\$ 516,396	\$ 516,396
	570	\$ 106,430	\$ 87,495	\$ 134,350	\$ 142,500	\$ 129,650	\$ 129,650
	580	\$ 7,221	\$ 23,422	\$ 30,000	\$ 30,000	\$ 11,547	\$ 11,547
	581	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
	Totals	\$ 509,678	\$ 556,196	\$ 658,593	\$ 691,896	\$ 658,593	\$ 658,593
<b>Snow Removal (423)</b>							
	570	\$ 166,924	\$ 125,013	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
	Totals	\$ 166,924	\$ 125,013	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
<b>Street Lighting (425)</b>							
	570	\$ 81,133	\$ 84,776	\$ 90,000	\$ 94,282	\$ 94,282	\$ 94,282
	Totals	\$ 81,133	\$ 84,776	\$ 90,000	\$ 94,282	\$ 94,282	\$ 94,282

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FY08 Operating Budget		FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2008	FY 2008
		Expense	Expense	Appropriated	Dept Request	Town Mngr	Finance Comm
						Recommend	Recommend.
<b>Sanitary Landfill (438)</b>							
	570	\$ 1,978	\$ -	\$ 3,956	\$ 3,956	\$ 3,956	\$ 3,956
	Totals	\$ 1,978	\$ -	\$ 3,956	\$ 3,956	\$ 3,956	\$ 3,956
<b>Sewer Division (440)</b>							
	510	\$ 86,114	\$ 100,808	\$ 111,045	\$ 112,283	\$ 112,283	\$ 112,283
	570	\$ 367,499	\$ 384,531	\$ 635,661	\$ 498,620	\$ 492,470	\$ 492,470
	Totals	\$ 453,614	\$ 485,339	\$ 746,706	\$ 610,903	\$ 604,753	\$ 604,753
<b>Board of Health (510)</b>							
	510	\$ 87,806	\$ 94,839	\$ 110,786	\$ 124,104	\$ 114,593	\$ 114,593
	570	\$ 11,374	\$ 6,592	\$ 11,881	\$ 13,050	\$ 9,500	\$ 9,500
	Totals	\$ 99,180	\$ 101,431	\$ 122,667	\$ 137,154	\$ 124,093	\$ 124,093
<b>Public Health Nurse (522)</b>							
	510	\$ 17,214	\$ 19,323	\$ 24,000	\$ 28,704	\$ 25,834	\$ 25,834
	570	\$ 3,226	\$ 6,173	\$ 9,500	\$ 11,000	\$ 9,650	\$ 9,650
	Totals	\$ 20,440	\$ 25,496	\$ 33,500	\$ 39,704	\$ 35,484	\$ 35,484
<b>Council on Aging (541)</b>							
	510	\$ 69,004	\$ 58,210	\$ 55,200	\$ 48,787	\$ 48,788	\$ 48,788
	570	\$ 13,253	\$ 16,355	\$ 20,118	\$ 13,975	\$ 12,550	\$ 12,550
	Totals	\$ 82,256	\$ 74,565	\$ 75,318	\$ 62,762	\$ 61,338	\$ 61,338
<b>Veterans Agent (543)</b>							
	510	\$ 24,424	\$ 30,318	\$ 33,320	\$ 34,450	\$ 34,450	\$ 34,450
	570	\$ 1,328	\$ 1,497	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,900	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,600
	579	\$ 159,850	\$ 165,095	\$ 197,825	\$ 200,000	\$ 195,000	\$ 195,000
	Totals	\$ 185,602	\$ 196,909	\$ 232,845	\$ 236,350	\$ 231,050	\$ 231,050
<b>Handicap Commission (549)</b>							
	570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
	Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100

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FY08 Operating Budget	FY 2005 Expense	FY 2006 Expense	FY 2007 Appropriated	FY 2008 Dept Request	FY 2008 Town Mgr Recommend	FY 2008 Finance Comm Recommend.
<b>Library (610)</b>						
Other Charges & Expenses	570 \$ 408,244	\$ 422,113	\$ 437,722	\$ 475,997	\$ 452,008	\$ 452,008
Totals	\$ 408,244	\$ 422,113	\$ 437,722	\$ 475,997	\$ 452,008	\$ 452,008
<b>Recreation (630)</b>						
Salaries	510 \$ 37,874	\$ 9,507	\$ 1,136	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Charges & Expenses	570 \$ 17,919	\$ 53,085	\$ 77,165	\$ 78,300	\$ 61,195	\$ 61,195
Totals	\$ 55,793	\$ 62,592	\$ 78,301	\$ 78,300	\$ 61,195	\$ 61,195
<b>Historical Comm (691)</b>						
Other Charges & Expenses	570 \$ 31	\$ 77	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 300	\$ 300
Totals	\$ 31	\$ 77	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 300	\$ 300
<b>Memorial &amp; Vets Day (692)</b>						
Other Charges & Expenses	570 \$ 1,488	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
Totals	\$ 1,488	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
<b>Historical Dist Comm (693)</b>						
Other Charges & Expenses	570 \$ 329	\$ 915	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 300	\$ 300
Totals	\$ 329	\$ 915	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 300	\$ 300
<b>Maturing Debt (711)</b>						
Purchase of Services	520 \$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Charges & Expenses	570 \$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Exp	579 \$ 26,479	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service	590 \$ 1,578,393	\$ 1,732,382	\$ 1,586,407	\$ 1,590,395	\$ 1,590,395	\$ 1,590,395
Short-Term Debt	594 \$ 178,333	\$ 128,333	\$ 128,334	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ 1,783,206	\$ 1,860,715	\$ 1,714,741	\$ 1,590,395	\$ 1,590,395	\$ 1,590,395
<b>Interest (750)</b>						
Other Charges & Expenses	570 \$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Debt Service	590 \$ 962,064	\$ 938,579	\$ 876,168	\$ 841,912	\$ 841,912	\$ 841,912
Short-Term Debt	594 \$ 22,739	\$ 8,168	\$ 6,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals	\$ 984,802	\$ 946,746	\$ 882,668	\$ 841,912	\$ 841,912	\$ 841,912

ARTICLE 31

FY08 Operating Budget		FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2008	FY 2008
		Expense	Expense	Appropriated	Dept Request	Town Mgr	Finance Comm
<u>Employee Benefits (910)</u>						Recommend	Recommend.
	510	\$ 1,191,251	\$ 1,421,649	\$ 1,567,963	\$ 1,835,289	\$ 1,835,289	\$ 1,835,289
	511	\$ 4,288,001	\$ 5,019,605	\$ 5,550,000	\$ 5,856,012	\$ 5,856,012	\$ 5,856,012
	570	\$ 243,760	\$ 277,224	\$ 290,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
	Totals	\$ 5,723,012	\$ 6,718,478	\$ 7,407,963	\$ 7,991,301	\$ 7,991,301	\$ 7,991,301
<u>Unemployment Comp (911)</u>							
	570	\$ 16,073	\$ 37,707	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
	Totals	\$ 16,073	\$ 37,707	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
<u>Miscellaneous (940)</u>							
	540	\$ 111,025	\$ 117,215	\$ 130,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000	\$ 115,000
	570	\$ 319,251	\$ 351,134	\$ 375,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000	\$ 390,000
	Totals	\$ 430,275	\$ 468,349	\$ 505,000	\$ 505,000	\$ 505,000	\$ 505,000
<b>Grand Totals</b>		\$ 37,943,245	\$ 41,199,463	\$ 43,624,262	\$ 46,747,305	\$ 44,589,826	\$ 44,589,826



## ARTICLE 32

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2008 operating budget for the Town and the public schools; provided, however, that any appropriation authorized hereunder shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of a so-called Proposition 2½ override question pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.59, §21C, or take any other action relative thereto.

### (SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Not recommended. During its extensive debate regarding this issue, it became evident that a clear majority of the Finance Committee understood and were very sympathetic to the educational problems faced by the School Committee in the wake of the substantial reduction in teachers and other educational services necessitated by the amount voted for schools in FY 2007. Three different motions were made, discussed, and voted on – all of which would have required support for one or another version of an override for schools. On each motion the Committee's vote was divided; however, none was successful in passing. Given the overall financial situation in which the Town presently finds itself, the need to fund two major school repair proposals this year, and the rejection by the voters of an override proposal just a year ago, a majority of the Finance Committee did not believe it was appropriate to recommend passage of a budget proposal that would exceed the expected revenue for FY 2008.

## ARTICLE 33

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of (1) reconstructing and/or making extraordinary repairs to the Norton Middle School building located at 215-223 West Main Street, including, but not limited to, the building's envelope and roof, (2) funding any additional design service, contract administration, professional, and other incidental fees and expenses relative thereto, and (3) 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. Due to regulations controlling the process of requesting and receiving bids, the general construction bids for this project are not due until May 16. Therefore, a motion will be made to continue the Annual Town Meeting to May 23, 2007, at which time Article 33 will be considered. The Finance Committee will provide a recommendation at that 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, Trinitarian Church, Unitarian Church, Norton 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 Seven.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN OF NORTON

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

Mary T. Steele  
Mary T. Steele

Timothy R. Giblin  
Timothy R. Giblin

Stephen G. Gradie  
Stephen G. Gradie

Robert S. Salvo, Sr.  
Robert S. Salvo, Sr.

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

ATTEST:

Ronald A. Benaschi CONSTABLE Norton DATE 5/4/07

### ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will transfer from available funds or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of (1) reconstructing and/or making extraordinary repairs to the Henri A. Yelle Elementary School building located at 64 West Main Street, including, but not limited to, the building's envelope and structural beams, (2) funding any additional design service, contract administration, professional, and other incidental fees and expenses relative thereto, and (3) 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: Recommended, the amount of \$150,000.00 by borrowing and the amount of \$7,500.00 to be transferred from Free Cash (the last to cover the first year of interest payment).**

### ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will transfer from the Water Surplus Account a sum of money for legal services, technical assistance, and other incidental fees and expenses, relative to the pending Mansfield Treatment Plant litigation and the Town of Mansfield, 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.

(WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$32,500.00 to be transferred from the Water Surplus Account.**

### ARTICLE 5

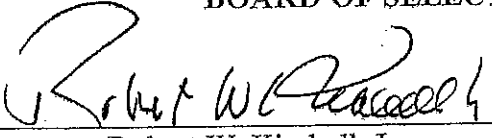
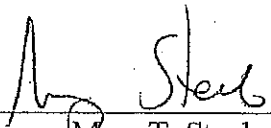
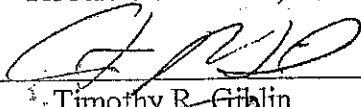
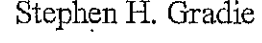
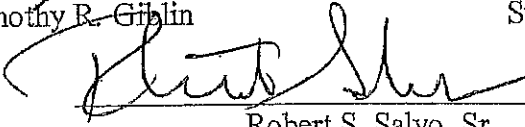
To see if the Town will transfer a sum of money from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust Program Reserve for Appropriation Account to support administrative costs of said program, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF HEALTH)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$10,000.00 to be transferred from the Water Pollution Abatement Trust Program Interest Earnings Account. This is to cover costs incurred by the Town in administering the loan program for sewer tie-ins or septic system rebuilding funded by the State.**

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 26<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year Two Thousand Seven.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN OF NORTON

 _____ Robert W. Kimball, Jr.	 _____ Mary T. Steele
 _____ Timothy R. Giblin	 _____ Stephen H. Gradie
 _____ Robert S. Salvo, Sr.	

Norton, Massachusetts

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ATTEST:

 CONSTABLE Norton DATE 4/27/07

**TOWN OF NORTON  
WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
MAY 14, 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 Monday, the 14th day of May, 2007, A.D., at eight 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 \$1,652.92 to be transferred from Free Cash to pay the following unpaid bills incurred in prior fiscal years:

Account 290 - Communications Department

Verizon	Telephone Bill	\$1,612.32
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Account 420 - Highway Department

Sun Chronicle	Legal Notice Publication	\$ 40.60
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## ARTICLE 2

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: No action. The Committee had discussed the following but not voted on this article at the time this report went to print. A formal recommendation by the Committee will be made at Town Meeting.**

Department	Account	Use	Amount
Town Manager's Office	1-123-510	Wage Expense	\$ 2,652.00
Accounting	1-135-510	Wage Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Legal Services	1-151-520	Services	\$ 15,000.00
Data Processing	1-155-570	IT-Related Expenses	\$ 3,000.00
Police Department	1-210-510	Wage Expense (Injury)	\$ 46,000.00
Inspection	1-241-510	Wage Expense	\$ 25,000.00
Communications	1-290-570	Expense (Consulting Services)	\$ 2,500.00
Dog Officer	1-292-510	Wage Expense	\$ 3,000.00
Snow Removal	1-423-570	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 2,334.00
Street Lighting	1-425-570	Expense	\$ 10,000.00
Public Health Nurse	1-522-510	Wage Expense	\$ 150.00
Employee Benefits	1-910-511	Health Insurance Expense	\$ 100,000.00
Miscellaneous	1-940-540	Casoline Expense	\$ 30,000.00

TOTAL OF SUPPLEMENTS: \$ 240,636.00

Treasurer/Collector	1-147-511	Transfer from 1-147-510	\$ 21,335.75
Treasurer/Collector	1-147-511	Transfer from 1-147-570	\$ 10,000.00

TOTAL OF TRANSFERS \$ 31,335.75