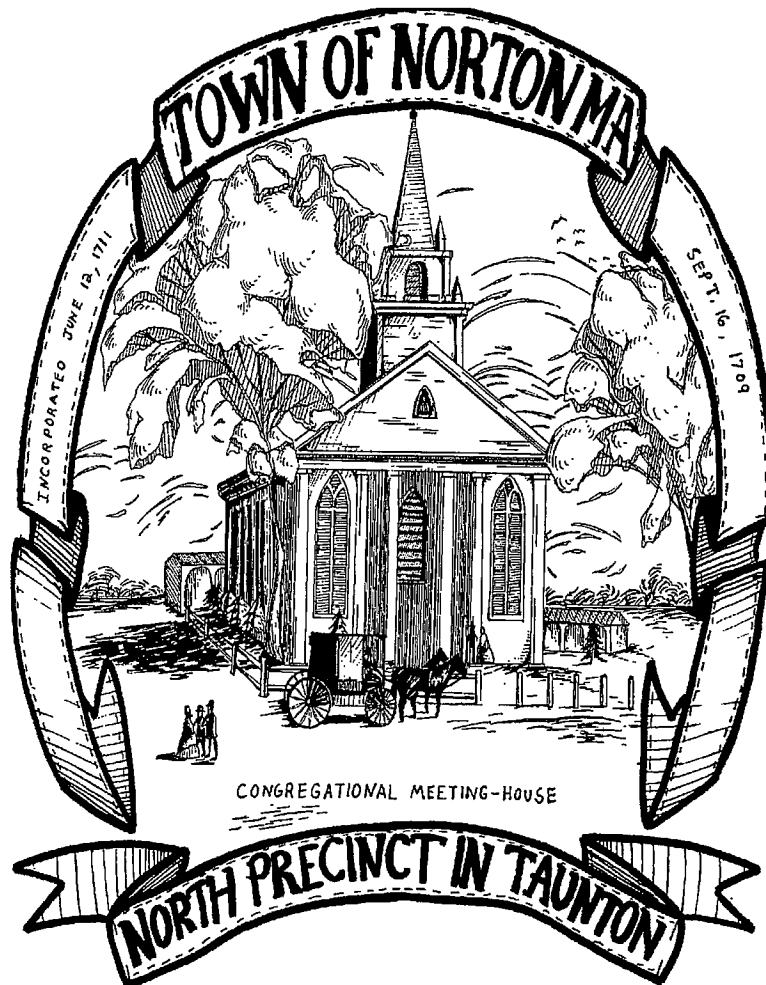


TOWN OF NORTON



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

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008



Report of the Norton Finance Committee
For the May 2008 Town Meeting

The Town of Norton, not unlike other communities, is in the midst of a serious financial crisis. This crisis has been created due to rising fixed and shared costs in these communities. This, along with the rising costs of items such as fuel, have created a situation where the ability to raise revenue is unable to keep pace with rising expenses. In the town of Norton, this situation has been made worse by the current formula for Chapter 70 State Aid to Education. In determining the amount of Chapter 70 Aid to each city or town, the State takes into account such items as assessed real estate values and per capita income. The State has determined that the Town of Norton can, and should, contribute more to the school budget. Accordingly, the State is reducing the percentage of aid it contributes to our school budget from 52% to 46% incrementally over the next five years. This decrease in state reimbursement on a \$22 Million Dollar budget is considerable. In addition, declining town revenues in areas such as auto excise tax and new building growth are contributing to the increasing gap between revenues and expenses.

This situation did not come as a surprise to the Committee. We have advised the townspeople of this increasing gap in previous reports to the Town. In previous years, the town was able to supplement the budget with free cash and reserves. Although the Finance Committee realized that this is not a good long-term policy, we felt the need to maintain an acceptable level of services to the town was paramount. However, during the coming fiscal year this is not possible. For FY 2008, one million dollars of free cash was used to supplement the budget. During the coming fiscal year, this option is not available to us. In addition, our Capital Improvement Reserves are such that they can no longer meet the basic Capital Improvement needs of the town. The Stabilization Account contains approximately \$900,000, some of which will very likely be used to supplement the Capital Improvement needs of the town, with the remainder needed to be reserved for emergencies. The Finance Committee can no longer support the use of these reserves to pay for reoccurring operational costs such as salaries and reoccurring budget expenses. For all these reasons, the Town is faced with a considerable revenue shortfall for FY 2009. This shortfall can only be made up in two ways. One would be to pass a Proposition 2½ Override, a direction the Town of Norton has rejected several times. The other is to reduce expenditures so that they fall in line with projected revenues. This is what the proposed budget we are recommending does, but the net result is a major reduction of services provided to the public in many areas.

The Town Manager has continued to work with town employees and others to contain the rising costs of benefits such as health insurance. The increase in employee benefits in the recommended budget will be limited to 9.9%, well below the state average of approximately 14%. Please note that the increase between FY 2006 and FY 2007 was 11.3%. Total fixed and shared expenses have been budgeted at an increase of 7.7%.

In the proposed budget, the School Committee will be cutting approximately \$370,000 from their budgets. This will entail reductions in staff, increased class size, reductions in support services, and a large increase in user fees for items such as transportation, athletics, and academic clubs. It will also once again force the School Department to cut back on ordering of necessary supplies and, more importantly, textbooks, and for that reason outdated textbooks will continue to be used in some of our classrooms.

The remainder of the recommended reductions will come from the Town side of Government. In making these cuts the Committee, along with the Selectmen and Town Manager, have been forced to develop a strategy of funding the most basic function of Government. Therefore, Public Safety and Public Health became the priority. There have been cuts across Town government. The worst of the recommended cuts will be made in the Library. With these reductions, the Library will lose State Certification as well as \$28,000 in State Aid. This is extremely regrettable. But given the alternative of making cuts, which in our opinion would have created serious public safety issues, the Committee had little choice. The Finance Committee is committed to recommend that any additional revenue found be directed towards the Library.

Another major area, which is proposed to be reduced significantly, is the Recreation Department. The recreation program has been abolished. There is a small amount of money that has been directed to maintenance of our existing facilities.

The final major area recommended for reductions is the Council on Aging. The Director's position has been eliminated. We hope to maintain an acceptable level of services to our senior population through utilization of volunteers either through our schools and/or the senior work program.

The members of the Finance Committee are not at all happy in recommending these cuts. However, we are charged with recommending a balanced budget to the Town Meeting within the current revenues that are available.

In closing, the Townspeople need to know that as it stands right now, unless there are drastic changes in the financial picture, the outlook for FY 2010 is worse. The Town of Norton is one of a small handful of towns in Massachusetts that has never responded favorably to a proposed override during the 28 years Proposition 2½ has existed. Without a major change in our revenue structure, additional reductions in all areas, including Public Safety, loom on the financial horizon.

Respectfully submitted by the Norton Finance Committee:

Lee Tarantino	Chair
Michael Thomas	Vice Chair
Pasquale Barletta	
Robert Bouchard	
Thomas DeLuca	
Jackie Desrochers	
Wayne Graf	
Paul Helmreich	
Phillip Zawasky	

**TOWN OF NORTON
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008
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 12th day of May, 2008, 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 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 Highway Department 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 2

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 82 to discontinue that portion of Maple Street and only to the extent that the subject portion of Maple Street may be a public way, as shown as Parcel M-1 on a plan titled "Discontinuance Plan of a Portion of Maple Street in Norton, Massachusetts Prepared for Millwork Realty Trust" dated September 12, 2007, drawn by Yarworth Engineering Company, Inc., and on

file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to release any or all right, title, and interest the Town may hold within said portion of the way as previously laid out, provided, however, that the petitioners have provided releases, indemnification, and surety, to the Town to the satisfaction of the Board of Selectmen; or take any other action relative thereto.

(PETITION OF MILLWORK REALTY TRUST)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. This section of Maple Street is bound on both sides by the property of Millwork Realty Trust.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire, on behalf of the Town, by purchase, gift, or eminent domain, the fee interest in a parcel approximately twenty (20) feet in width, abutting the western boundary of property owned by Mansfield Co-Operative Bank located at 225 West Main Street, Norton, the 225 West Main Street parcel being shown as Assessors Map 22NP, Lot 143, and extending from said western boundary of the 225 West Main Street parcel to the center line of the area shown as "proposed street" on plan titled "Plan of Land Norton, Mass. Surveyed For David K. Boudreau," dated July 1946, prepared by Frederick L. Tripp, recorded with Bristol County North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 41, Page 70, and also shown as "owners unknown" on plan titled "Plan of Land Norton, Massachusetts," dated November 18, 1999, prepared by Hayward-Boynton & Williams, Inc., recorded with Bristol County North District Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 383, Page 53, such parcel to be acquired for school purposes and to be in the care, custody, management, and control of the School Committee, and further to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or borrow sums of money for this purpose and any expenses related thereto, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into all agreements and take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition, and to appropriate therefor the sum of One Dollar, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(SCHOOL COMMITTEE and BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. This will provide a second emergency entrance to the Middle School. It is the Bank's intention to convey ownership of this property to the Town. Approval of this article will allow the Town to begin work constructing the access way.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase election machines, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TOWN CLERK)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$8,300.00 to be transferred from Free Cash. This is the equipment used for counting and recording the votes, not the voting machine.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000.00, more or less, for the purpose of the Fiscal Year 2009 Triennial Revaluation and associated costs, as mandated by the Department of Revenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF ASSESSORS)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$50,000.00, with \$5,000.00 being transferred from Account 1-141-2188-580245 (approved May 9, 2005, STM Article 3), \$7,750.00 being transferred from Account 1-141-2204-580267 (approved May 1, 2006, STM Article 4), and the balance of \$37,250.00 being transferred from Stabilization.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will establish a revolving fund pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½, of the General Laws to allow the Norton Historical Commission to receive fees and other funds in connection with the sale of literature, products, or information designed to promote public education regarding the historical significance of the Town of Norton, to be expended by the Historical Commission to a maximum of \$4,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2009, for the creation, production, reproduction, and/or dissemination of literature, products, and information designed to promote public education regarding the historical significance of the town of Norton, including but not limited to the creation of coloring books and other materials intended to educate the public, or take any other action relative thereto.

(NORTON HISTORICAL COMMISSION)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. This article establishes a place to deposit funds received from grants or other sources that are designated for the purpose specified. All revolving funds established pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-1/2, must be renewed each year by the vote of Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will establish a revolving fund pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½, of the General Laws to allow the Board of Health to receive revenue from home composting bin sales or donations to the Home Composting Bin Distribution Program and allow the Board of Health to expend such funds to a maximum of \$2,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2009 for the purchase of additional Compost Bins, advertising, administrative expenses, or other such expenses as are directly related to furthering the Town's Home Composting Bin Distribution Program, and, should funds remain in this account after demand for compost bins has been satisfied, such funds may be used for public education on home composting, or another solid waste program approved by MassDEP, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 8

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 9

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 10

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 2009 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 11

To see if the Town will vote to: (1) transfer a sum of money from the Public School's Early Childhood Program revolving fund established pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½, of the General Laws for the use of the Norton Public Schools to the Public School's Early Childhood Program Account established by the School Committee pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 47, of the General Laws for the Norton Public School's Early Childhood Program; or (2) in the alternative, to continue a revolving fund pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½, of the General Laws for the Public School's Early Childhood Program, to receive receipts, tuition, and enrollment fees received by the School Department for participation in the Early Childhood Program, to be expended by the School Committee to a maximum of \$64,000.00 in Fiscal Year 2009 for the nurturing, care, and education of young children enrolled in said Early Childhood program, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to: (1) transfer a sum of money from the Public School's Full-Day Kindergarten Program revolving fund established for the use of the Norton Public Schools to the Public School's Full-Day Kindergarten Program Account established by the School Committee pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 47 of the General Laws for the Norton Public School's Full-Day Kindergarten Program; or (2) in the alternative, to continue a revolving fund pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½, of the General Laws for the Public School's Full-Day Kindergarten Program, to receive receipts, tuition, and enrollment fees

received by the School Department for participation in the Full-Day Kindergarten Program, to be expended by the School Committee to a maximum of \$177,545.00 in Fiscal Year 2009 for the nurturing, care, and education of young children enrolled in said Full-Day Kindergarten Program, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 13

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 a Household Hazardous Waste Collection day, 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 14

To see if the Town will amend the Town By-Laws, "Illicit Discharges to the Municipal Storm Drain System," by amending Notification of Spills, Section 10, which currently reads:

Notwithstanding other requirements of local, state or federal law, as soon as a person responsible for a facility or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility or operation has information of or suspects a release of materials at that facility or operation resulting in or which may result in discharge of pollutants to the municipal drainage system or waters of the Commonwealth, the person shall take all necessary steps to ensure containment, and cleanup of the release. In the event of a release of oil or hazardous materials, the person shall immediately notify the municipal Fire and Police Departments, the Conservation Commission and the Highway Department. In the event of a release of non-hazardous materials, the reporting person shall notify the Conservation Commission and the Highway Department no later than the next business day. The reporting person shall provide to the Conservation Commission and the Highway Department written confirmation of all telephone, facsimile or in-person notifications within three business days thereafter. If the discharge of

prohibited materials is from a commercial or industrial facility, the facility owner or operator of the facility shall retain on-site a written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years.

to read as follows:

Notwithstanding other requirements of local, state or federal law, as soon as a person responsible for a facility or operation, or responsible for emergency response for a facility or operation has information of or suspects a release of materials at that facility or operation resulting in or which may result in discharge of pollutants to the municipal drainage system or waters of the Commonwealth, the person shall take all necessary steps to ensure containment, and cleanup of the release. In the event of a release of oil or hazardous materials, the person shall immediately notify the municipal Fire and Police Departments, the Conservation Commission, **the Board of Health**, and the Highway Department. In the event of a release of non-hazardous materials, the reporting person shall notify the Conservation Commission, **the Board of Health**, and the Highway Department no later than the next business day. The reporting person shall provide to the Conservation Commission, **the Board of Health**, and the Highway Department written confirmation of all telephone, facsimile or in-person notifications within three business days thereafter. If the discharge of prohibited materials is from a commercial or industrial facility, the facility owner or operator of the facility shall retain on-site a written record of the discharge and the actions taken to prevent its recurrence. Such records shall be retained for at least three years.

or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF HEALTH AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 15

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 2009" or take any other action relative thereto:

WATER DIVISION:

	<u>2006</u> <u>Expend</u>	<u>2007</u> <u>Expend</u>	<u>2008</u> <u>Approp.</u>	<u>2009</u> <u>Requested</u>
Salaries	492,880	522,058	587,474	604,699
Expenses	527,511	538,993	662,600	801,700
Town Reim Serv	168,425	168,000	168,000	200,000
Outstanding Debt	196,006	190,644	594,032	884,982
Total	1,384,822	1,585,027	2,012,106	2,491,381

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$2,491,381.00, as follows:

Salaries	\$ 604,699.00
Expenses	\$ 801,700.00
Town Reim Serv	\$ 200,000.00
Outstanding Debt	<u>\$ 884,982.00</u>
Total	<u>\$2,491,381.00</u>

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Norton Board of Selectmen and Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, acting on behalf of the Town and in cooperation with other towns, including Mansfield and Foxboro, to draft special legislation to create a Regional Sewer District Commission with substantially the same powers, membership, governance, and purposes set forth in G.L. c. 21, sections 28 through 30, [supplemented and amended as the Selectmen, the Commissioners, and the authorized representatives of the other towns may agree, by the matters set forth in G.L. c. 40N, section 25 and by such other amendments upon which the Selectmen, the Commissioners, and said representatives shall agree]; to direct the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to request that the state representative and senator representing this town file and support such special legislation; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements, to obtain permits, and to take all action necessary to effect the foregoing; or to take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. This will allow the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners to pursue a Regional Sewer District Commission with Mansfield and Foxboro. It will give Norton a two-sevenths ownership along with Foxboro's two-sevenths ownership and Mansfield's three-sevenths ownership in the Sewer Treatment Plant and a majority say in its operation.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Norton Board of Selectmen and Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, acting on behalf of the Town, to amend and execute a revised agreement for wastewater treatment between the Town of Mansfield and the Town of Norton, which proposed agreement revises, updates, and supersedes the *Agreement for Wastewater Treatment between the Town of Mansfield, Massachusetts and the Town of Norton, Massachusetts*, dated June 18, 1986, and amended June 17, 1987. And to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements, to obtain permits, and to take all actions necessary to affect the foregoing, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. Acceptance of this article will allow the Town to enter into necessary agreements with the Town of Mansfield for wastewater treatment should Article 16, which establishes a Regional Sewer District, fail at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 44, §53F½, for the purpose of establishing an enterprise fund for the operation of the Sewer Division, and further, to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money to defray the operating and capital costs of said enterprise for the Fiscal Year 2009, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

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 19

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: 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 20

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 \$264,165.00. The amount of \$185,605.91 to be transferred from the Capital Improvements Account, \$67,665.00 to be transferred from the Ambulance Reserve Account, and \$10,894.09 to be transferred from Account #1-300-2207-580148 for the purchase of the following items:

Cruiser Replacement	Police Department	\$ 65,000.00
Ambulance #2 Replacement (Year 2 of 3)	Fire Department	\$ 67,665.00
Pumper Replacement (Year 5 of 5)	Fire Department	\$ 89,500.00
Replace SPED bus (2000)	Schools	\$ 42,000.00

ARTICLE 20

PROPOSED FY09 CAPITAL BUDGET

CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	TOWN MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION	FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION
CONSERVATION (171)				
Inspection (Phase II Norton Reservoir Dam)	5,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT (210)				
Cruiser Replacement	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00	65,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)				
Ambulance #2 Replacement (Year 2 of 3)	67,665.00	67,665.00	67,665.00	67,665.00
Pumper Replacement (Year 5 of 5)	89,500.00	89,500.00	89,500.00	89,500.00
Squad #1 Replacement	105,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Sedan Replacement	24,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SCHOOLS (300)				
L. G. NOURSE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL				
Replace septic system- WWT	350,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SYSTEM WIDE				
Replace SPED bus (2000)	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00	42,000.00
HIGHWAY (420)				
Brush Hog	139,075.76	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL (W/O AMBULANCE RESERVE & ARTICLE TRANSFER)	808,681.67	185,605.91	185,605.91	185,605.91
TOTAL AMBULANCE RESERVE FUND	67,665.00	67,665.00	67,665.00	67,665.00
TOTAL ARTICLE BALANCE TRANSFER	10,894.09	10,894.09	10,894.09	10,894.09
TOTAL (INC. AMBULANCE RESERVE & ARTICLE TRANSFER)	887,240.76	264,165.00	264,165.00	264,165.00

ARTICLE 21

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 \$45,104,849. This budget is based upon the estimated revenue available to the Town in Fiscal Year 2009. The past two years the Town has taken \$1,000,000 in Free Cash to cover the revenue shortfall in the budget. This year, Free Cash is \$193,583, none of which is available for Fiscal 2009 operating purposes. Accordingly, after accounting for fixed costs, the General Government and School budget proposals are below Fiscal 2008 levels. To balance the budget, hours have been reduced in several departments, staff reductions and program cuts the result. The contract with the Attleboro YMCA for the Town's recreation program is not being recommended for funding. The Council on Aging position is being eliminated, and the current director will assume the position of Veterans Agent. The Library budget has been cut by more than \$150,000 which will result in reduced hours and decertification.

The aim of the Fiscal 2009 budget is to maintain Public Safety and Public Health at a level that protects the citizens of Norton. The Stabilization Fund at \$891,037 and the Capital Improvements Fund at \$737,478 are not sufficient to meet unforeseen events and maintain Capital Improvements.

The Fiscal 2009 budget is a prelude to 2010 and 2011 as the Finance Committee does not foresee a major change in revenues for the next several years.

ARTICLE 21

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FY09 Operating Budget		FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009
		Expended	Expended	Appropriated	Dept	Request	Town Mngr
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<u>Treasurer/Collector (147)</u>							
Personal Service	510	\$ 55,729	\$ 14,595	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Oth Personal Service	511	\$ 120,165	\$ 149,797	\$ 206,500	\$ 206,160	\$ 189,681	\$ 189,681
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 52,051	\$ 40,900	\$ 51,075	\$ 51,665	\$ 51,665	\$ 51,665
Totals		\$ 227,945	\$ 205,292	\$ 257,575	\$ 257,825	\$ 241,346	\$ 241,346
<u>Legal Services (151)</u>							
Purchase of Services	520	\$ 75,782	\$ 84,112	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
Totals		\$ 75,782	\$ 84,112	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000	\$ 80,000
<u>Data Processing (155)</u>							
Personal Service	510	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 81,168	\$ 91,014	\$ 81,000	\$ 111,000	\$ 111,000	\$ 111,000
Totals		\$ 81,168	\$ 91,014	\$ 111,000	\$ 111,000	\$ 111,000	\$ 111,000
<u>Web Committee (156)</u>							
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ -	\$ 95	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
Totals		\$ -	\$ 95	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
<u>Tax Title Foreclosure (158)</u>							
General Expenses	570	\$ 39,097	\$ 31,055	\$ 40,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
Totals	570	\$ 39,097	\$ 31,055	\$ 40,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
<u>Town Clerk (161)</u>							
Personal Service	510	\$ 40,994	\$ 42,429	\$ 47,292	\$ 46,110	\$ 45,232	\$ 45,232
Oth Personal Service	511	\$ 37,197	\$ 43,016	\$ 40,177	\$ 40,557	\$ 36,968	\$ 36,968
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 2,757	\$ 2,320	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,350	\$ 2,350
Totals		\$ 80,948	\$ 87,765	\$ 89,819	\$ 89,017	\$ 84,550	\$ 84,550
<u>Elections (162)</u>							
Personal Service	510	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550	\$ 550
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 26,792	\$ 31,619	\$ 22,808	\$ 39,024	\$ 39,024	\$ 39,024
Totals		\$ 27,342	\$ 32,169	\$ 23,358	\$ 39,574	\$ 39,574	\$ 39,574

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			FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009
FY09 Operating Budget			Expended	Expended	Appropriated	Dept	Town Mngr	Finance Comm
						Request	Recommend	Recommend.
<u>Conservation Comm (171)</u>								
Personal Services	510	\$	81,017	\$ 86,924	\$	90,105	\$ 90,514	\$ 90,515
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	5,129	\$ 3,944	\$	3,165	\$ 3,165	\$ 3,165
Totals		\$	86,146	\$ 90,868	\$	93,270	\$ 93,679	\$ 93,680
<u>Planning Board (175)</u>								
Personal Services	510	\$	76,390	\$ 82,776	\$	86,901	\$ 86,097	\$ 86,098
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	2,681	\$ 2,767	\$	3,850	\$ 3,850	\$ 3,550
Totals		\$	79,071	\$ 85,542	\$	90,751	\$ 89,947	\$ 89,648
<u>SE REG Plan & Econ Dev (176)</u>								
Assessment	560	\$	2,913	\$ 2,913	\$	2,914	\$ 2,914	\$ 2,914
Totals		\$	2,913	\$ 2,913	\$	2,914	\$ 2,914	\$ 2,914
<u>Zoning Bd Of Appeals (177)</u>								
Personal Service	510	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	152	\$ 273	\$	300	\$ 300	\$ 300
Totals		\$	152	\$ 273	\$	300	\$ 300	\$ 300
<u>Industrial Dev Comm (182)</u>								
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	-	\$ -	\$	100	\$ 100	\$ -
Totals		\$	-	\$ -	\$	100	\$ 100	\$ -
<u>Municipal Bldg Maint (192)</u>								
Personal Service	510	\$	-	\$ -	\$	-	\$ -	\$ -
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	260,161	\$ 219,378	\$	259,936	\$ 259,936	\$ 259,936
Totals		\$	260,161	\$ 219,378	\$	259,936	\$ 259,936	\$ 259,936
<u>Town Report (195)</u>								
Purchase Of Services	520	\$	2,876	\$ -	\$	3,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Totals		\$	2,876	\$ -	\$	3,500	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
<u>Postage - All Depts (199)</u>								
General Expenses	520	\$	35,766	\$ 40,983	\$	45,400	\$ 45,400	\$ 43,279
Totals		\$	35,766	\$ 40,983	\$	45,400	\$ 45,400	\$ 43,279

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ARTICLE 21

			FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009
FY09 Operating Budget			Expended	Expended	Appropriated	Dept	Town Mngr	Finance Comm
						Request	Recommend	Recommend.
<u>Sanitary Landfill (438)</u>								
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	-	\$	3,956	\$	3,956	\$
Totals		\$	-	\$	3,956	\$	3,956	\$
<u>Sewer Division (440)</u>								
Personal Service	510	\$	100,808	\$	112,283	\$	113,715	\$
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	384,531	\$	492,470	\$	639,789	\$
Totals		\$	485,339	\$	604,753	\$	753,504	\$
<u>Board of Health (510)</u>								
Personal Service	510	\$	94,839	\$	114,593	\$	114,593	\$
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	6,592	\$	9,500	\$	9,500	\$
Totals		\$	101,431	\$	124,093	\$	124,093	\$
<u>Public Health Nurse (522)</u>								
Personal Service	510	\$	19,323	\$	25,834	\$	25,834	\$
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	6,173	\$	9,650	\$	9,650	\$
Totals		\$	25,496	\$	35,484	\$	35,484	\$
<u>Council on Aging (541)</u>								
Personal Service	510	\$	58,210	\$	48,788	\$	-	\$
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	16,355	\$	12,970	\$	13,370	\$
Totals		\$	74,565	\$	61,758	\$	13,370	\$
<u>Veterans Agent (543)</u>								
Personal Service	510	\$	30,318	\$	34,450	\$	48,788	\$
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	1,497	\$	1,600	\$	1,600	\$
General Expenses	579	\$	165,095	\$	195,000	\$	220,000	\$
Totals		\$	196,909	\$	231,050	\$	270,388	\$
<u>Handicap Commission (549)</u>								
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	-	\$	100	\$	100	\$
Totals		\$	-	\$	100	\$	100	\$

ARTICLE 21

			FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009
FY09 Operating Budget			Expended	Expended	Appropriated	Dept	Town Mngr	Finance Comm
						Request	Recommend	Recommend.
<u>Library (610)</u>								
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	422,113	\$	452,008	\$	295,314	\$
								295,314
Totals		\$	422,113	\$	452,008	\$	295,314	\$
								295,314
<u>Recreation (630)</u>								
Salaries	510	\$	9,507	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	53,085	\$	61,195	\$	9,695	\$
								9,695
Totals		\$	62,592	\$	61,195	\$	9,695	\$
								9,695
<u>Historical Comm (691)</u>								
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	77	\$	300	\$	300	\$
								300
Totals		\$	77	\$	300	\$	300	\$
								300
<u>Memorial & Vets Day (692)</u>								
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	1,500	\$	1,500	\$	1,500	\$
								1,500
Totals		\$	1,500	\$	1,500	\$	1,500	\$
								1,500
<u>Historical Dist Comm (693)</u>								
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	915	\$	300	\$	300	\$
								300
Totals		\$	915	\$	300	\$	300	\$
								300
<u>Maturing Debt (711)</u>								
Purchase of Services	520	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Other Exp	579	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$
Debt Service	590	\$	1,732,382	\$	1,590,395	\$	1,661,845	\$
Short-Term Debt	594	\$	128,333	\$	-	\$	-	\$
								-
Totals		\$	1,860,715	\$	1,590,395	\$	1,661,845	\$
								1,661,845
<u>Interest (750)</u>								
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$	-	\$	-	\$	34,429	\$
Debt Service	590	\$	938,579	\$	842,912	\$	787,080	\$
Short-Term Debt	594	\$	8,168	\$	-	\$	-	\$
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Totals		\$	946,746	\$	842,912	\$	821,509	\$
								821,509

ARTICLE 21

		FY 2006	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2009	FY 2009
FY09 Operating Budget		Expended	Expended	Appropriated	Dept	Town Mngr	Finance Comm
					Request	Recommend	Recommend.
<u>Employee Benefits (910)</u>							
Personal Service	510	\$ 1,421,649	\$ 1,567,963	\$ 1,835,289	\$ 1,914,390	\$ 1,914,390	\$ 1,914,390
Oth Personal Serv	511	\$ 5,019,605	\$ 5,628,133	\$ 5,856,012	\$ 6,570,000	\$ 6,570,000	\$ 6,570,000
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 277,224	\$ 283,808	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 300,000
Totals		\$ 6,718,478	\$ 7,479,904	\$ 7,991,301	\$ 8,784,390	\$ 8,784,390	\$ 8,784,390
<u>Unemployment Comp (911)</u>							
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 37,707	\$ 79,465	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
Totals		\$ 37,707	\$ 79,465	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
<u>Miscellaneous (940)</u>							
Supplies	540	\$ 117,215	\$ 133,174	\$ 115,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000
Other Charges & Expenses	570	\$ 351,134	\$ 367,741	\$ 390,000	\$ 365,697	\$ 365,697	\$ 365,697
Totals		\$ 468,349	\$ 500,916	\$ 505,000	\$ 515,697	\$ 515,697	\$ 515,697
Grand Totals		\$ 41,199,463	\$ 42,356,259	\$ 44,615,780	\$ 46,452,300	\$ 45,106,126	\$ 45,104,849

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will amend the Town of Norton Zoning Map as follows:

By deleting the existing Commercial zoning district located west of and parallel to South Worcester Street and Dean Street and located between the railroad tracks and Harvey Street; and by deleting the Commercial zoning district located east of and parallel to South Worcester Street located between Barrows Street and South Worcester Street; and by replacing it with the following Village Commercial district:

Beginning at the intersection of South Worcester Street and Barrows Street, then southerly along the centerline of South Worcester Street to its intersection with the railroad tracks, then westerly along the centerline of the railroad right-of-way for a distance of ...

1. Alternative 1:

350 feet, then southerly parallel to the centerline of South Worcester Street and Dean Street until its intersection with Harvey Street then easterly along the centerline of Harvey Street until its intersection with Dean Street, then northerly along the centerline of Dean Street to its intersection with South Worcester Street, then easterly along the centerline of South Worcester Street for 350 feet, then northerly and parallel to the centerline of South Worcester Street 350 feet distance from the centerline of South Worcester Street until its intersection with Barrows Street, then westerly along the centerline of Barrows Street to its intersection with South Worcester Street the point of beginning.

or,

2. Alternative 2:

550 feet then southerly parallel to the centerline of South Worcester Street and Dean Street until its intersection with the northern property line of lot 16 on Assessor's Map 31, then easterly along such property line and the northern property line of lot 23 on Assessor's Map 31 to the center line of Dean Street, then northerly along the center line of Dean Street and South Worcester Street to its intersection with the centerline of the railroad right-of-way, then easterly to a point opposite the southwest corner of the Tweave property (Assessor's Map 31, lot 140-02), then northerly along such property line until its intersection with Barrows Street, then westerly along the center line of Barrows Street to its intersection with South Worcester Street, the point of beginning.

or take any other action relative thereto.

(PLANNING BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will amend the Town of Norton Zoning Map as follows:

1. Alternative One:

By rezoning from Industrial to Village Commercial all that land beginning at the intersection of West Main Street and Park Lane then westerly along the centerline of West Main Street to a point where the centerline of West Main Street intersects the extended east property boundary line of Lot 84 on Assessor's Map 26 and then northerly along the extended east boundary line of Lot 84 to a point 550 feet back from West Main Street and then easterly parallel to and 550 feet back from the centerline of West Main Street to the intersection of the centerline of Park Lane and then southerly to the point of beginning;

or,

2. Alternative Two:

By rezoning from Industrial to Village Commercial the following parcels of land identified on Assessor's Map 26 as follows: Lots 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, and Shirley Avenue; and, rezone from Industrial to Residential-40 the remaining land located between Park Lane and the extended east boundary line of Lot 84 to a distance of 550 feet back from the centerline of West Main Street.

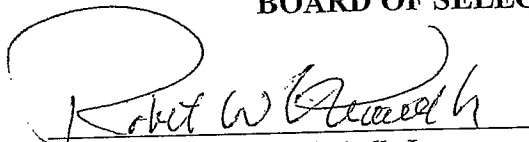
or take any other action relative thereto.

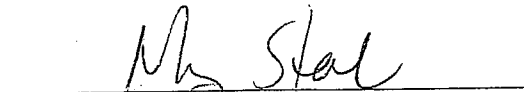
(PLANNING BOARD)

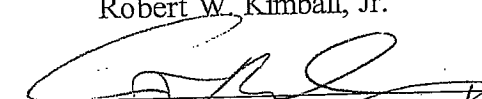
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

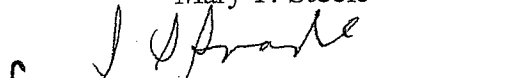
And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the body of same at Chartley Post Office, Norton Post Office, Trinitarian Church, Unitarian Church, Norton Library, and three other public places within the limits of said Town, seven days at least, before the time of holding 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 10th day of MAY in the year Two Thousand Eight.


BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN OF NORTON


Robert W. Kimball, Jr.


Mary T. Steele


Timothy R. Giblin



Stephen G. Gradie


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:

 CONSTABLE ✓ DATE MAY 2, 08

**TOWN OF NORTON
WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 12, 2008
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 12th day of May, 2008, 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 \$1,554.00 to be transferred from Free Cash to pay the following unpaid bill incurred in a prior fiscal year:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
300	School	Cheryl Mulligan	Salary Expense -	
			Professional Staff	\$ 1,554.00

\$ 1,554.00

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will transfer article balances in accordance with the following schedule of accounts to Tax Title Foreclosure - Account #1-158-570, or take any other action relative thereto:

ACCOUNT FROM	DEPARTMENT	TOWN MEETING	TRANSFER AMOUNT
1-440-2216-580284	SEWER	Article 18, 05/08/06 ATM	\$ 4,155.61
1-300-2164-580228	SCHOOL – TREASURER	Article 5 ATM 06/02/03	\$ 16,918.00
1-300-2223-580288	SCHOOL – TREASURER	Article 3, STM 05/14/07	\$ 1,991.39
1-300-2241-580306	SCHOOL – TREASURER	Article 33, ATM 05/14/07	\$ 488.78
TOTAL OF FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED TO 1-158-570:			\$23,553.78

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$23,547.78 to be transferred from the following accounts to Account #1-158-570 - Tax Title Foreclosure:

ACCOUNT FROM	DEPARTMENT	TOWN MEETING	TRANSFER AMOUNT
1-440-2216-580284	SEWER	Article 18, 05/08/06 ATM	\$ 4,155.61
1-300-2164-580228	SCHOOL – TREASURER	Article 5 ATM 06/02/03	\$ 16,918.00
1-300-2223-580288	SCHOOL – TREASURER	Article 3, STM 05/14/07	\$ 1,991.39
1-300-2241-580306	SCHOOL – TREASURER	Article 33, ATM 05/14/07	\$ 482.78
TOTAL OF FUNDS TO BE TRANSFERRED FROM ARTICLES TO ACCOUNT #1-158-570:			\$23,547.78

and the amount of \$6,453.00 to be transferred from Free Cash to Account #1-158-570 – Tax Title Foreclosure.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2008 operating budget appropriated under Article 31 of the May 14, 2007, Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to amend the vote taken under Article 31 of the May 14, 2007, Annual Town Meeting Warrant by increasing appropriations for certain line items and transferring others and to do so, by transferring the additional amount of \$151,729.00 from Free Cash, by transferring the amount of \$2,750.00 from the Dog Fund Account #18-293-3303 to the Dog Officer Overtime Account # 1-292-510-5131, and by transferring the amount of \$7,592.00 from the Dog Fund Account #18-293-3303 to the Dog Officer Salary Account #1-292-510-5111. The breakdown is as follows:

Department	Account	Use	Amount
Legal Services	1-151-520	Services	\$ 7,281.00
Snow Removal	1-423-570	Miscellaneous Expenses	\$ 77,500.00
Sewer	1-440-570	Expense	\$ 20,000.00
Veterans' Agent	1-543-579	Expense	\$ 20,000.00
Miscellaneous	1-940-570	Workers Comp Audit Adjustment	\$ 26,948.00

TOTAL SUPPLEMENTS: \$ 151,729.00

Dog Officer	1-292-510	Transfer from 18-293-3303 to 1-292-510-5131	\$ 2,750.00
Dog Officer	1-292-510	Transfer from 18-293-3303 to 1-292-510-5111	\$ 7,592.00

TOTAL TRANSFERS: \$ 10,342.00

ARTICLE 4

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 performing repairs mandated by the Norton Reservoir Dam Emergency Action Plan, including but not limited to any related costs, legal services, and/or technical assistance, or take any other action relative thereto.

(CONSERVATION COMMISSION)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$54,405.59 to be transferred from Account 1-171-2138-580190. These are funds left in the Reservoir Dredging Fund and will be used to repair the Norton Reservoir Dam.

ARTICLE 5

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

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$15,546.00 to be transferred from Free Cash.

ARTICLE 6

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: 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 7

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2008 capital improvements budget appropriated under Article 29 of the May 14, 2007, Annual Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

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 8

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money for the L. G. Nourse Elementary School wastewater tie-in project, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

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 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 interest of the Town, to enter into a long-term Lease Agreement in excess of three years for a portion or portions of the Town-owned property identified on Assessor's Map 29 as Lot 98, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. The Town is contemplating a lease to Nine Lives, or a similar non-profit organization, to construct a new facility on this property which is the site of the Town of Norton's Animal Shelter.

ARTICLE 10

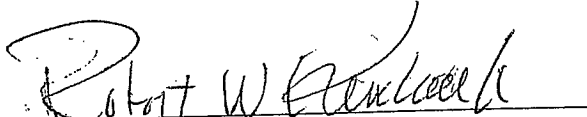
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Five Thousand and No Hundredths (\$185,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of upgrading the existing SCADA system, or take any other action relative thereto.


(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

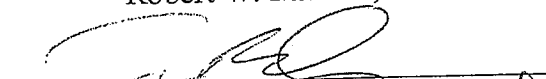
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$175,000.00 from the Water Surplus Account.

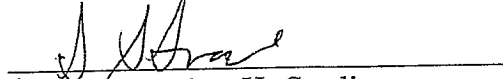
And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the body of same at Chartley Post Office, Norton Post Office, Trinitarian Church, Unitarian Church, Norton Library, and three other public places within the limits of said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of 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 24th day of April in the year Two Thousand Eight.

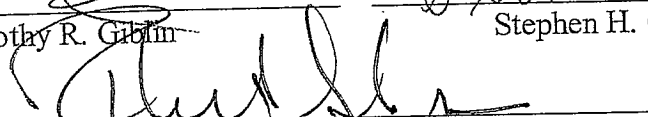
BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN OF NORTON


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

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

ATTEST:

Ronald A. Bernacki CONSTABLE  DATE 4/25/08