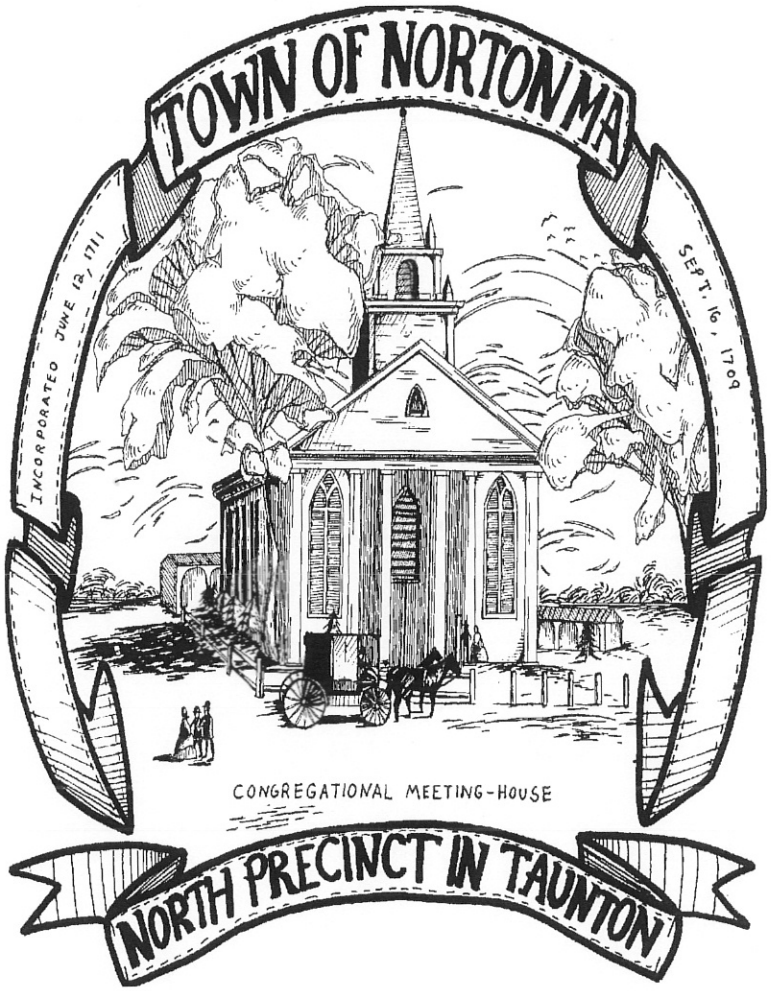
# TOWN OF NORTON




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

MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014

REPORT OF THE NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MAY 12, 2014, ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

During Fiscal Year 2014, as required by Charter and By-Laws, the Finance Committee reviewed and made recommendations on all warrant articles at the annual town meeting and all special town meetings. In addition, the Committee reviewed and discussed at length anticipated revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2015. It also authorized several transfers from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund. The Committee met 18 times during FY 2014 in order to fulfill these responsibilities.

Once again, preparing a budget for FY 2015 proved to be a difficult task, in part because of declining revenues from Local Receipts, a reflection of the difficult economic times both state and nation-wide. Planning for the coming fiscal year was again made more difficult because the state legislature did not complete its work on a budget until well after the May town meeting, the result being that final state aid figures for Norton were not available until the end of June. This process seems to have become a regular annual occurrence, which in turn requires that some final decisions relating to the town's expenditure of funds in any fiscal year have to wait until the October session of the annual town meeting, more than three months after the actual commencement of the fiscal year. As a result, although the operating budget must be in place by July 1, over the past several years the Town has moved consideration of most annual capital improvement expenditures to the fall town meeting session.

The budget for FY 2015 recommended by the Finance Committee to the May 2014 session of the Annual Town Meeting provides level services for the coming year, but did so only with the use of $600,000 of free cash. Utilizing free cash to balance the budget is a slippery slope, as it uses non-recurring revenue to balance current and generally continuing operating expenses.

It bears noting that the Norton Police and Fire/Rescue Departments continue to operate with staffing levels that are recommended only for towns much smaller than Norton. The School Department is dealing with funding levels less than what was budgeted nearly a decade ago. Barring an increase in future revenue from one or several sources, the outlook for maintaining the current level of services now provided to the citizens of Norton remains grim.

The Finance Committee wishes to thank School Department Superintendent Dr. Joseph Baeta, Police Chief Brian Clark, Fire Chief Paul Schleicher, and the many town boards and department heads for their diligence in the budgeting process. As always, Assistant to the Town Manager Michelle Brown and Sara Lyons have provided invaluable help and assistance to the Committee. Finally the Finance Committee wishes to thank Town Manager Michael Yunits for effectively shepherding us through a long, detailed budget and warrant article review process.

Respectfully submitted:

Michael Flaherty, Chair
Peter Carignan, Vice-Chair
Lee Tarantino
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**TOWN OF NORTON**
**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**
**MONDAY, MAY 12, 2014**
**BRISTOL, SS.**

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

**GREETINGS**:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norton, qualified to vote in Norton affairs, to meet in the Norton High School Auditorium, 66 West Main Street in said Norton, on Monday, the 12th day of May, 2014, A.D., at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz.:

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the 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 Transportation, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of $563,033. This will authorize the Selectmen to accept funds for road maintenance and repairs provided by the State.**

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to pay all outstanding separation expenses associated with the retirement of various employees from the Town of Norton and authorize the Town Accountant, in consultation with the Town Manager, to allocate amounts to appropriate departments, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that no action be taken.**

## ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to fund and implement Collective Bargaining Agreements between the Town and the Unions for the period beginning July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017, and/or for general collective bargaining settlement purposes, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to transfer the amount of $3,600.00 from Free Cash to fund and implement the first fiscal year of a three-year contract for the period beginning July 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017, for the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees, Council 93, Local 1702 – Clerical Workers. (This was the only collective bargaining unit to reach an agreement at the time of the printing of the Warrant.)**

## ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, with the advice of the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain, or otherwise, any and all land and/or permanent and temporary easements necessary or advisable for the laying out, construction, improvement, maintenance, repair, replacement, and/or relocation and repairs of a sewage collection system, including, without limitation, conduits, force mains, and sewer pump stations, in connection with the construction of the Norton Center Sewer Extension Project within all or portions of Fillmore Drive and Howard Street all on the Wheaton College Campus and as shown on a plan by Weston & Sampson entitled "Proposed Town Sewer Easement Limits on Wheaton College Property" dated April 2014 and on file with the Town Clerk; and to appropriate the sum of $2,700,000 for the purpose of permitting, designing, and constructing said Norton Center Sewer Extension Project, acquiring land and interests in land in the areas of Fillmore Drive and Howard Street, and for related legal, administrative, and other expenses associated with the Project, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in G.L. c.29C, §1; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $2,700,000 and to issue bonds or notes therefor in accordance with G.L. c.44, G.L. c.29C, and/or any other enabling authority; that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in G.L. c.29C, §1, provided, further, however, that it is anticipated that all funds needed to repay the principal and interest on such borrowing shall be paid from the Sewer Enterprise Fund; that the Treasurer with

the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to said G.L. c.29C; and in connection therewith to authorize the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, and/or other appropriate local body or official to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any federal or state aid available for the Project or for the financing thereof, including, without limitation, a Project Regulatory Agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, and to expend all funds available for the Project and to take any other action necessary or advisable to carry out the Project, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to authorize the Town to borrow the amount of $2,700,000.00 and, further, to authorize appropriate public officials to take all actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article.**

## ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of $8,900,000 to plan, design, and construct water mains and other utilities, system upgrades, residuals treatment, and a water treatment plant to treat water from Wells 4, 5, and 6 and to be located off Plain Street as shown on a plan by Weston & Sampson entitled "Norton Water Treatment Plant Preliminary Site Plan" dated February 18, 2014, and on file with the Town Clerk, and for related legal, administrative, and other pertinent expenses associated with the project, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; and to meet this appropriation to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or borrow said sum under the provisions of Chapters 44 and 29C of the General Laws or any other enabling authority, and to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow said sum and issue bonds and notes therefor, that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and for any

federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; that the Board of Selectmen, Board of Water and Sewer Commissioners, or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project, and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to authorize the Town to borrow the amount of $8,900,000.00 and, further, to authorize appropriate public officials to take all actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article.**

## ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds an amount of money to be expended under the direction of the Norton School Committee for a feasibility study to repair the roof at the Norton Middle School, 215 West Main Street, Norton, MA, for which feasibility study the Town may be eligible for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any costs the Town incurs in connection with the feasibility study in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to authorize the Town to borrow the amount of $100,000.00 and, further, to authorize appropriate public officials to take all actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article.**

## ARTICLE 8

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

(BOARD OF HEALTH)

**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.**

## ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the purpose of having Household Hazardous Waste Collection day(s), or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF HEALTH)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of $10,000.00 to be transferred from Free Cash for the Household Hazardous Waste Collection day(s).**

## ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to establish and continue the following revolving funds for certain town departments pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53E-½, of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto:

| **237 MANSFIELD AVENUE (WENDELL JACKSON PROPERTY) REVOLVING FUND (CONTINUE)** | |
|---|---|
| Authorized to Spend: | Board of Selectmen |
| Revenue Source: | Fees and other funds associated with use of the property commonly |
| | known as the Wendell Jackson property and located at 237 Mansfield |
| | Avenue, Norton, Massachusetts, including but not limited to revenue |
| | resulting from leasing or licensing of the property, or public parking on the |
| | property for access to the Norton Reservoir |
| Use of Fund: | Expenses directly related to use, rental, development, and maintenance of |
| | the property, including creating and providing access to the Norton Reservoir |
| Spending Limit: | $30,000.00 |
| Fund Balance Disposition: | Balance available for expenditure in the following fiscal year |
| **FORESTRY REVOLVING FUND (CONTINUE)** | |
| Authorized to Spend: | Norton Conservation Commission and Norton Tree Warden |
| Revenue Source: | Fees and other funds in connection with the sale and harvest of timber and |
| | other forestry products from conservation and Town-owned land |
| Use of Fund: | Creation and implementation of Forest Stewardship Plans and other |
| | forestry projects within the Town of Norton |
| Spending Limit: | $30,000.00 |
| Fund Balance Disposition: | Balance available for expenditure in the following fiscal year |

| HOME COMPOSTING BIN DISTRIBUTION PROGRAM REVOLVING FUND (CONTINUE) | |
|---|---|
| Authorized to Spend: | Board of Health |
| Revenue Source: | To receive revenue from home composting bin sales or donations |
| | to the Home Composting Bin Distribution Program |
| Use of Fund: | 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 |
| Spending Limit: | $2,000.00 |
| Fund Balance Disposition: | Balance available for expenditure in the following fiscal year |
| **RECYCLING REVOLVING FUND (CONTINUE)** | |
| Authorized to Spend: | Highway Superintendent |
| Revenue Source: | To receive fees for processing recycled materials, including but not limited |
| | to white goods, newspapers, tires, etc. |
| Use of Fund: | To support 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 |
| Spending Limit: | $10,000.00 |
| Fund Balance Disposition: | Balance available for expenditure in the following fiscal year |
| **CERTIFIED HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIAN(S) REVOLVING FUND (CONTINUE)** | |
| Authorized to Spend: | Norton Fire Department |
| Revenue Source: | 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) |
| Use of Fund: | To fund salaries and expenses related to the Norton Fire Department's |
| | Certified Hazardous Materials Technician(s) |
| Spending Limit: | $10,000.00 |
| Fund Balance Disposition: | Balance available for expenditure in the following fiscal year |
| **COUNCIL ON AGING REVOLVING FUND (ESTABLISH)** | |
| Authorized to Spend: | Council on Aging Department |
| Revenue Source: | To receive fees from programs |
| Use of Fund: | To fund expenses for programs |
| Spending Limit: | $5,000.00 |
| Fund Balance Disposition: | Balance available for expenditure in the following fiscal year |

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to establish a "Council on Aging Revolving Fund" and to continue the existing revolving funds, all as set forth in Article 10.**

## ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of $55,000.00 for the purpose of the Fiscal Year 2016 Triennial Revaluation and its 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 $55,000.00 to be transferred from Free Cash.**

## ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for legal services and/or technical assistance relative to Chapter 40B (Comprehensive Permit) projects, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

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

## ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to pay debts and charges of the Water Enterprise, as set forth below, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, or take any other action relative thereto:

WATER:

| | Chapter 41, Section 69B | Chapter 44, Section 53F½ | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2012 Expend | 2013 Expend | 2014 Approp. | 2015 **Dept**. Request |
| Personal Services | 620,111 | 634,888 | 684,122 | 685,223 |
| Indirect Expenses | 218,000 | 264,771 | 276,299 | 270,538 |
| Other Charges & Expenditures | 653,750 | 591,353 | 1,052,500 | 1,057,500 |
| Debt Service | 1,287,157 | 1,222,725 | 1,191,526 | 1,163,098 |
| Total: | 2,779,018 | 2,713,737 | 3,204,447 | 3,176,359 |

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of $3,176,359 as follows:**

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|---|---|
| **Personal Services** | **$ 685,223** |
| **Indirect Expenses** | **$ 270,538** |
| **Other Charges & Expenditures** | **$1,057,500** |
| **Debt Service** | **$1,163,098** |
| **Total:** | **$3,176,359** |

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to pay debts and charges of the Sewer Enterprise, as set forth below, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, or take any action relative thereto:

SEWER:

| | General Fund Budget | Chapter 44,Section 53F½ | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2012 Expend | 2013 Expend | 2014 Approp. | 2015 **Dept.** Request |
| Personal Services | 133,020 | 147,209 | 153,287 | 158,336 |
| Indirect Expenses | 0 | 74,845 | 64,671 | 67,493 |
| Other Charges & Expenditures | 584,952 | 724,653 | 751,000 | 812,650 |
| Debt Service | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total: | 717,972 | 946,707 | 968,958 | 1,038,479 |

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of $1,038,479 as follows:**

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|---|---|
| **Personal Services** | **$ 158,336** |
| **Indirect Expenses** | **$ 67,493** |
| **Other Charges & Expenditures** | **$ 812,650** |
| **Debt Service** | **$ 0** |
| **Total:** | **$1,038,479** |

## ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the 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 that no action be taken.**

## ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money to pay costs of purchasing, or leasing with an option to purchase for periods of time up to or in excess of three years, new and/or replacement capital items for various Town Departments and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 7(9), of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of $887,556.00, by transferring the amount of $407,156.00 from the Capital Improvements Account, by transferring the amount of $196,000.00 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings, by transferring the amount of $30,000.00 from the Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings, and by transferring the amount of $254,400.00 from Ambulance Reserve Fund to purchase, or lease with an option to purchase, for periods of time up to or in excess of three years, the following new and/or replacement capital items for various Town Departments as follows:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| 155 DATA PROCESSING | Replace GasBoy System: | |
| | Fuelmaster Equipment and Software | |
| | AIM 2 Modules ($250 Each) and Keys ($4.40 Each) Installation (e.g. IT services, communication cable, electrical, ...) | $ 20,000.00 |
| 155 DATA PROCESSING | Sonic Wall and Barracuda | $ 17,000.00 |
| 210 POLICE | Police Line Cruisers (two) | $ 68,000.00 |
| 220 FIRE | Ambulance #2 (*) - Replacement | $ 240,000.00 |
| 220 FIRE | Ladder 1 - Refurbish | $ 20,000.00 |
| 220 FIRE | Squad #1 (Year 2 of 5) | $ 75,000.00 |
| 220 FIRE | Diver Dry Suits (4) (*) | $ 14,400.00 |
| 290 COMMUNICATIONS | Fire Alarm System: | |
| | Purchase Ten (10) FBX4 Form Four Box Cards | $ 16,500.00 |
| | Repair Ten (10) FBX4 Form Four Box Cards | $ 7,500.00 |
| 290 COMMUNICATIONS | Radio Comparator Replacements: | |
| | Purchase Two (2) JPS Voter Chassis | |
| | (inc. Console Interface Modules) | $ 10,199.00 |
| | Purchase Six (6) Site Voter Modules | |
| | (5 Sites and 1 Spare) | $ 11,038.00 |
| | Installation/Labor | $ 2,400.00 |
| 300 SCHOOLS (Athletic) | Pave the Area that is Stone Dust Around the Stadium | $ 25,000.00 |
| 300 SCHOOLS (District) | New Classroom Doors and With New | |
| | Door Handles and Locks | $ 25,000.00 |
| 420 HIGHWAY | 2.5 Front-End JD Loader (JD) 5 of 5 | $ 28,037.00 |
| 420 HIGHWAY | 2011 Peterbuilt Dump Truck (Kansas Bank) 4 of 5 | $ 32,648.00 |
| 420 HIGHWAY | Sweeper (Mercedes-Benz Fin svc.) 2 of 5 | $ 48,834.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL: | $ 661,556.00 |
| 440 SEWER | CWRMP Funding | $ 30,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL SEWER PROJECTS: | $ 30,000.00 |
| 450 WATER | Backhoe Replacement | $ 111,000.00 |
| 450 WATER | Hydraulic Model | $ 50,000.00 |
| 450 WATER | Pick-Up Truck Replacement | $ 35,000.00 |
| | SUBTOTAL WATER PROJECTS: | $ 196,000.00 |
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# ARTICLE 16
# PROPOSED FY15 CAPITAL BUDGET

| FISCAL YEAR 2015 CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST | DEPARTMENT REQUEST | RECOMMENDATIONS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | TOWN MANAGER | CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE | FINANCE COMMITTEE |
| **DATA PROCESSING (155)** | | | | |
| Replace GasBoy System | | | | |
| Fuelmaster Equipment and Software | | | | |
| AIM 2 Modules ($250 Each) and Keys ($4.40 Each) | | | | |
| Installation (e.g. IT services, communication cable, electrical, …) | $ 20,000 | $ 20,000 | $ 20,000 | $ 20,000 |
| Sonic Wall and Barracuda | $ 17,000 | $ 17,000 | $ 17,000 | $ 17,000 |
| | | | | |
| **CONSERVATION (171)** | | | | |
| Reservoir Spillway Repairs | TBD | $ - | $ - | |
| | | | | |
| **POLICE DEPARTMENT (210)** | | | | |
| Police Utility Cruiser (One) and Line Cruisers (Two) | $ 102,000 | $ 68,000 | $ 68,000 | $ 68,000 |
| Tasers (17 at $1,050 each) | $ 17,850 | $ 17,850 | $ - | $ - |
| Coplogic Desk Officer Online Reporting System | | | | |
| Software, Set Up, Training, and Implementation ($7,000) | | | | |
| Annual Usage, Support, Maintenance Fee ($3,500) | $ 10,500 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Nexgen CAD/RMS Software | $ 125,006 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| | | | | |
| **FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)** | | | | |
| Ambulance #2 (*) - Replacement | $ 240,000 | $ 240,000 | $ 240,000 | $ 240,000 |
| Ladder 1 - Refurbish | $ 20,000 | $ 20,000 | $ - | $ 20,000 |
| Squad #1 (Year 2 of 5) | $ 75,000 | $ 75,000 | $ 75,000 | $ 75,000 |
| Diver Dry Suits (4) (*) | $ 14,400 | $ 14,400 | $ 14,400 | $ 14,400 |
| Sedan Replacement (*1/2) | $ 42,000 | $ 42,000 | $ 42,000 | $ - |
| Renovations Burgess Station | TBD | | | |
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# PROPOSED FY15 CAPITAL BUDGET

| FISCAL YEAR 2015 CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST | DEPARTMENT REQUEST | RECOMMENDATIONS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | TOWN MANAGER | CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE | FINANCE COMMITTEE |
| **COMMUNICATIONS (290)** | | | | |
| Fire Alarm System: | | | | |
| Purchase Ten (10) FBX4 Form Four Box Cards | $ 16,500 | $ 16,500 | $ 16,500 | $ 16,500 |
| Repair Ten (10) FBX4 Form Four Box Cards | $ 7,500 | $ 7,500 | $ 7,500 | $ 7,500 |
| Radio Comparator Replacements: | | | | |
| Purchase Two (2) JPS Voter Chassis | | | | |
| (inc. Console Interface Modules) | $ 10,199 | $ 10,199 | $ 10,199 | $ 10,199 |
| Purchase Six (6) Site Voter Modules (5 Sites and 1 Spare) | $ 11,038 | $ 11,038 | $ 11,038 | $ 11,038 |
| Installation/Labor | $ 2,400 | $ 2,400 | $ 2,400 | $ 2,400 |
| **SCHOOLS (300)** | | | | |
| **HENRI A. YELLE ELEMENTARY** | | | | |
| Parking Lot - Fill Cracks and Re-Surface | $ 70,000 | $ - | $ - | |
| **L.G. NOURSE ELEMENTARY** | | | | |
| Window Replacement with Screens | $ 25,000 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Parking Lot - Grade Off and Pave | $ 100,000 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| **J.C. SOLMONESE ELEMENTARY** | | | | |
| Add Additional Electrical Outlets Through-Out School | $ 25,000 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| **NORTON MIDDLE SCHOOL** | | | | |
| Replace Roof | $ 3,000,000 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Replace Carpet with Tile Throughout Building | $ 200,000 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| **ATHLETIC REQUESTS** | | | | |
| Pave the Area that is Stone Dust Around the Stadium | $ 40,000 | $ 25,000 | $ 25,000 | $ 25,000 |

# ARTICLE 16
# PROPOSED FY15 CAPITAL BUDGET

| FISCAL YEAR 2015 CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST | DEPARTMENT REQUEST | RECOMMENDATIONS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | TOWN MANAGER | CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE | FINANCE COMMITTEE |
| **DISTRICT** | | | | |
| Replace Network Components | $ 100,000 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Replace SPED bus | $ 53,100 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| New Classroom Doors and With New Door Handles and Locks | $ 50,000 | $ 25,000 | $ 25,000 | $ 25,000 |
| | | | | |
| **HIGHWAY (420)** | | | | |
| 2.5 Front-End JD Loader (JD) 5 of 5 | $ 28,037 | $ 28,037 | $ 28,037 | $ 28,037 |
| 2011 Peterbuilt Dump Truck (Kansas Bank) 4 of 5 | $ 32,648 | $ 32,648 | $ 32,648 | $ 32,648 |
| Sweeper (Mercedes-Benz Fin svc.) 2 of 5 | $ 48,834 | $ 48,834 | $ 48,834 | $ 48,834 |
| Convert Truck to Hook & Lift | $ 35,000 | $ 35,000 | $ - | $ - |
| | | | | |
| **CEMETERY DEPARTMENT** | | | | |
| Equipment Replacement | $ 10,000 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| | | | | |
| **LIBRARY (610)** | | | | |
| Automatic Door Operators | $ 5,428 | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| | | | | |
| **SUBTOTAL:** | **$ 4,554,440** | **$ 756,406** | **$ 683,556** | **$ 661,556** |
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| **SEWER (440)** | | | | |
| *Potential Future Sewer Projects:* | | | | |
| Norton Center Pump Station & Force Main - Bond Payment Design | ATM Article | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Norton Center Pump Station & Force Main - Bond Payment Construct | ATM Article | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| CWRMP Funding | $ 30,000 | $ 30,000 | $ 30,000 | $ 30,000 |
| **SUBTOTAL SEWER PROJECTS:** | **$ 30,000** | **$ 30,000** | **$ 30,000** | **$ 30,000** |

ARTICLE 16
PROPOSED FY15 CAPITAL BUDGET

| FISCAL YEAR 2015 CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST | DEPARTMENT REQUEST | RECOMMENDATIONS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | TOWN MANAGER | CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE | FINANCE COMMITTEE |
| **WATER (450)** | | | | |
| Backhoe Replacement | $ 111,000 | $ 111,000 | $ 111,000 | $ 111,000 |
| Hydraulic Model | $ 50,000 | $ 50,000 | $ 50,000 | $ 50,000 |
| Pick-Up Truck Replacement | $ 35,000 | $ 35,000 | $ 35,000 | $ 35,000 |
| **SUBTOTALWATER PROJECTS:** | **$ 196,000** | **$ 196,000** | **$ 196,000** | **$ 196,000** |
| | | | | |
| **TOTAL OF ALL CAPITAL PROJECT REQUESTS:** | **$ 4,780,440** | **$ 982,406** | **$ 909,556** | **$ 887,556** |
| | | | | |
| TOTAL CAPITAL REQUEST | $ 4,780,440 | $ 460,006 | $ 408,156 | $ 407,156 |
| TOTAL AMBULANCE RESERVE | $ - | $ 296,400 | $ 275,400 | $ 254,400 |
| TOTAL BORROWING | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| TOTAL WATER | $ - | $ 196,000 | $ 196,000 | $ 196,000 |
| TOTAL SEWER | $ - | $ 30,000 | $ 30,000 | $ 30,000 |
| **TOTAL (INC. FROM ALL FUNDING SOURCES):** | $ 4,780,440 | $ 982,406 | $ 909,556 | $ 887,556 |

## ARTICLE 17

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

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of $48,367,237.00 for the Fiscal Year to fund the Town's FY15 Operating Budget and to fix the salary of the elected official of the Town, all as presented in the Finance Committee's Report. To do so, the amount of $46,669,506.00 is to be raised and appropriated, $67,493.00 is to be raised from Sewer receipts, the sum of $270,538.00 is to be raised from Water receipts, and further, the amount of $1,359,700.00 is to be transferred from the following funds for a total appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2015 operating budget of $48,367,237.00:**

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| **Free Cash** | **$** | **600,000.00** |
| **Hicks Fund** | **$** | **100,000.00** |
| **Ambulance Receipts** | **$** | **500,000.00** |
| **Dog Fund** | **$** | **16,700.00** |
| **Septic Betterments** | **$** | **60,000.00** |
| **Overlay Surplus** | **$** | **75,000.00** |
| **Wetlands Protection** | **$** | **8,000.00** |
| | **$** | **1,359,700.00** |

**While the use of Free Cash to fund annual operating budgets has been necessary for the past several years, it is unwise fiscal policy since the amount of available Free Cash can vary widely in successive years. The FY2014 budget included a transfer of $700,000 from Free Cash - a $200,000 increase over the amount transferred from Free Cash for the FY2013 budget, and the FY2015 budget includes a $600,000 transfer from Free Cash.**

ARTICLE 17

| FY 2015 Operating Budget | | FY 2012 Expended | FY 2013 Expended | FY 2014 Appropriated/ Transferred | FY 2015 Dept. Request | FY 2015 Town Manager Recommend. | FY2015 Finance Comm Recommend. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Board of Selectmen (122)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 47,475.88 | $ 48,571.28 | $ 51,000.00 | $ 51,503.00 | $ 51,503.00 | $ 51,503.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 1,525.00 | $ 1,592.63 | $ 1,835.00 | $ 1,885.00 | $ 1,885.00 | $ 1,885.00 |
| Totals | | $ 49,000.88 | $ 50,163.91 | $ 52,835.00 | $ 53,388.00 | $ 53,388.00 | $ 53,388.00 |
| **Town Manager (123)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 181,936.00 | $ 187,040.24 | $ 193,139.00 | $ 200,833.00 | $ 200,833.00 | $ 200,833.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 5,810.91 | $ 6,125.19 | $ 9,300.00 | $ 13,670.00 | $ 10,670.00 | $ 10,670.00 |
| Totals | | $ 187,746.91 | $ 193,165.43 | $ 202,439.00 | $ 214,503.00 | $ 211,503.00 | $ 211,503.00 |
| **Finance Committee (131)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 2,139.77 | $ 1,736.41 | $ 3,500.00 | $ 2,500.00 | $ 2,500.00 | $ 2,500.00 |
| Totals | | $ 2,139.77 | $ 1,736.41 | $ 3,500.00 | $ 2,500.00 | $ 2,500.00 | $ 2,500.00 |
| **Reserve Fund (132)** | | | | | | | |
| Appropriation | | | $ 150,000.00 | $ 150,000.00 | $ 150,000.00 | $ 150,000.00 | $ 150,000.00 |
| Transfers | 502 | $ 71,927.50 | $ (118,336.51) | $ - | | | |
| Totals | | $ 71,927.50 | $ 31,663.49 | $ 150,000.00 | $ 150,000.00 | $ 150,000.00 | $ 150,000.00 |
| **Town Accountant (135)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 142,061.96 | $ 152,674.46 | $ 168,997.00 | $ 174,450.00 | $ 174,450.00 | $ 174,450.00 |
| Purchase Of Services | 520 | $ 23,000.00 | $ 23,000.00 | $ 23,500.00 | $ 24,000.00 | $ 24,000.00 | $ 24,000.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 2,291.08 | $ 2,701.19 | $ 2,650.00 | $ 3,010.00 | $ 2,710.00 | $ 2,710.00 |
| Totals | | $ 167,353.04 | $ 178,375.65 | $ 195,147.00 | $ 201,460.00 | $ 201,160.00 | $ 201,160.00 |
| **Assessors (141)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 121,293.99 | $ 138,869.88 | $ 134,610.60 | $ 125,444.00 | $ 125,444.00 | $ 125,444.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 19,524.21 | $ 16,592.73 | $ 27,585.00 | $ 32,330.00 | $ 32,330.00 | $ 32,330.00 |
| Totals | | $ 140,818.20 | $ 155,462.61 | $ 162,195.60 | $ 157,774.00 | $ 157,774.00 | $ 157,774.00 |

ARTICLE 17

| FY 2015 Operating Budget | | FY 2012 Expended | FY 2013 Expended | FY 2014 Appropriated/ Transferred | FY 2015 Dept. Request | FY 2015 Town Manager Recommend. | FY2015 Finance Comm Recommend. |
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| **Treasurer/Collector (147)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 187,654.94 | $ 189,003.60 | $ 195,036.00 | $ 194,412.61 | $ 194,413.00 | $ 194,413.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 39,867.63 | $ 40,560.74 | $ 48,290.00 | $ 48,290.00 | $ 47,790.00 | $ 47,790.00 |
| Totals | | $ 227,522.57 | $ 229,564.34 | $ 243,326.00 | $ 242,702.61 | $ 242,203.00 | $ 242,203.00 |
| **Legal Services (151)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 108,466.40 | $ 124,980.39 | $ 100,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 |
| Totals | | $ 108,466.40 | $ 124,980.39 | $ 100,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 |
| **Data Processing (155)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 116,080.37 | $ 113,912.49 | $ 126,810.00 | $ 144,023.00 | $ 144,023.00 | $ 144,023.00 |
| Totals | | $ 116,080.37 | $ 113,912.49 | $ 126,810.00 | $ 144,023.00 | $ 144,023.00 | $ 144,023.00 |
| **Tax Title Foreclosure (158)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 37,851.29 | $ 33,733.70 | $ 40,000.00 | $ 40,000.00 | $ 40,000.00 | $ 40,000.00 |
| Totals | 570 | $ 37,851.29 | $ 33,733.70 | $ 40,000.00 | $ 40,000.00 | $ 40,000.00 | $ 40,000.00 |
| **Town Clerk (161)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 35,800.10 | $ 37,014.41 | $ 38,741.00 | $ 40,914.80 | $ 40,915.00 | $ 40,915.00 |
| Salary - Elected Official | 511 | $ 46,136.97 | $ 59,666.10 | $ 60,263.00 | $ 61,698.00 | $ 60,866.00 | $ 60,866.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 3,365.17 | $ 3,586.60 | $ 6,650.00 | $ 4,740.00 | $ 4,190.00 | $ 4,190.00 |
| Totals | | $ 85,302.24 | $ 100,267.11 | $ 105,654.00 | $ 107,352.80 | $ 105,971.00 | $ 105,971.00 |

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| FY 2015 Operating Budget | | FY 2012 Expended | FY 2013 Expended | FY 2014 Appropriated/ Transferred | FY 2015 Dept. Request | FY 2015 Town Manager Recommend. | FY2015 Finance Comm Recommend. |
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| **Elections (162)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 550.00 | $ 550.00 | $ 550.00 | $ 550.00 | $ 550.00 | $ 550.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 32,237.21 | $ 41,214.36 | $ 17,520.00 | $ 28,524.00 | $ 27,436.00 | $ 27,436.00 |
| Totals | | $ 32,787.21 | $ 41,764.36 | $ 18,070.00 | $ 29,074.00 | $ 27,986.00 | $ 27,986.00 |
| **Conservation Comm (171)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 510 | $ 78,194.51 | $ 79,389.07 | $ 81,101.00 | $ 86,199.68 | $ 86,200.00 | $ 86,200.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 8,105.54 | $ 8,468.83 | $ 10,850.00 | $ 10,850.00 | $ 10,850.00 | $ 10,850.00 |
| Totals | | $ 86,300.05 | $ 87,857.90 | $ 91,951.00 | $ 97,049.68 | $ 97,050.00 | $ 97,050.00 |
| **Planning Board (175)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 510 | $ 47,597.08 | $ 46,950.87 | $ 49,088.00 | $ 49,477.00 | $ 49,477.00 | $ 49,477.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 835.65 | $ 1,171.91 | $ 3,150.00 | $ 3,150.00 | $ 3,150.00 | $ 3,150.00 |
| Totals | | $ 48,432.73 | $ 48,122.78 | $ 52,238.00 | $ 52,627.00 | $ 52,627.00 | $ 52,627.00 |
| **SE REG Plan & Econ Dev (176)** | | | | | | | |
| Assessment | 560 | $ 3,074.08 | $ 3,074.08 | $ 3,075.00 | $ 3,151.00 | $ 3,151.00 | $ 3,151.00 |
| Totals | | $ 3,074.08 | $ 3,074.08 | $ 3,075.00 | $ 3,151.00 | $ 3,151.00 | $ 3,151.00 |
| **Zoning Bd Of Appeals (177)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ - | $ 109.40 | $ 300.00 | $ 300.00 | $ 300.00 | $ 300.00 |
| Totals | | $ - | $ 109.40 | $ 300.00 | $ 300.00 | $ 300.00 | $ 300.00 |
| **Industrial Development Commission (182)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Totals | | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $0.00 | $0.00 |

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| FY 2015 Operating Budget | | FY 2012 Expended | FY 2013 Expended | FY 2014 Appropriated/ Transferred | FY 2015 Dept. Request | FY 2015 Town Manager Recommend. | FY2015 Finance Comm Recommend. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Municipal Bldg Maint (192)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 182,454.39 | $ 190,287.19 | $ 219,400.00 | $ 201,280.00 | $ 201,280.00 | $ 201,280.00 |
| Totals | | $ 182,454.39 | $ 190,287.19 | $ 219,400.00 | $ 201,280.00 | $ 201,280.00 | $ 201,280.00 |
| **Town Report (195)** | | | | | | | |
| Printing | 520 | $ 2,326.84 | $ 1,826.62 | $ 3,200.00 | $ 2,600.00 | $ 2,600.00 | $ 2,600.00 |
| Totals | | $ 2,326.84 | $ 1,826.62 | $ 3,200.00 | $ 2,600.00 | $ 2,600.00 | $ 2,600.00 |
| **Postage -All Depts (199)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 37,187.53 | $ 28,248.04 | $ 35,786.00 | $ 39,157.00 | $ 36,950.00 | $ 36,950.00 |
| Totals | | $ 37,187.53 | $ 28,248.04 | $ 35,786.00 | $ 39,157.00 | $ 36,950.00 | $ 36,950.00 |
| **Police Department (210)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 2,207,393.74 | $ 2,290,193.08 | $ 2,376,952.00 | $ 2,546,525.00 | $ 2,488,172.00 | $ 2,488,172.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 151,347.89 | $ 152,738.71 | $ 179,794.00 | $ 189,394.00 | $ 184,623.00 | $ 184,623.00 |
| Totals | | $ 2,358,741.63 | $ 2,442,931.79 | $ 2,556,746.00 | $ 2,735,919.00 | $ 2,672,795.00 | $ 2,672,795.00 |
| **Fire Department (220)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 2,669,520.21 | $ 2,609,424.92 | $ 2,726,953.00 | $ 2,915,108.69 | $ 2,843,398.00 | $ 2,843,398.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 141,095.73 | $ 150,997.31 | $ 153,950.00 | $ 164,650.00 | $ 157,150.00 | $ 157,150.00 |
| Total | | $ 2,810,615.94 | $ 2,760,422.23 | $ 2,880,903.00 | $ 3,079,758.69 | $ 3,000,548.00 | $ 3,000,548.00 |
| **Emergency Medl Serv (230)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 59,764.55 | $ 72,187.38 | $ 82,000.00 | $ 93,800.00 | $ 88,300.00 | $ 88,300.00 |
| Totals | | $ 59,764.55 | $ 72,187.38 | $ 82,000.00 | $ 93,800.00 | $ 88,300.00 | $ 88,300.00 |

ARTICLE 17

| FY 2015 Operating Budget | | FY 2012 Expended | FY 2013 Expended | FY 2014 Appropriated/ Transferred | FY 2015 Dept. Request | FY 2015 Town Manager Recommend. | FY2015 Finance Comm Recommend. |
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| **Emergency Planning (240)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 6,128.97 | $ 5,496.31 | $ 6,250.00 | $ 6,250.00 | $ 6,250.00 | $ 6,250.00 |
| Totals | | $ 6,128.97 | $ 5,496.31 | $ 6,250.00 | $ 6,250.00 | $ 6,250.00 | $ 6,250.00 |
| **Inspection Dept (241)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 141,860.64 | $ 142,497.63 | $ 147,710.00 | $ 149,584.00 | $ 149,584.00 | $ 149,584.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 10,332.27 | $ 8,544.97 | $ 14,795.00 | $ 15,465.00 | $ 12,765.00 | $ 12,765.00 |
| Totals | | $ 152,192.91 | $ 151,042.60 | $ 162,505.00 | $ 165,049.00 | $ 162,349.00 | $ 162,349.00 |
| **Sealer Weights (244)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ - | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 |
| Totals | | $ - | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 |
| **Communication Center (290)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 399,395.71 | $ 419,058.12 | $ 528,599.00 | $ 565,112.00 | $ 519,112.00 | $ 519,112.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 105,432.20 | $ 99,420.17 | $ 109,463.00 | $ 116,630.00 | $ 114,330.00 | $ 114,330.00 |
| Totals | | $ 504,827.91 | $ 518,478.29 | $ 638,062.00 | $ 681,742.00 | $ 633,442.00 | $ 633,442.00 |
| **Animal Control (292)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 47,445.12 | $ 42,431.45 | $ 47,790.00 | $ 57,767.80 | $ 48,650.00 | $ 48,650.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 7,593.03 | $ 7,473.74 | $ 8,865.00 | $ 8,865.00 | $ 8,715.00 | $ 8,715.00 |
| Totals | | $ 55,038.15 | $ 49,905.19 | $ 56,655.00 | $ 66,632.80 | $ 57,365.00 | $ 57,365.00 |
| **Tree Warden (294)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 |
| Totals | | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 2,000.00 |

ARTICLE 17

| FY 2015 Operating Budget | | FY 2012 Expended | FY 2013 Expended | FY 2014 Appropriated/ Transferred | FY 2015 Dept. Request | FY 2015 Town Manager Recommend. | FY2015 Finance Comm Recommend. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **School Department (300)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Services | 510 | $16,063,971.96 | $16,808,325.37 | $17,977,540.05 | $19,010,413.00 | $18,257,000.00 | $18,257,000.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 5,827,475.74 | $ 5,780,344.69 | $ 5,684,326.95 | $ 6,039,688.00 | $ 5,805,584.00 | $ 5,805,584.00 |
| Totals | | $21,891,447.70 | $22,588,670.06 | $23,661,867.00 | $25,050,101.00 | $24,062,584.00 | $24,062,584.00 |
| **Southeastern Reg Voc (306)** | | | | | | | |
| Assessments | 560 | $ 1,098,468.00 | $ 1,102,073.00 | $ 1,167,943.00 | $ 1,240,944.00 | $ 1,240,944.00 | $ 1,240,944.00 |
| Totals | | $ 1,098,468.00 | $ 1,102,073.00 | $ 1,167,943.00 | $ 1,240,944.00 | $ 1,240,944.00 | $ 1,240,944.00 |
| **Reg Agricultural Sch (308)** | | | | | | | |
| Assessments | 560 | $ 22,638.00 | $ 24,255.00 | $ 26,000.00 | $ 32,623.00 | $ 32,623.00 | $ 32,623.00 |
| Totals | | $ 22,638.00 | $ 24,255.00 | $ 26,000.00 | $ 32,623.00 | $ 32,623.00 | $ 32,623.00 |
| **Highway (420)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 515,803.33 | $ 529,428.07 | $ 594,949.00 | $ 623,135.00 | $ 611,539.00 | $ 611,539.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 87,225.75 | $ 85,653.39 | $ 97,800.00 | $ 96,050.00 | $ 93,450.00 | $ 93,450.00 |
| Surface Treatment | 580 | $ 11,589.14 | $ 5,743.32 | $ 12,000.00 | $ 12,000.00 | $ 12,000.00 | $ 12,000.00 |
| Repairs to Private Ways | 581 | $ 1,774.36 | $ 300.00 | $ 1,000.00 | $ 1,000.00 | $ 1,000.00 | $ 1,000.00 |
| Totals | | $ 616,392.58 | $ 621,124.78 | $ 705,749.00 | $ 732,185.00 | $ 717,989.00 | $ 717,989.00 |
| **Snow Removal (423)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 81,524.46 | $ 192,829.35 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 106,500.00 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 |
| Totals | | $ 81,524.46 | $ 192,829.35 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 106,500.00 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 |
| **Street Lighting (425)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 102,269.17 | $ 101,196.66 | $ 110,000.00 | $ 110,000.00 | $ 110,000.00 | $ 110,000.00 |
| Totals | | $ 102,269.17 | $ 101,196.66 | $ 110,000.00 | $ 110,000.00 | $ 110,000.00 | $ 110,000.00 |

ARTICLE 17

| FY 2015 Operating Budget | | FY 2012 Expended | FY 2013 Expended | FY 2014 Appropriated/ Transferred | FY 2015 Dept. Request | FY 2015 Town Manager Recommend. | FY2015 Finance Comm Recommend. |
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| **Sanitary Landfill (438)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 5,400.00 | $ 6,400.00 | $ 6,700.00 | $ 6,700.00 | $ 6,700.00 | $ 6,700.00 |
| Reserve Fund Supplement | | | | $ - | | | |
| Totals | | $ 5,400.00 | $ 6,400.00 | $ 6,700.00 | $ 6,700.00 | $ 6,700.00 | $ 6,700.00 |
| **Sewer Division (440)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 133,019.79 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 584,952.02 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| Reserve Fund Supplement | | | | $ - | | | |
| Totals | | $ 717,971.81 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ - |
| **Board of Health (510)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 119,110.99 | $ 122,034.92 | $ 127,186.00 | $ 130,301.00 | $ 129,301.00 | $ 129,301.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 6,263.99 | $ 3,728.52 | $ 6,775.00 | $ 6,775.00 | $ 6,475.00 | $ 6,475.00 |
| Totals | | $ 125,374.98 | $ 125,763.44 | $ 133,961.00 | $ 137,076.00 | $ 135,776.00 | $ 135,776.00 |
| **Public Health Nurse (522)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 27,817.90 | $ 28,227.54 | $ 30,398.00 | $ 30,697.00 | $ 30,697.00 | $ 30,697.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 5,333.92 | $ 4,521.15 | $ 8,650.00 | $ 8,650.00 | $ 8,650.00 | $ 8,650.00 |
| Totals | | $ 33,151.82 | $ 32,748.69 | $ 39,048.00 | $ 39,347.00 | $ 39,347.00 | $ 39,347.00 |
| **Council on Aging (541)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 413.77 | $ 445.32 | $ 31,050.00 | $ 33,613.00 | $ 33,613.00 | $ 33,613.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 3,996.13 | $ 6,656.46 | $ 7,660.00 | $ 7,660.00 | $ 7,660.00 | $ 7,660.00 |
| Reserve Fund Supplement | | | | $ - | | | |
| Totals | | $ 4,409.90 | $ 7,101.78 | $ 38,710.00 | $ 41,273.00 | $ 41,273.00 | $ 41,273.00 |

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| FY 2015 Operating Budget | | FY 2012 Expended | FY 2013 Expended | FY 2014 Appropriated/ Transferred | FY 2015 Dept. Request | FY 2015 Town Manager Recommend. | FY2015 Finance Comm Recommend. |
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| **Veterans Agent (543)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 24,032.08 | $ 14,568.82 | $ 50,000.00 | $ 51,510.00 | $ 51,510.00 | $ 51,510.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 17,655.85 | $ 41,090.64 | $ 7,000.00 | $ 3,330.00 | $ 3,330.00 | $ 3,330.00 |
| Veterans Benefits | 579 | $ 213,912.76 | $ 208,150.83 | $ 215,000.00 | $ 230,000.00 | $ 230,000.00 | $ 230,000.00 |
| Reserve Fund Supplement | | | | $ - | | | |
| Totals | | $ 255,600.69 | $ 263,810.29 | $ 272,000.00 | $ 284,840.00 | $ 284,840.00 | $ 284,840.00 |
| **Library (610)** | | | | | | | |
| Other Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 341,834.75 | $ 337,175.00 | $ 345,000.00 | $ 367,910.00 | $ 360,000.00 | $ 360,000.00 |
| Totals | | $ 341,834.75 | $ 337,175.00 | $ 345,000.00 | $ 367,910.00 | $ 360,000.00 | $ 360,000.00 |
| **Recreation (630)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ - | $ - | $ - | $ 11,700.00 | $ 7,200.00 | $ 7,200.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 9,694.11 | $ 9,946.19 | $ 10,000.00 | $ 10,000.00 | $ 10,000.00 | $ 10,000.00 |
| Totals | | $ 9,694.11 | $ 9,946.19 | $ 10,000.00 | $ 21,700.00 | $ 17,200.00 | $ 17,200.00 |
| **Historical Comm (691)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ - | $ - | $ 150.00 | $ 50.00 | $ 50.00 | $ 50.00 |
| Totals | | $ - | $ - | $ 150.00 | $ 50.00 | $ 50.00 | $ 50.00 |
| **Memorial & Vets Day (692)** | | | | | | | |
| Other Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 1,000.00 | $ 951.92 | $ 1,500.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 1,500.00 | $ 1,500.00 |
| Totals | | $ 1,000.00 | $ 951.92 | $ 1,500.00 | $ 2,000.00 | $ 1,500.00 | $ 1,500.00 |
| **Historical Dist Comm (693)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ - | $ - | $ 100.00 | $ 100.00 | $ 100.00 | $ 100.00 |
| Totals | | $ - | $ - | $ 100.00 | $ 100.00 | $ 100.00 | $ 100.00 |

ARTICLE 17

| FY 2015 Operating Budget | | FY 2012 Expended | FY 2013 Expended | FY 2014 Appropriated/ Transferred | FY 2015 Dept. Request | FY 2015 Town Manager Recommend. | FY2015 Finance Comm Recommend. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Maturing Debt (711)** | | | | | | | |
| Maturing Principal on LT Debt | 590 | $ 583,540.52 | $ 1,193,227.32 | $ 1,393,233.00 | $ 1,669,148.00 | $ 1,669,148.00 | $ 1,669,148.00 |
| Repayment of Temporary Loans | 594 | $ 193,055.00 | $ 255,555.00 | $ 62,500.00 | $ 109,697.00 | $ 109,697.00 | $ 109,697.00 |
| Totals | | $ 776,595.52 | $ 1,448,782.32 | $ 1,455,733.00 | $ 1,778,845.00 | $ 1,778,845.00 | $ 1,778,845.00 |
| **Interest (750)** | | | | | | | |
| Interest on Long-Term Debt | 590 | $ 167,390.34 | $ 460,880.06 | $ 325,525.00 | $ 635,352.00 | $ 635,352.00 | $ 635,352.00 |
| Interest on Notes | 594 | $ 25,078.28 | $ 24,714.89 | $ 111,032.00 | $ 2,212.00 | $ 2,212.00 | $ 2,212.00 |
| Reserve Fund Supplement | | | | $ - | | | |
| Totals | | $ 192,468.62 | $ 485,594.95 | $ 436,557.00 | $ 637,564.00 | $ 637,564.00 | $ 637,564.00 |
| **Employee Benefits (910)** | | | | | | | |
| Personal Service | 510 | $ 2,016,521.24 | $ 2,094,088.77 | $ 2,003,483.00 | $ 2,084,055.00 | $ 2,084,055.00 | $ 2,084,055.00 |
| Other Personal Service | 511 | $ 6,515,929.07 | $ 6,626,396.91 | $ 6,900,000.00 | $ 7,200,000.00 | $ 7,137,000.00 | $ 7,137,000.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 324,329.14 | $ 339,959.09 | $ 350,000.00 | $ 365,000.00 | $ 365,000.00 | $ 365,000.00 |
| Totals | | $ 8,856,779.45 | $ 9,060,444.77 | $ 9,253,483.00 | $ 9,649,055.00 | $ 9,586,055.00 | $ 9,586,055.00 |
| **Unemployment Comp (911)** | | | | | | | |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 73,815.18 | $ 57,921.86 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 |
| Totals | | $ 73,815.18 | $ 57,921.86 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 | $ 80,000.00 |
| **Miscellaneous (940)** | | | | | | | |
| Fuel Expenses | 540 | $ 157,951.01 | $ 165,605.20 | $ 172,000.00 | $ 172,000.00 | $ 172,000.00 | $ 172,000.00 |
| Charges & Expenditures | 570 | $ 334,255.66 | $ 400,764.38 | $ 507,488.00 | $ 546,332.00 | $ 546,332.00 | $ 546,332.00 |
| Totals | | $ 492,206.67 | $ 566,369.58 | $ 679,488.00 | $ 718,332.00 | $ 718,332.00 | $ 718,332.00 |
| **GRAND TOTALS** | | $43,235,125.47 | $44,651,939.33 | $46,697,036.60 | $49,689,238.58 | $48,367,237.00 | $48,367,237.00 |

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to G.L., c.40A, to amend the Norton Zoning Bylaw by adding a new Article XXI, Large-Scale, Ground Mounted, Solar, Photovoltaic Installations, as set forth in its entirety, below, and, in connection therewith, to amend:

- Article IV, Use Regulations, 4.5, Industrial Uses, by inserting the following at the end of the existing text: "Large-Scale, Ground-Mounted, Solar, Photovoltaic Installations – See Article XXI, Section 21.3.1."; and inserting "- "_ in each zoning district column.

- Table 6.2, Dimensional Requirements, by inserting the following at the end of the existing text: "For Setbacks applicable to Large-Scale, Ground-Mounted, Solar, Photovoltaic Power Generation Installations, see Article XXI, Section 21.3."

- Article XV, Site Plan Approval, Section 15.3, Applicability, by inserting the following text: "5. Large-Scale, Ground-Mounted, Solar, Photovoltaic Installations."

## ARTICLE XXI - LARGE-SCALE, GROUND-MOUNTED, SOLAR, PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATIONS

### 21.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this article is to provide for the creation of large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic facilities or installations by establishing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification and removal of such installations that address public safety, minimize impacts on scenic, natural and historic resources and that provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

### 21.1 DEFINITIONS

Building Permit: A construction permit issued by the building inspector that is evidence the project is consistent with state and federal building codes as well as local zoning by-laws.

Large-Scale, Ground-Mounted, Solar, Photovoltaic Installation: A solar photovoltaic system that is structurally mounted on the ground and is not roof-mounted, and has a minimum nameplate capacity of 250 kW DC.

Rated Nameplate Capacity: The maximum rated output of electric power production of the Photovoltaic system in Direct Current (DC).

Site Plan Approval: Review by the Planning Board to determine conformance with the site plan approval requirements of the Zoning By-law, Article XV, and this Article.

Site Plan Approval Authority: the Planning Board.

Zoning Enforcement Authority: the Building Inspector.

## 21.2 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LARGE-SCALE, GROUND-MOUNTED, SOLAR, PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER GENERATION INSTALLATIONS

### 21.2.1 Compliance with Laws, Bylaws and Regulations

The construction and operation of all large-scale, ground mounted, solar, photovoltaic installations shall be consistent with all applicable local, state and federal requirements, including but not limited to all applicable safety, construction, electrical, and communications requirements. All buildings and fixtures forming part of a solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed in accordance with the State Building Code.

### 21.2.2 Building Permit and Building Inspection

No large scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation shall be constructed, installed or modified as provided in this section without first obtaining a building permit.

### 21.2.3 Fees

The application for Site Plan Approval and for a building permit shall be accompanied by the appropriate fee(s).

### 21.2.4 Site Plan Review

Large-scale, ground-mounted, solar photovoltaic installations shall be subject to Site Plan Approval by the Norton Planning Board as provided for in the Norton Zoning Bylaw, Article XV-Site Plan Approval, and this Article.

### 21.2.5 Special Permit

Large-scale, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations located within the Residential 80 or Residential 60 zoning district shall be allowed only upon grant of a Special Permit from the Norton Planning Board.

**21.2.6 Public Notification**
The Project Proponent for a large-scale, ground-mounted large-scale solar photovoltaic installation shall provide public notice of the time, date, and location of the Site Plan Approval hearing before the Planning Board pursuant to the notice provisions of MGL Chapter 40A, Section 11-Notice Requirements for Public Hearing, paragraphs one (1) and (2).

**21.2.7 Plans**
All plans and maps required by this Article shall be prepared, stamped and signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts.

**21.2.8 Required Documents**
Pursuant to the Site Plan Approval process, the Project Proponent(s) shall provide the following documents:

(a) A site plan showing:

i. Property lines and physical features, including roads, for the project site;

ii. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, grading, vegetation clearing and planting, exterior lighting, screening vegetation or structures;

iii. Blueprints or drawings of the solar photovoltaic installation signed by a Professional Engineer licensed to practice in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts showing the proposed layout of the system and any potential shading from nearby structures;

iv. One or three line electrical diagram detailing the solar photovoltaic installation, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and over current devices;

v. Documentation of the major system components to be used, including the photovoltaic panels, mounting system, and inverter;

vi. Name, address, and contact information for the proposed system installer if known at the time of application;

vii. Name, address, phone number and signature of the Project Proponent, as well as all co-proponents and property owners, if any;

viii. The names, contact information and signature of any agents representing the Project Proponent; and

(b) Documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site (see also section 21.2.9)

(c) An operation and maintenance plan (see 21.2.10);

(d) Zoning district designation for the parcel(s) of land comprising the project site (submission of a copy of a zoning map with the parcel(s) identified is suitable for this purpose);

(e) Proof of liability insurance; the Project Proponent shall be required to provide evidence of liability insurance in an amount sufficient to cover loss or damage to persons and property pursuant to industry standards; and

(f) Description of financial surety that satisfies Section 21.7;

(g) A public outreach plan, including a project development timeline, which indicates how the Project Proponent will meet the required Site Plan Approval notification procedures and otherwise inform abutters and the community;

(h) A Stormwater Management Checklist, Drainage Report and construction-term stormwater management plan.

The Planning Board may waive the above cited documentary requirements as it deems appropriate.

**21.2.9 Site Control**

The Project Proponent shall submit documentation of actual or prospective access and control of the project site sufficient to allow for construction and operation of the proposed large-scale, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation.

**21.2.10 Operation and Maintenance Plan**

The Project Proponent shall submit a plan for the operation and maintenance of the large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installation, which shall include measures for maintaining safe access to the installation, storm water controls, as well as general procedures for operation and maintenance of the installation.

**21.2.11 Utility Notifications**

No large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installation shall be constructed until evidence has been provided to the Planning Board that the utility company that operates the electrical grid where the installation is to be located has been informed of the solar photovoltaic installation owner or operator's intent to install an interconnected customer-owned generator into its power grid. Off grid systems shall be exempt from this requirement.

## 21.3 LOCATION, SETBACK AND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS

### 21.3.1. Designated Location:

Large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installations shall be allowed as follows: on no less than two acres within the Commercial and Industrial zoning districts; and, on no less than five acres within the Residential-60 and Residential 80 zoning districts subject to the provisions of this article. Solar installations shall not be allowed within "bordering vegetated wetland" or "bordering land subject to flooding" as defined in the Massachusetts Wetland Protection Act Regulations, 310 CMR 10.55(2) or CMR 10.57(2) Section 10.57(2), respectively.

### 21.3.2 Setbacks

For large-scale, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations, front, side and rear setbacks, inclusive of photovoltaic array and accessory/appurtenant structures, shall be as follows:

(a) Front yard:

Industrial zoning district: 50 feet
Commercial zoning district: 50 feet
Residential 60 zoning district: 75 feet
Residential 80 zoning district: 75 feet

(b) Side Yard:

Industrial zoning district: 40 feet
Commercial zoning district: 30 feet
Residential 60 zoning district: 50 feet
Residential 80 zoning district: 50 feet

(c) Rear yard:

Industrial zoning district: 40 feet
Commercial zoning district: 30 feet
Residential 60 zoning district: 50 feet
Residential 80 zoning district: 50 feet

### 21.3.3 Accessory/Appurtenant Structures

All accessory or appurtenant structures, including but not limited to, equipment shelters, storage facilities, transformers, and substations, shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures should be shaded from view by vegetation and/or joined or clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts.

### 21.3.4 Visual Screening

A large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic facility (including appurtenant structures and access drive(s) for such facility) shall provide visual screening in the form of plantings, existing vegetation, earthen berms, fencing or a combination thereof, between the facility and the adjacent use. The size, configuration and design of the visual screening shall be determined by the Planning Board based

upon the characteristics of the project site and the proximity, type and intensity of the adjacent use. A facility that is adjacent to residential uses(s) shall require more intensive screening, unless the Planning Board determines that such more intensive screening is not needed in the circumstances.

## 21.4 DESIGN STANDARDS

### 21.4.1 Lighting

Lighting of large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installations shall be consistent with federal and state law and shall conform to the standards and requirements of the Norton Zoning Bylaw, Article XX-Lighting.

### 21.4.2 Signage

Signs on large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installations shall comply with the Town of Norton Zoning By-law. A sign consistent with the Zoning By-law shall be required to identify the owner and provide a 24-hour emergency contact phone number.

Large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installations shall not be used for displaying and advertising except for reasonable identification of the manufacturer or operator of the solar photovoltaic installation.

### 21.4.3 Utility Connections

Reasonable efforts, as determined by the Planning Board shall be made to place all utility connections from the large-scale, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation underground , depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.

## 21.5 SAFETY AND ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS

### 21.5.1 Emergency Services

The large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installation owner or operator shall provide a copy of the project summary, electrical schematic, and site plan to the Fire Chief. Upon request the owner or operator shall cooperate with local emergency services in developing an emergency response plan. All means of shutting down the solar photovoltaic installation shall be clearly marked. The owner or operator shall identify a responsible person for public inquiries throughout the life of the installation

### 21.5.2 Land Clearing and Soil Erosion

Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to what is necessary for the construction, operation and maintenance of the large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation or otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws. Land alternations exceeding one acre shall comply with Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) requirements and submit a Stormwater Pollution

Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to the Building Inspector for review a minimum of 45 days prior to the commencement of work. Sediment controls shall be properly installed and maintained until the project is stabilized. All disturbed areas shall be permanently stabilized prior to final approval.

## 21.6 MONITORING AND MAINTENANCE

### 21.6.1 Solar Photovoltaic Installation Conditions

The large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installation owner or operator shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, and integrity of security measures. Site access shall be maintained to a level acceptable to the local Fire Chief and Emergency Medical Services. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the cost of maintaining the solar photovoltaic installation and any access road(s), unless accepted as a public way.

### 21.6.2 Modifications

All material modifications to large-scale, ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation made after issuance of the required building permit shall require Site Plan Approval by the Planning Board.

### 21.6.3 Removal Requirements

Any large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installation which has reached the end of its useful life or has been abandoned consistent with Section 21.3.3.2 of this bylaw shall be removed. The owner or operator shall physically remove the installation no more than 150 days after the date of discontinued operations. The owner or operator shall notify the Planning Board by certified mail of the proposed date of discontinued operations and plans for removal. Decommissioning shall consist of:

(a) Physical removal of all large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installations, structures, equipment, security barriers and transmission lines from the site.

(b) Disposal of all solid and hazardous waste in accordance with local, state, and federal waste disposal regulations.

(c) Permanent stabilization or re-vegetation of the site as necessary to minimize erosion. The Planning Board may allow the owner or operator to leave landscaping or designated below-grade foundations in order to minimize erosion and disruption to vegetation.

### 21.6.4 Abandonment

Absent notice of a proposed date of decommissioning or written notice of extenuating circumstances, the solar photovoltaic installation shall be considered abandoned when it fails to operate for more than one year without the written consent of the Planning Board.

If the owner or operator of the large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installation fails to remove the installation in accordance with the requirements of this section within 150 days of abandonment or the proposed date of decommissioning, the Town, after receipt of an appropriate court order or to the extent otherwise authorized by law, may enter the property and physically remove the installation.

**21.7 FINANCIAL SURETY**

Proponents of large-scale, ground-mounted, solar, photovoltaic installation shall provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond, or otherwise, to cover the estimated cost of removal in the event the Town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape, in an amount and form determined to be reasonable by the Planning Board, but in no event to exceed more that 125 percent of the estimated cost of removal and compliance. Such surety shall not be required for municipally or state owned facilities. The Project Proponent shall submit, for the Planning Board's determination, a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal costs due to inflation.

The Planning Board will work with the Project Proponent to develop a financial instrument in the amount as determined above to ensure satisfactory removal of the facility and whose terms are sufficiently flexible to provide financial feasibility for the Project Proponent. Such an instrument may provide for initially smaller amounts of surety in the early years of the projects useful life and increasing in amount as the project nears the end of its useful life.

or take any other action relative thereto.

(PLANNING BOARD)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Norton Zoning Bylaws, Article XI - Administration and Enforcement, by deleting Section 11.2d which provides that the Building Inspector shall "Arrange for publication and sale to the public at a reasonable price copies of the Zoning By-laws and Zoning Map, including the latest amendments thereto." and re-letter the remaining sections accordingly, and further, to amend the Town's General By-laws by inserting the below bolded and underlined language in Town Officers, paragraph 6, as follows:

The Town Clerk shall maintain a complete and up-to-date copy of the Town By-Laws, **including Zoning By-laws** which shall be available to the public, and shall compile such by-laws and shall assign to them appropriate headings and number them sequentially under such headings.

or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN,
ON BEHALF OF THE BUILDING INSPECTOR)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.**

ARTICLE 20

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

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that no action be taken.**

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the body of same at Chartley Post Office, Norton Post Office, Norton Municipal Center, Norton Public Library, and three other public places within the limits of said Town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof, and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this 1st day of May in the year Two Thousand Fourteen.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN OF NORTON**

Chair

Vice Chair

Clerk

Norton, Massachusetts

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

ATTEST:

CONSTABLE NORTON DATE: May 2, 2014

# TOWN OF NORTON
# WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
# MAY 12, 2014
# BRISTOL, SS.

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

## GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norton, qualified to vote in Norton affairs, to meet in the Norton High School Auditorium, 66 West Main Street, in said Norton, on Monday, the 12th day of May, 2014, 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 vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to pay unpaid bills for which obligation was incurred in prior fiscal years, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of $300.58 to be transferred from Free Cash to pay the following unpaid bills incurred in a prior fiscal year:**

| ACCOUNT | DEPARTMENT | VENDOR | AMOUNT |
|---|---|---|---|
| 001-230-570 | Emergency Medical | Moore Medical LLC | $ 300.58 |

$ 300.58

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2014 operating budget appropriated under Article 14 of the May 13, 2013, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to amend the vote taken under Article 14 of the May 13, 2013, Annual Town Meeting by increasing appropriations for certain line items and to do so, by transferring the additional amount of $191,250.00 from Free Cash as follows:**

| Account | Department | Use | Amount |
|---|---|---|---|
| 001-155-570 | Data Processing | Expense | $ 850.00 |
| 001-423-570 | Snow Removal | Expense | $ 160,000.00 |
| 001-425-570 | Street Lighting | Expense | $ 10,000.00 |
| 001-510-510 | Board of Health | Wages | $ 5,400.00 |
| 001-543-579 | Veterans | Veterans Benefits | $ 15,000.00 |
| TOTAL SUPPLEMENTS: | | | $ 191,250.00 |

## ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to approve the establishment of a Stabilization Fund according to G.L. c.71, §16G½, for the Southeastern Regional Vocational Technical School District, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Not recommended.**

## ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2014 Water Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 10 of the May 13, 2013, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that no action be taken.**

## ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2014 Sewer Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 11 of the May 13, 2013, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

**FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended that no action be taken.**

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the body of same at Chartley Post Office, Norton Post Office, Norton Municipal Center, Norton Public Library, and three other public places within the limits of said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof, and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this 17th day of April in the year Two Thousand Fourteen.

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN OF NORTON**

Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Chair

Mary T. Steele, Vice Chair

Bradford K. Bramwell, Clerk

Robert S. Salvo, Sr.

Timothy R. Giblin

Norton, Massachusetts

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

ATTEST:

Janet J. O'Reilly CONSTABLE Norton DATE 4-25, 2014