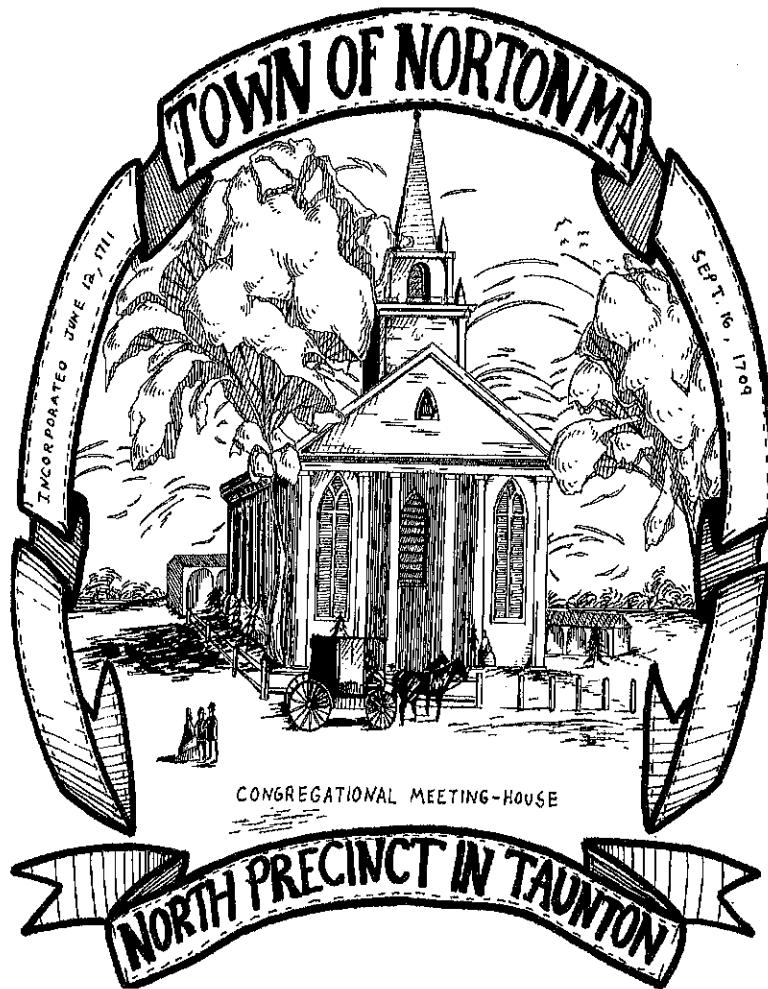
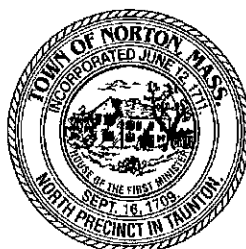


TOWN OF NORTON



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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019



REPORT OF THE NORTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
May 15, 2019, Annual Town Meeting

During Fiscal Year 2019, as required by Charter and By-Laws, the Finance Committee reviewed and made recommendations on all warrant articles at the annual Town meeting in May and all Special Town meetings. In addition, the Committee has been meeting since February reviewing budgets, warrant articles and anticipated revenue and expenditures for Fiscal Year 2020.

Once again, preparing a budget for FY 2020 proved to be a challenging process. The major revenue sources include the following: Taxes collected on real estate located within the Town limits. These real estate taxes can be increased no more than 2.5% from the prior year. In addition, the Town budgets for expected new growth within the Town, essentially from new construction. The Town is also a recipient of Local Aid, which are funds from the Commonwealth of MA. Lastly, local receipts such as automobile excise tax revenue round out the major sources of Town revenue. The budget for FY 2020 recommended by the Finance Committee to the May 2019 session of the Annual Town Meeting does not provide for level services for the coming year (see paragraph 4 below). We recommended the use of \$600,000 of available free cash. Since May of 2013, the Town has utilized a minimum of \$600,000 in Free Cash each year to help balance the proposed budget. The use of free cash to balance the budget is risky, as it uses non-recurring revenue to balance current and continuing operating expenses but based on our conservative approach to revenue and expenses, we have been fortunate to have enough free cash to support its use.

The expenditures approved within the budget include salaries (largely increasing per contractual agreements), maintenance, various debt payments, supplies and benefits. The members of the Finance Committee recognize that when revenue does not keep pace with expenses, the imbalance can be rectified with a Proposition 2½ Override or to keep expenditures within projected revenues. We emphasize the importance of operating within the various recommended budgets which will require the assistance of the various department heads, committees and boards. They must operate within the recommended budgets to avoid potential reductions in expenditures and possibly services at a later date. The budget recommended by the Finance Committee is a balanced budget and we have allocated the anticipated revenues to the recommended budgets as fairly as possible.

With the FY 2020 level services budget, the Police, Communications and Fire Departments budgets were reduced largely in their overtime budgets. The reductions in overtime could result in a reduction for certain shifts and run the risk of increasing response times for any of these departments. The FY 2020 recommended budget is a 3.5% increase, which is a 3.1% increase for the town wide budget and a 3.9% increase for the school budget, over the FY19 budget. The recommended town wide budget results in a \$398K (thousand) shortfall and the recommended school budget results in a \$760K (thousand) shortfall from the requested level services budget. In aggregate the proposed balanced Town budget falls approximately \$1.1M (million) short of providing level services (even after including the \$600K in free cash) from FY2019 to FY2020.

The total operating budget as of this writing, excluding state and county assessments, is \$58,639,830. This is a 3.5% increase over the Fiscal Year 2019 approved budget of \$56,644,019.

The Finance Committee wishes to thank the School Committee, School Superintendent Dr. Joseph Baeta, Police Chief Brian Clark, Fire Chief Paul Schleicher and the many town boards and department heads for their presentations and diligence in the budgeting process. Additional thanks to Assistant to the Town Manager Michelle Brown and Finance Committee Secretary Patricia Tarantino for their invaluable assistance to the Committee. Moreover, the Finance Committee extends a special thank you to Town Manager Michael Yunits for his guidance, preparation and helpful insights throughout the budget process.

Respectfully submitted by the Norton Finance Committee:

Richard Dorney
Peter Carignan
Thomas Deluca
Stephen Evans, Vice Chair
Walter Eykel
Michael Fiore
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William Rotondi, Chair
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Aaron Smith
Bonnie Yezukevich

TOWN OF NORTON
WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 2019
BRISTOL, SS.

To Michael Mayer, Sr., or any of the Constables of the Town of Norton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norton, qualified to vote in Norton affairs, to meet in the Norton High School Auditorium, 66 West Main Street in said Norton, on Wednesday, the 15th day of May, 2019, 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 G.L. c.90, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended. This will authorize the Board of 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 to transfer the amount of \$17,500.00 from Free Cash to pay all outstanding separation expenses associated with the retirement of various employees from the Town of Norton and to authorize the Town Accountant, in consultation with the Town Manager, to allocate amounts to appropriate departments.

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 for the demolition and removal of the Sylvanus Campbell House and Barn at 215-223 West Main Street, Norton, including all incidental and related costs, and to authorize appropriate public officials to take all actions necessary to effect the purposes of this article, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to transfer the amount of \$40,000.00 from Free Cash for the purposes stated.

ARTICLE 5

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 be expended for environmental engineering costs relating to the so-called “Reed & Barton” site identified as Assessor’s Map 17, Lot 32-01, and Assessor’s Map 17, Lot 36, Elm Street and for other costs incidental and related thereto, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such actions and execute such documents and agreements as are necessary to effectuate the purpose of this article, including contracts with terms in excess of three years; or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended, and to do so, by transferring the amount of \$5,000.00 from the funds appropriated under Article 12 of the October 23, 2017, Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money necessary to pay debts and charges of the Water Enterprise, as set forth below, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto:

WATER:

	Chapter 44, Section 53F½			
	2017 Expend	2018 Expend	2019 Approp.	2020 Dept. Request
Personnel Services	675,188	692,541	771,737	866,820
Indirect Expenses	381,431	403,530	338,432	349,358
Other Charges & Expenditures	659,111	730,858	1,158,700	1,203,000
Debt Service	1,101,208	1,070,604	1,039,467	1,262,056
Total:	2,816,938	2,897,533	3,308,336	3,681,234

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$3,681,234.00 as follows:

Personnel Services	866,820
Indirect Expenses	349,358
Other Charges & Expenditures	1,203,000
Debt Service	1,262,056
Total:	3,681,234

The funding for this article is from the Water Enterprise Account which is funded by water fees.

ARTICLE 7

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, 2019, or take any action relative thereto:

SEWER:

	Chapter 44, Section 53F½			
	2017 Approp	2018 Approp	2019 Approp	2020 Dept. Request
Personnel Services	137,188	117,706	162,547	239,635
Indirect Expenses	65,359	69,831	103,572	96,450
Other Charges & Expenditures	793,719	834,033	1,097,400	1,145,800
Debt Service	2,335	182,832	182,750	217,213
Total:	998,601	1,204,402	1,546,269	1,699,098

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$1,699,098.00 as follows:

Personnel Services	239,635
Indirect Expenses	96,450
Other Charges & Expenditures	1,145,800
Debt Service	217,213
Total:	1,699,098

The funding for this article is from the Sewer Enterprise Account which is funded by sewer fees.

ARTICLE 8

To see what sums the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds to pay Town debts and charges for the ensuing Fiscal Year, consistent with the provisions of G.L. c.41, §108, and to appropriate monies for same, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$58,639,830.00 for the Fiscal Year to fund the Town's FY20 Operating Budget, all as presented in the Finance Committee's Report. To do so, the amount of \$56,804,697.00 is to be raised and appropriated, the amount of \$349,358.00 is to be raised from Water receipts, the amount of \$96,450.00 is to be raised from Sewer receipts, and further, the amount of \$1,389,325.00 is to be transferred from the following funds for a total appropriation for the Fiscal Year 2020 operating budget of \$58,639,830.00:

Hicks Fund	\$	100,000.00
Ambulance Receipts	\$	600,000.00
Septic Betterments	\$	60,000.00
Dog Fund	\$	10,000.00
Debt Exclusion Premium	\$	16,325.00
Wetlands Protection	\$	3,000.00
Free Cash	\$	600,000.00
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	\$	1,389,325.00

ARTICLE 8

		FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 19 Budget	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020
		Expended	Expended	Appropriated/ Transferred	Dept.	Town Manager Recommend.	Finance Comm Recommend.
FY 2020 Operating Budget							
Board of Selectmen (122)							
	510	\$ 53,282.47	\$ 25,945.58	\$ 50,100.00	\$ 59,780.00	\$ 59,780.00	\$ 59,780.00
	570	\$ 1,550.21	\$ 1,296.53	\$ 5,223.00	\$ 5,423.00	\$ 5,423.00	\$ 5,423.00
	Totals	\$ 54,832.68	\$ 27,242.11	\$ 55,323.00	\$ 65,203.00	\$ 65,203.00	\$ 65,203.00
Town Manager (123)							
	510	\$ 221,865.61	\$ 238,522.81	\$ 245,370.00	\$ 253,290.00	\$ 253,290.00	\$ 253,290.00
	570	\$ 10,895.54	\$ 46,406.53	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 17,650.00	\$ 17,650.00	\$ 17,650.00
	Totals	\$ 232,761.15	\$ 284,929.34	\$ 262,770.00	\$ 270,940.00	\$ 270,940.00	\$ 270,940.00
Finance Committee (131)							
	570	\$ 895.64	\$ 1,248.63	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 1,410.00
	Totals	\$ 895.64	\$ 1,248.63	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 1,410.00	\$ 1,410.00
Reserve Fund (132)							
	Appropriation		\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
	Transfers	\$ 75,174.00	\$ (49,285.36)	\$ -			
	Totals	\$ 75,174.00	\$ 100,714.64	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Town Accountant (135)							
	510	\$ 180,325.09	\$ 189,320.09	\$ 195,916.00	\$ 203,588.00	\$ 203,588.00	\$ 203,588.00
	520	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00	\$ 25,000.00
	570	\$ 1,933.09	\$ 3,506.13	\$ 3,635.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
	Totals	\$ 206,758.18	\$ 217,326.22	\$ 224,051.00	\$ 232,338.00	\$ 232,338.00	\$ 232,338.00
Assessors (141)							
	510	\$ 136,666.27	\$ 132,051.75	\$ 138,590.00	\$ 147,533.00	\$ 146,374.00	\$ 146,374.00
	570	\$ 36,377.67	\$ 40,490.36	\$ 34,650.00	\$ 32,743.00	\$ 32,743.00	\$ 32,743.00
	Totals	\$ 173,043.94	\$ 172,542.11	\$ 173,240.00	\$ 180,276.00	\$ 179,117.00	\$ 179,117.00

ARTICLE 8

		FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 19 Budget	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020
		Expended	Expended	Appropriated/ Transferred	Dept. Request	Town Manager Recommend.	Finance Comm Recommend.
FY 2020 Operating Budget							
Treasurer/Collector (147)							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 181,620.55	\$ 196,097.84	\$ 212,196.00	\$ 216,916.00	\$ 217,468.00	\$ 217,468.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 39,224.90	\$ 42,127.01	\$ 51,800.00	\$ 66,325.00	\$ 66,325.00	\$ 66,325.00
Totals		\$ 220,845.45	\$ 238,224.85	\$ 263,996.00	\$ 283,241.00	\$ 283,793.00	\$ 283,793.00
Legal Services (151)							
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 46,817.80	\$ 67,117.56	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Totals		\$ 46,817.80	\$ 67,117.56	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 70,000.00
Data Processing (155)							
Personnel Services	510	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,155.00	\$ 29,155.00	\$ 29,155.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 196,491.43	\$ 186,119.44	\$ 210,450.00	\$ 246,312.00	\$ 246,312.00	\$ 246,312.00
Totals		\$ 196,491.43	\$ 186,119.44	\$ 210,450.00	\$ 275,467.00	\$ 275,467.00	\$ 275,467.00
Tax Title Foreclosure (158)							
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 38,110.85	\$ 38,538.28	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Totals	570	\$ 38,110.85	\$ 38,538.28	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 45,000.00
Town Clerk (161)							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 103,013.71	\$ 104,728.18	\$ 116,895.00	\$ 121,650.00	\$ 121,847.00	\$ 121,847.00
Salary - Elected Official	511	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 8,406.44	\$ 7,095.48	\$ 9,875.00	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 16,300.00	\$ 16,300.00
Totals		\$ 111,420.15	\$ 111,823.66	\$ 126,770.00	\$ 138,450.00	\$ 138,147.00	\$ 138,147.00
Elections (162)							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 550.00	\$ 685.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00	\$ 630.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 40,533.21	\$ 21,320.46	\$ 44,052.00	\$ 24,742.00	\$ 24,742.00	\$ 24,742.00
Totals		\$ 41,083.21	\$ 22,005.46	\$ 44,682.00	\$ 25,372.00	\$ 25,372.00	\$ 25,372.00

ARTICLE 8

			FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 19 Budget	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020
			Expended	Expended	Appropriated/ Transferred	Dept.	Request	Town Manager Recommend.	Finance Comm Recommend.
FY 2020 Operating Budget									
Conservation Comm (171)									
	510	\$	89,491.25	\$	86,434.55	\$	89,919.00	\$	120,863.68
	570	\$	4,102.19	\$	9,432.45	\$	15,547.00	\$	20,426.00
		\$	93,593.44	\$	95,867.00	\$	105,466.00	\$	141,289.68
Planning Board (175)									
	510	\$	82,230.02	\$	82,360.80	\$	110,751.00	\$	111,420.00
	570	\$	2,689.44	\$	3,393.26	\$	5,200.00	\$	5,200.00
		\$	84,919.46	\$	85,754.06	\$	115,951.00	\$	116,620.00
SE REG Plan & Econ Dev (176)									
	560	\$	3,310.44	\$	3,393.04	\$	3,478.00	\$	3,583.00
		\$	3,310.44	\$	3,393.04	\$	3,478.00	\$	3,583.00
Zoning Bd Of Appeals (177)									
	570	\$	95.67	\$	95.39	\$	300.00	\$	300.00
		\$	95.67	\$	95.39	\$	300.00	\$	300.00
Municipal Bldg Maint (192)									
	570	\$	235,472.26	\$	178,168.30	\$	240,600.00	\$	220,900.00
		\$	235,472.26	\$	178,168.30	\$	240,600.00	\$	220,900.00
Town Report (195)									
	520	\$	1,687.71	\$	1,807.77	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
		\$	1,687.71	\$	1,807.77	\$	2,000.00	\$	2,000.00
Postage -All Depts (199)									
	570	\$	28,540.44	\$	27,514.50	\$	32,000.00	\$	37,500.00
		\$	28,540.44	\$	27,514.50	\$	32,000.00	\$	37,500.00

ARTICLE 8

		FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 19 Budget	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020
		Expended	Expended	Appropriated/ Transferred	Dept.	Request	Town Manager Recommend.
							Finance Comm Recommend.
FY 2020 Operating Budget							
Police Department (210)							
	510	\$ 2,867,575.25	\$ 3,058,846.78	\$ 3,335,660.00	\$ 3,427,578.00	\$ 3,376,078.00	\$ 3,376,078.00
	570	\$ 203,851.12	\$ 191,025.97	\$ 199,035.00	\$ 210,710.00	\$ 207,710.00	\$ 207,710.00
		\$ 3,071,426.37	\$ 3,249,872.75	\$ 3,534,695.00	\$ 3,638,288.00	\$ 3,583,788.00	\$ 3,583,788.00
Fire Department (220)							
	510	\$ 3,438,876.68	\$ 3,534,659.63	\$ 3,632,856.00	\$ 3,834,695.18	\$ 3,744,696.00	\$ 3,744,696.00
	570	\$ 149,009.13	\$ 173,415.58	\$ 208,800.00	\$ 191,800.00	\$ 185,800.00	\$ 185,800.00
		\$ 3,587,885.81	\$ 3,708,075.21	\$ 3,841,656.00	\$ 4,026,495.18	\$ 3,930,496.00	\$ 3,930,496.00
Emergency Medl Serv (230)							
	570	\$ 85,440.48	\$ 108,403.82	\$ 131,400.00	\$ 131,400.00	\$ 113,900.00	\$ 113,900.00
		\$ 85,440.48	\$ 108,403.82	\$ 131,400.00	\$ 131,400.00	\$ 113,900.00	\$ 113,900.00
Emergency Planning (240)							
	570	\$ 6,153.79	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,150.00
		\$ 6,153.79	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,150.00	\$ 7,150.00
Inspection Dept (241)							
	510	\$ 156,911.89	\$ 163,217.83	\$ 168,772.00	\$ 202,630.00	\$ 196,656.00	\$ 196,656.00
	570	\$ 9,449.38	\$ 9,061.90	\$ 11,725.00	\$ 20,050.00	\$ 20,050.00	\$ 20,050.00
		\$ 166,361.27	\$ 172,279.73	\$ 180,497.00	\$ 222,680.00	\$ 216,706.00	\$ 216,706.00
Sealer Weights (244)							
	570	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
		\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00

ARTICLE 8

		FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 19 Budget	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020
		Expended	Expended	Appropriated/ Transferred	Dept.	Town Manager Recommend.	Finance Comm Recommend.
FY 2020 Operating Budget							
<u>Communication Center (290)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 603,360.86	\$ 622,992.43	\$ 606,032.00	\$ 674,645.80	\$ 626,077.00	\$ 626,077.00
Assessment	560	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00	\$ 51,000.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 121,431.92	\$ 123,464.43	\$ 139,125.00	\$ 142,450.00	\$ 142,450.00	\$ 142,450.00
Totals		\$ 724,792.78	\$ 746,456.86	\$ 796,157.00	\$ 868,095.80	\$ 819,527.00	\$ 819,527.00
<u>Animal Control (292)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 56,176.11	\$ 57,203.98	\$ 58,344.00	\$ 60,173.52	\$ 61,949.00	\$ 61,949.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 11,206.30	\$ 11,118.58	\$ 11,785.00	\$ 12,700.00	\$ 12,700.00	\$ 12,700.00
Totals		\$ 67,382.41	\$ 68,322.56	\$ 70,129.00	\$ 72,873.52	\$ 74,649.00	\$ 74,649.00
<u>Tree Warden (294)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
Totals		\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<u>School Department (300)</u>							
Operating Expense		\$ 25,692,023.57	\$ 26,937,324.72	\$ 28,510,730.00	\$ 30,382,991.00	\$ 29,622,648.00	\$ 29,622,648.00
Totals		\$ 25,692,023.57	\$ 26,937,324.72	\$ 28,510,730.00	\$ 30,382,991.00	\$ 29,622,648.00	\$ 29,622,648.00
<u>Southeastern Reg Voc (306)</u>							
Assessments	560	\$ 980,213.00	\$ 996,390.00	\$ 1,120,296.00	\$ 1,172,402.00	\$ 1,172,402.00	\$ 1,172,402.00
Totals		\$ 980,213.00	\$ 996,390.00	\$ 1,120,296.00	\$ 1,172,402.00	\$ 1,172,402.00	\$ 1,172,402.00
<u>Reg Agricultural Sch (308)</u>							
Assessments	560	\$ 26,838.00	\$ 21,170.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
Totals		\$ 26,838.00	\$ 21,170.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
<u>Highway (420)</u>							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 616,321.23	\$ 638,956.65	\$ 676,038.00	\$ 803,107.10	\$ 797,414.00	\$ 797,414.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 89,639.69	\$ 98,104.50	\$ 97,150.00	\$ 99,150.00	\$ 99,150.00	\$ 99,150.00
Surface Treatment	580	\$ 7,142.81	\$ 1,194.09	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00
Repairs to Private Ways	581	\$ 913.94	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Totals		\$ 714,017.67	\$ 739,255.24	\$ 782,188.00	\$ 911,257.10	\$ 905,564.00	\$ 905,564.00

ARTICLE 8

		FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 19 Budget	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020
		Expended	Expended	Appropriated/ Transferred	Dept.	Request	Town Manager Recommend.	Finance Comm Recommend.
FY 2020 Operating Budget								
<u>Snow Removal (423)</u>								
	570	\$ 148,344.15	\$ 214,396.40	\$ 80,000.00	\$	80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
	Totals	\$ 148,344.15	\$ 214,396.40	\$ 80,000.00	\$	80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 80,000.00
<u>Street Lighting (425)</u>								
	570	\$ 117,616.48	\$ 81,852.37	\$ 120,000.00	\$	100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
	Totals	\$ 117,616.48	\$ 81,852.37	\$ 120,000.00	\$	100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00	\$ 100,000.00
<u>Sanitary Landfill (438)</u>								
	570	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,490.54	\$ 8,000.00	\$	13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
				\$ -				
	Totals	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,490.54	\$ 8,000.00	\$	13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00	\$ 13,000.00
<u>Board of Health (510)</u>								
	510	\$ 130,661.97	\$ 138,272.51	\$ 148,194.00	\$	156,838.00	\$ 157,095.00	\$ 157,095.00
	570	\$ 24,918.65	\$ 3,955.80	\$ 8,425.00	\$	10,625.00	\$ 10,625.00	\$ 10,625.00
	Totals	\$ 155,580.62	\$ 142,228.31	\$ 156,619.00	\$	167,463.00	\$ 167,720.00	\$ 167,720.00
<u>Public Health Nurse (522)</u>								
	510	\$ 32,140.00	\$ 33,150.00	\$ 33,800.00	\$	34,463.00	\$ 34,594.00	\$ 34,594.00
	570	\$ 8,111.57	\$ 8,596.18	\$ 10,250.00	\$	10,250.00	\$ 10,250.00	\$ 10,250.00
	Totals	\$ 40,251.57	\$ 41,746.18	\$ 44,050.00	\$	44,713.00	\$ 44,844.00	\$ 44,844.00
<u>Council on Aging (541)</u>								
	510	\$ 48,577.93	\$ 56,428.00	\$ 58,160.00	\$	88,554.00	\$ 78,648.00	\$ 78,648.00
	570	\$ 11,436.85	\$ 11,874.24	\$ 11,600.00	\$	12,300.00	\$ 12,300.00	\$ 12,300.00
				\$ -				
	Totals	\$ 60,014.78	\$ 68,302.24	\$ 69,760.00	\$	100,854.00	\$ 90,948.00	\$ 90,948.00

ARTICLE 8

		FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 19 Budget	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020
		Expended	Expended	Appropriated/ Transferred	Dept.	Town Manager Recommend.	Finance Comm Recommend.
FY 2020 Operating Budget							
Veterans Agent (543)							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 54,337.85	\$ 56,774.90	\$ 84,531.00	\$ 89,173.00	\$ 89,173.00	\$ 89,173.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 2,543.01	\$ 2,885.95	\$ 3,730.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,750.00
Veterans Benefits	579	\$ 213,155.71	\$ 195,403.12	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 230,000.00	\$ 230,000.00
Reserve Fund Supplement			\$ -				
Totals		\$ 270,036.57	\$ 255,063.97	\$ 318,261.00	\$ 322,923.00	\$ 322,923.00	\$ 322,923.00
Library (610)							
Other Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 387,486.00	\$ 399,111.00	\$ 409,089.00	\$ 529,137.00	\$ 459,542.00	\$ 459,542.00
Totals		\$ 387,486.00	\$ 399,111.00	\$ 409,089.00	\$ 529,137.00	\$ 459,542.00	\$ 459,542.00
Recreation (630)							
Personnel Services	510	\$ 7,400.00	\$ 15,736.04	\$ 22,529.00	\$ 24,391.00	\$ 24,482.00	\$ 24,482.00
Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 9,181.88	\$ 10,266.44	\$ 13,600.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00	\$ 18,000.00
Totals		\$ 16,581.88	\$ 26,002.48	\$ 36,129.00	\$ 42,391.00	\$ 42,482.00	\$ 42,482.00
Memorial & Vets Day (692)							
Other Charges & Expenditures	570	\$ 1,233.06	\$ 1,152.63	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Totals		\$ 1,233.06	\$ 1,152.63	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00
Maturing Debt (711)							
Maturing Principal on LT Debt	590	\$ 1,523,589.98	\$ 1,681,765.82	\$ 1,622,275.00	\$ 1,502,097.00	\$ 1,502,097.00	\$ 1,502,097.00
Repayment of Temporary Loans	594	\$ 98,197.00	\$ 47,197.00	\$ 47,197.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Totals		\$ 1,621,786.98	\$ 1,728,962.82	\$ 1,669,472.00	\$ 1,502,097.00	\$ 1,502,097.00	\$ 1,502,097.00
Interest (750)							
Interest on Long-Term Debt	590	\$ 531,695.53	\$ 530,814.00	\$ 475,554.00	\$ 534,773.00	\$ 534,773.00	\$ 534,773.00
Interest on Notes	594	\$ 18,645.11	\$ 941.32	\$ 57,276.00	\$ 74,538.00	\$ 74,538.00	\$ 74,538.00
Reserve Fund Supplement			\$ -				
Totals		\$ 550,340.64	\$ 531,755.32	\$ 532,830.00	\$ 609,311.00	\$ 609,311.00	\$ 609,311.00

ARTICLE 8

		FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 19 Budget	FY 2020	FY 2020	FY 2020
		Expended	Expended	Appropriated/ Transferred	Dept.	Request	Town Manager Recommend.
							Finance Comm Recommend.
FY 2020 Operating Budget							
Employee Benefits (910)							
	510	\$ 2,595,139.00	\$ 2,601,305.00	\$ 2,710,522.00	\$ 2,936,745.00	\$ 2,936,745.00	\$ 2,936,745.00
	511	\$ 6,713,490.90	\$ 7,094,688.55	\$ 7,955,402.22	\$ 8,231,109.00	\$ 8,231,109.00	\$ 8,231,109.00
	570	\$ 421,967.36	\$ 446,936.90	\$ 480,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00	\$ 500,000.00
	Totals	\$ 9,730,597.26	\$ 10,142,930.45	\$ 11,145,924.22	\$ 11,667,854.00	\$ 11,667,854.00	\$ 11,667,854.00
Unemployment Comp (911)							
	570	\$ 31,271.80	\$ 31,294.05	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
	Totals	\$ 31,271.80	\$ 31,294.05	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 75,000.00
Miscellaneous (940)							
	540	\$ 97,233.21	\$ 126,187.13	\$ 110,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00	\$ 115,000.00
	570	\$ 508,400.03	\$ 534,860.13	\$ 661,000.00	\$ 629,585.00	\$ 629,585.00	\$ 629,585.00
	Totals	\$ 605,633.24	\$ 661,047.26	\$ 771,000.00	\$ 744,585.00	\$ 744,585.00	\$ 744,585.00
GRAND TOTALS							
		\$ 50,712,164.08	\$ 52,948,469.27	\$ 56,644,019.22	\$ 59,798,550.28	\$ 58,639,830.00	\$ 58,639,830.00

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 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 at this time.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, 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 G.L. c. 44, §§7 or 8, of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and, in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, authorize any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, to be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended in the amount of \$1,670,085.00, by transferring the amount of \$532,525.00 from the Capital Improvements Account, \$132,500.00 from the Ambulance Reserve Fund, \$23,000.00 from the Dog Fund, \$287,560.00 from Sewer Enterprise Retained Earnings, and \$694,500.00 from the Water Enterprise Retained Earnings 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:

CONSERVATION (171)	Renovations to Camp Edith Read Complex, North Worcester Street	\$ 25,750.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT (210)	Police Line Cruiser Replacements (Two)	\$ 82,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)	Zodiac (*)	\$ 45,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)	Jaws/Heavy Rescue Equip. (*)	\$ 50,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)	Pumper Replacement (Year 2 of 5)	\$ 125,000.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)	Burgess Station Apparatus floor/repairs etc (50/50)	\$ 75,000.00
ANIMAL CONTROL (292)	Repairs, Replacements, and Improvements to Animal Shelter, to include fencing, gates, paving, windows, doors, etc.	\$ 23,000.00
SCHOOLS (300) District	Indoor Athletic Floors	\$ 38,000.00
SCHOOLS (300) NHS and HAY	Athletic Facilities Master Plan	\$ 19,020.00
HIGHWAY (420)	Peterbilt 348-473118 with Tank (2 of 5)	\$ 35,000.00
HIGHWAY (420)	4 x 4 Backhoe (5 of 5)	\$ 27,000.00
HIGHWAY (420)	2.5 Ton 6 Wheeler with Plow (5 of 5)	\$ 31,000.00
HIGHWAY (420)	Holder Utility Tractor (3 of 5)	\$ 33,000.00
BOARD OF HEALTH (510)	Electric Vehicles End of Lease Buy-Out: 3 Chevrolet Volts and 1 Chevrolet Bolt	\$ 79,255.00
SUBTOTAL:		\$ 688,025.00
SEWER (440)	Pick-Up Truck 4x4 with Plow and Accessories	\$ 54,500.00
SEWER (440)	Generator Replacement and Electrical Upgrades Cobb Street Station	\$ 220,000.00
SEWER (440)	Replace Old Crane on Sewer Truck	\$ 13,060.00
SUBTOTAL SEWER PROJECTS:		\$ 287,560.00
WATER (450)	Water Main Cleaning	\$ 200,000.00
WATER (450)	VFD Replacements Wells 1,3 and 3 MG Tank	\$ 40,000.00
WATER (450)	4 Log Removal Pipework Per DEP Regulations #3	\$ 125,000.00
WATER (450)	4 Log Pipework Per DEP Regulations #1	\$ 125,000.00
WATER (450)	Cottage Street Tank Engineering	\$ 150,000.00
WATER (450)	Replace 4x4 Pick-Up with Plow and Accessories	\$ 54,500.00
SUBTOTAL WATER PROJECTS:		\$ 694,500.00

The current balance of the Capital Improvements Fund is \$695,344.00. If this article is approved, there will be \$162,819.00 remaining in the Capital Improvements Fund.

ARTICLE 10
PROPOSED FY20 CAPITAL BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2020 CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATIONS		
		TOWN MANAGER	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE	FINANCE COMMITTEE
DATA PROCESSING (155)				
VMware Dual Server Hardware, Storage Array, Microsoft Licensing, and Professional Services	\$ 139,101.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
CONSERVATION (171)				
Renovations to Camp Edith Read Complex, North Worcester Street	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 25,750.00	\$ 25,750.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT (210)				
Police Line Cruiser Replacements (Two)	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 82,000.00	\$ 82,000.00
Portable Radios (5/Year)	\$ 16,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Communications Center Remodel	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
HVAC Units Replacement	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
FIRE DEPARTMENT (220)				
Zodiac (*)	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00
Jaws/Heavy Rescue Equip.(*)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00
Turnout Gear Replacement (18) ^	\$ 49,500.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Pumper Replacement (Year 2 of 5)	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Burgess Station Apparatus floor/repairs etc (50/50)	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00
Construct East Side Station (Apparatus Room Only)	TBD	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Renovate Chartley Station	\$ 25,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
ANIMAL CONTROL (292)				
Repairs, Replacements, and Improvements to Animal Shelter, to include fencing, gates, paving, windows, doors, etc.	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
SCHOOLS (300)				
DISTRICT				
Technology Infrastructure	\$ 162,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Indoor Athletic Floors	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00	\$ 38,000.00
Technology Displays	\$ 75,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

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PROPOSED FY20 CAPITAL BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2020 CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATIONS		
		TOWN MANAGER	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE	FINANCE COMMITTEE
NHS AND HAY				
Athletic Facilities Master Plan	\$ 19,020.00	\$ 19,020.00	\$ 19,020.00	\$ 19,020.00
HIGHWAY (420)				
Peterbilt 348-473118 with Tank (2 of 5)	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 35,000.00
4 x 4 Backhoe (5 of 5)	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 27,000.00
2.5 Ton 6 Wheeler with Plow (5 of 5)	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00
Tree Bucket Truck	\$ 70,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Holder Utility Tractor (3 of 5)	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 33,000.00
BOARD OF HEALTH (510)				
Electric Vehicles End of Lease Buy-Out: 3 Chevrolet Volts and 1 Chevrolet Bolt	\$ 79,255.00	\$ 79,255.00	\$ 79,255.00	\$ 79,255.00
SUBTOTAL:	\$ 1,225,126.00	\$ 688,025.00	\$ 688,025.00	\$ 688,025.00
SEWER (440)				
Pick-Up Truck 4x4 with Plow and Accessories	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 54,500.00
Generator Replacement and Electrical Upgrades Cobb Street Station	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00	\$ 220,000.00
Construct New Sewer Department Building	\$ 100,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Replace Old Crane on Sewer Truck	\$ 13,060.00	\$ 13,060.00	\$ 13,060.00	\$ 13,060.00
SUBTOTAL SEWER PROJECTS:	\$ 387,560.00	\$ 287,560.00	\$ 287,560.00	\$ 287,560.00
WATER (450)				
Water Main Cleaning	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 200,000.00
VFD Replacements Wells 1,3 and 3 MG Tank	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00
4 Log Removal Pipework Per DEP Regulations #3	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
4 Log Pipework Per DEP Regulations #1	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00	\$ 125,000.00
Cottage Street Tank Engineering	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Replace 4x4 Pick-Up with Plow and Accessories	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 54,500.00	\$ 54,500.00
SUBTOTAL WATER PROJECTS:	\$ 694,500.00	\$ 694,500.00	\$ 694,500.00	\$ 694,500.00

ARTICLE 10
PROPOSED FY20 CAPITAL BUDGET

FISCAL YEAR 2020 CAPITAL PROJECTS LIST	DEPARTMENT REQUEST	RECOMMENDATIONS		
		TOWN MANAGER	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE	FINANCE COMMITTEE
TOTAL CAPITAL REQUEST	\$ 1,092,626.00	\$ 532,525.00	\$ 532,525.00	\$ 532,525.00
TOTAL AMBULANCE RESERVE FUND	\$132,500.00	\$ 132,500.00	\$ 132,500.00	\$ 132,500.00
TOTAL DOG FUND	\$ -	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00	\$ 23,000.00
TOTAL BORROWING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL SEWER "SURPLUS" (Retained Earnings)	\$ 387,560.00	\$ 287,560.00	\$ 287,560.00	\$ 287,560.00
TOTAL WATER "SURPLUS" (Retained Earnings)	\$ 694,500.00	\$ 694,500.00	\$ 694,500.00	\$ 694,500.00
TOTAL (INC. FROM ALL FUNDING SOURCES)	\$ 2,307,186.00	\$ 1,670,085.00	\$ 1,670,085.00	\$ 1,670,085.00

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 \$25,000.00 for tree services, including but not limited to the removal of hazardous trees, stump removal, and performance of additional preventative and emergency services Town-wide, including crane rentals and other incidental and related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TREE WARDEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to transfer the amount of \$25,000.00 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, and/or borrow a sum of money for planning, design, and construction of water main improvements and appurtenances along East Main Street from Pine Street to Route 495 in conjunction with the MassDOT roadway improvements project, and for related legal, administrative, and all incidental and related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action at this time, pending additional information.

ARTICLE 13

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 for the purpose of designing and constructing sewers, pump stations, and force mains, land acquisition, and for related legal, administrative and other pertinent expenses associated with the construction of public sewers required to serve the Woodland Meadows development, Norton High School, and Yelle Elementary School and other public and private properties on West Main Street, Taunton Avenue, Howard Street, and Fillmore Drive, along the sewer alignment needed to serve those properties, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in G.L. c.29C, §1; that such sum of money to be used to augment the \$3,320,000.00 appropriated and approved for borrowing under Article 8 of the May 8, 2017, Special Town Meeting and the \$880,000.00 appropriated and approved for borrowing under Article 8 of the May 14, 2018, Special Town Meeting and further to authorize the funds appropriated under such articles to also be expended for the purposes set forth herein; that to meet this additional appropriation the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow a sum of money and to issue bonds or notes therefor in accordance with G.L. c.44, G.L. c.29C, 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; that the Norton Water and Sewer Commission be and is authorized to apply for, accept, and expend any state and/or federal grants and loans or other public or private funds that may be available for the project; that the Water and Sewer Commission be authorized to assess sewer betterments and/or privilege fees to recover all or a portion of the sewer project costs authorized by this vote, Article 8 of the May 8, 2017, Special Town Meeting, and Article 8 of the May 14, 2018, Special Town Meeting in accordance with any of the methods available under G.L. c.80 and 83 and Town Sewer Department Rules and Regulations; 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 Clean Water Trust established pursuant to said 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 Water and Sewer Commission 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 authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or the Water and Sewer Commission to acquire, by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain, such land and/or permanent and temporary easements in, on and under the foregoing properties as may be necessary or convenient for the purposes set forth herein; and in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, authorize any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of project costs approved hereunder, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs; and to take any other action related thereto.

(NORTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN,
NORTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS, AND
NORTON WATER AND SEWER COMMISSION)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action at this time, pending additional information.

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 to update the Town of Norton's Master Plan, or take any other action relative thereto.

(PLANNING BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to raise and appropriate the amount of \$30,000.00.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw entitled, "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of new buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, as it may be amended from time to time, the "Stretch Energy Code", including amendments or modifications thereto, regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, as set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto:

§136-1 Purpose

The purpose of this bylaw is to provide a more energy efficient alternative to the Base Energy Code applicable to the relevant sections of the building code for certain new buildings in the Town of Norton.

§136-2 Definitions

International Energy Conservation Code ("IECC") - The IECC is a building code created by the International Code Council. It is a model code adopted by many states and municipal governments for the establishment of minimum design and construction requirements for energy efficiency, and is updated on a three year cycle. The baseline energy conservation requirements of the Massachusetts State Building Code are the IECC with Massachusetts amendments, as approved by the Board of Building Regulations and Standards ("BBRS").

Stretch Energy Code - Codified by the BBRS in the Massachusetts Building Code, based on further amendments to the IECC to improve energy efficiency of buildings.

§136-3 Applicability

The Stretch Energy Code applies to residential and commercial buildings. Buildings not included in this scope shall comply with 780 CMR 115.AA, as applicable.

§136-4. Stretch Energy Code

- A. The Stretch Energy Code, currently codified by the BBRS as 780 CMR Appendix 115 AA, and including any future editions, amendments or modifications, is hereby incorporated by reference into the General Bylaws.
- B. The Stretch Energy Code shall be enforced by the Building Inspector.

§136-5. Effective Date

The by-law shall have a concurrency start date of July 1, 2019, and a sole effective date of January 1, 2020; during the concurrency period only applicants may choose whether to comply with the Stretch Energy Code or the Base Energy Code.

(BUILDING COMMISSIONER)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Norton Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 175 of the General Code, under Article IV, Use Regulations, by inserting the bold, italic, underlined text and deleting the strikethrough text, as follows, or take any other action relative thereto:

§ 175-4.2 **Residential uses**

Principal Uses	Zoning Districts Allowed Uses					
	R-80	R-60	R-40	VC	C	I
Institutional, educational facilities	Y	Y	Y	Y	SP <u>Y</u>	SP <u>Y</u>
Religious facilities	Y	Y	Y	Y	SP <u>Y</u>	SP <u>Y</u>

§ 175-4.3 **Open space, agriculture and recreation uses.**

Principal Uses	Zoning Districts Allowed Uses					
	R-80	R-60	R-40	VC	C	I
<u>Passive outdoor recreational uses such as parks, beaches, picnic groves, camping and other similar uses, but not including amusement parks and commercial campsites</u>	SP <u>SP</u>	SP <u>SP</u>	SP <u>SP</u>	SP <u>SP</u>	SP <u>SP</u>	N <u>N</u>

§ 175-4.4 **Commercial uses.**

[Amended 5-14-2018 ATM by Art. 22]

Principal Uses	Zoning Districts Allowed Uses					
	R-80	R-60	R-40	VC	C	I
Campsite	N	N	N	N	N	N

(PLANNING BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action at this time, pending additional information.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Norton Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 175 of the General Code, by inserting in alphabetical order under Article II Definitions, § 175-2.2 Terms defined, the following new definitions, or take any other action relative thereto:

AMUSEMENT PARK – An outdoor amusement facility of a permanent nature, including carnival or midway, with any or all of the following: rides, water slides, concession stands, and games of chance.

COMMERCIAL CAMPSITE – A facility located on a lot that is not less than 75 acres in area and that is used by transient campers in a unit that is a portable structure, shelter or vehicle designed and intended for occupancy by persons engaged in camping activities or such recreational and non-recreational vehicle activities that are common to a campground or recreational vehicle park. The facility may include accessory uses that are intended for the use and convenience of the users of the campground and that customarily are accessory to the operation of a commercial campground, such as recreation fields and halls, swimming and shower facilities, convenience stores, food services, and spas. The facility also may include buildings that are owned by the owner(s) of the campground and that are used for functions and events such as weddings, family reunions, and business and educational conferences, whether used by the facility's campers or by non-camping patrons. No such facility shall include mobile homes.

(PLANNING BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action at this time, pending additional information.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Norton Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 175 of the General Code, by inserting under Article VII, Off-Street Parking and Loading, § 175-7.10 B, Commercial Districts, a new subsection (4), as set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto:

Notwithstanding the above driveway requirements, the Planning Board recognizes that the inflexible application of such requirements may result in a development that is less than optimal. Therefore, in the case of those uses which require a Special Permit pursuant to Section 175-4.4 – Commercial Uses and Section 175-4.5 – Industrial Uses and for those uses which require Site Plan approval, the Planning Board may permit deviations from the presumptive driveway requirements based upon reference to available studies and data and at the Board's discretion, with the assistance of qualified expert consultants.

(PLANNING BOARD)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action at this time, pending additional information.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Norton Zoning Bylaws, Chapter 175 of the General Code, making the following bolded and underlined additions to the Zoning Bylaws:

By adding a new category in Article IV. Use Regulations, Section 175-4.5, as follows:

	R 80	R 60	R 40	VC	C	I
Digital/Electronic Billboard	N	N	N	N	N	SP

By adding the following new definition by inserting it in alphabetical order under Article II, Definitions, §175-2.2. Terms defined:

Digital/Electronic Billboard. An electronic message display utilizing light emitting diodes (LEDs), plasma or other technology that present static or multiple static advertisements on a rotating basis, free standing, which does not advertise a business or profession conducted, a service offered or a commodity sold upon the premises where such sign is located, and which is subjected to the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Department of Transportation Office of Outdoor Advertising.

By adding the following new language (bolded and underlined below) to Article VIII, Signs, Section 175-8.4(A)(8):

- (a) Only signs pertaining exclusively to the premises on which they are located or to products, accommodations, services or activities on the premises shall be allowed, except the following may be allowed: **(1)** that an off-premises directional sign designating the route to an establishment not on the street to which the sign is oriented may be erected and maintained within the public right-of-way at any intersection or on private property if granted a special permit by the Board of Appeals, **and (2) Digital/Electronic Billboards in the "Industrial" Zoning District if granted a Special Permit under Section 8.4(D)(2).**
- (b) ~~Such signs~~ **No directional sign** shall be authorized only **except** upon the authorizing agency's determination that such sign will promote the public interest, will not endanger the public safety and will be of such size, location and design as will not be detrimental to the neighborhood. At locations where directions to more than one

establishment are to be provided, all such directional information shall be incorporated into a single structure. All such directional signs shall be unlighted and each shall be not over four square feet in area.

And by adding a new paragraph (d) to Section 8.4(D)(2) as follows:

In the "Industrial" Zoning District, Digital/Electronic Billboards may be erected and maintained if granted a Special Permit by the Planning Board provided that it shall not exceed more than ninety (90) feet in height and shall not exceed a fourteen foot (14') by forty-eight foot (48') face area. A Digital/Electronic Billboard shall not be erected except on a lot with conforming lot area and frontage or on any other lot with at least ten-thousand square feet of vacant lot area and one hundred and fifty feet of frontage and must be erected within two thousand (2000) feet of Interstate 495. For any Digital/Electronic Billboard located on a lot abutting another lot containing a residential use, the minimum setback distance shall be five hundred (500) feet from any residential structure. A Digital/Electronic Billboard visible to a major artery/highway shall contain the name and address of the user of the property. No Digital/Electronic Billboard shall be erected within one thousand (1000) linear feet of another. No Digital/Electronic Billboard shall be erected if the Special Permit Granting Authority determines that it will obstruct a view of scenic beauty and interest or a place of historic interest. No Billboard shall be located upon another structure. The Planning Board may only issue a Special Permit upon a finding that the Billboard shall not endanger the public safety or be detrimental to the neighborhood or constitute a nuisance to any abutting uses or to any nearby residential uses by virtue of its size, dimension, location, design, construction, illumination, or visibility, that sufficient utilities, servicing and maintenance of the Billboard can be provided, and that adequate provisions, by way of security, are provided in the event that the Billboard is decommissioned so that its removal is ensured and timely.

or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No action at this time, pending additional information.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to make the following revisions to the Town's Bylaws, as on file with the Town Clerk:

1. In Chapter 110, Article III, §110-11, increase the Assistant Water & Sewer Superintendent range from "\$53,045 - \$70,701" to "\$73,000 to \$80,000"; and,
2. In Chapter 110, Article V, §110-19, add the phrase "eligible to use one (1) week after six (6) months of service".

(TOWN MANAGER)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds a sum of money to the "Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund" established to cover the unfunded actuarial liability for retirees' health care and life insurance benefits, or take any other action relative thereto.

(TOWN MANAGER)

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

ARTICLE 22

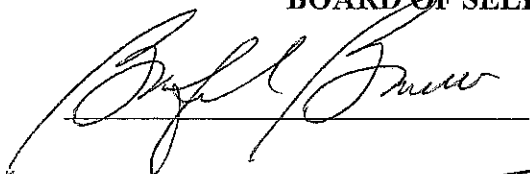
To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer and/or appropriate from available funds, a sum of money for the Stabilization Fund, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5B, of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

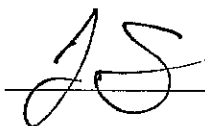
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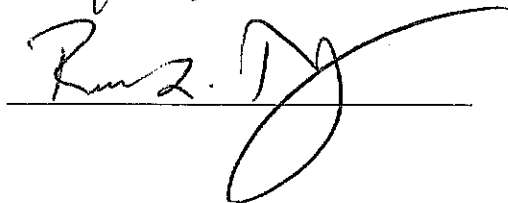
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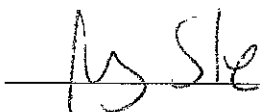
And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the body of same at Chartley Post Office, Norton Post Office, Norton Municipal Center, Norton Public Library, and three other public places within the limits of said Town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof, and fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at the time and place of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this 3rd day of May in the year Two Thousand Nineteen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN OF NORTON









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 3, 2019

**TOWN OF NORTON
WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 15, 2019
BRISTOL, SS.**

To Michael Mayer, Sr., or any of the Constables of the Town of Norton:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norton, qualified to vote in Norton affairs, to meet in the Norton High School Auditorium, 66 West Main Street, in said Norton, on Wednesday, the 15th day of May, 2019, A.D., at seven-thirty 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 to pay the following unpaid bill incurred in a prior fiscal year using existing Fiscal Year 2019 funds in Account No. 001-290-570:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	VENDOR	PURPOSE	AMOUNT
001-290-570	Communications	Town of Norton Water/Sewer	Reimburse Electric Fees - Newland Street Radio Tower	\$ 10,381.92

ARTICLE 2

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

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

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

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2019 operating budget appropriated under Article 10 of the May 14, 2018, 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 10 of the May 14, 2018, Annual Town Meeting by increasing appropriations for certain line items and to do so, by transferring the additional amount of \$203,763.00 from Free Cash as follows:

Account	Department	Use	Amount
001-162-570	Elections	Expenses	\$ 9,800.00
001-300-510	School	Salaries	\$ 150,000.00
001-423-570	Snow Removal	Expense	\$ 43,963.00
TOTAL FY19 OPERATING BUDGET SUPPLEMENTS:			\$ 203,763.00

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2019 Water Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 8 of the May 14, 2018, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

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

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2019 Sewer Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 9 of the May 14, 2018, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

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

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Capital Improvements Fund established by the By-Law entitled "Capital Improvements Fund," from which appropriations may be made by a two-thirds vote at any Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

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

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, including but not limited the Capital Improvements Fund, and/or borrow a sum of money to supplement the Fiscal Year 2019 capital improvements budget appropriated under Article 12 of the May 14, 2018, Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of purchasing, or leasing with an option to purchase for periods of time up to or in excess of three years, new and/or replacement capital items for various Town Departments and for the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7 or 8, of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, and, in accordance with G.L. c.44, §20, authorize any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or

notes, to be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs; or take any other action relative thereto.

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

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

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize and approve an Agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (a so-called "PILOT Agreement") pursuant to the provisions of G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and any other enabling authority, between the Town of Norton and Next Grid Redwood, LLC, as negotiated by the Board of Selectmen for payment of taxes related to personal property associated with construction and operation of a solar renewable energy generation facility to be installed, owned, and operated by Next Grid Redwood, LLC, on land owned by Next Grid Patriots, LLC, and described more particularly below; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen and Town Manager to take such action as many be necessary to carry out the vote taken hereunder, or take any other action relative thereto:

MAP	LOT	STREET
18	9	54 Plain Street

(BOARD OF SELECTMEN)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws, § 115-1 Authority to enter into contracts; limitations, by inserting the underlined text, as follows:

Unless otherwise provided by a vote of Town Meeting, and to the extent consistent with the Town Charter, the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Library Trustees, School Committee or the School Superintendent or School Business Officer as its designee, Town Manager as the Chief Procurement Officer, or any designee approved pursuant to MGL c. 30B, is authorized to enter into any contract for goods and services for a term of up to or in excess of three years for the exercise of the Town's corporate powers, on such terms and conditions as are deemed appropriate. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no person shall contract for any purposes, on any terms, or under any conditions inconsistent with any applicable provision of any general or special law.

(NORTON SCHOOL COMMITTEE)

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended except that such authorization to enter into any contract for goods and services shall be for a term not to exceed seven (7) years.

ARTICLE 10

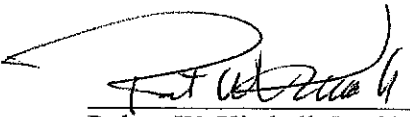
To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money for the purpose of undertaking the Route 123/East Main Street Project, as previously authorized by the votes taken under Article 4 of the May 14, 2018 Town Meeting and Article 13 of the October 15, 2018 Town Meeting, including, without limitation, the cost of land/easement acquisitions, appraisals, review appraisals, surveys, and all other costs and expenses related thereto; or take any other action relative thereto.

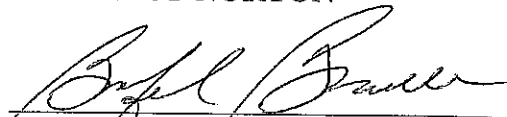
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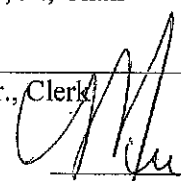
FINANCE COMMITTEE: Recommended to transfer the amount of \$45,000.00 from Free Cash for the purposes set forth in Article 10.

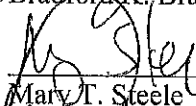
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN/TOWN OF NORTON


Robert W. Kimball, Jr., Chair


Bradford K. Bramwell, Vice Chair


Robert S. Salvo, Sr., Clerk


Mary T. Steele


Michael Flaherty

Norton, Massachusetts

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ATTEST:

 CONSTABLE Norton DATE April 23, 2019