

TOWN OF NORTON
WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 7, 2022
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 at the Norton High School, 66 West Main Street, in said Norton, on Tuesday, the 7th day of June, 2022, A.D., at seven fifteen 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.

(SELECT BOARD)

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.

(SELECT BOARD)

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 2022 operating budget appropriated under Article 6 of the May 8, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

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 2022 Water Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 4 of the May 8, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

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 2022 Sewer Enterprise operating budget appropriated under Article 5 of the May 8, 2021, Annual Town Meeting, or otherwise amend said vote, or take any other action relative thereto.

(WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONERS)

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.

(SELECT BOARD)

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 2022 capital improvements budget appropriated under Article 8 of the May 8, 2021, 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 Select Board, 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; or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 8

To authorize the Select Board to grant and convey any or all of its right, title, and interest in a parcel of land with any buildings thereon located at 16 Ridge Road, identified on Assessors Map 10 as Parcel 180, containing 5,000 square feet, more or less, on such terms and conditions as the Select Board deems appropriate, and to enter into such agreements and execute such instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing transaction; or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation to amend the Town Charter to provide for the appointment of the Town Manager for a term of years, and, to clarify that an expiration of term of such an appointment is not a “removal” for purposes of the Charter, all as set forth below, and further, to authorize the General Court to make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Select Board approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court, and to authorize the Select Board to approve amendments which shall be within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition; or take any other action relative thereto.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CHARTER OF THE TOWN OF NORTON

SECTION 1. The charter of the town of Norton as on file with the archivist of the commonwealth in accord with section 12 of chapter 43B of the general laws shall hereby be amended by deleting the second sentence of subsection 1 of

chapter 4 and inserting in place thereof the following:- The Select Board shall appoint the Town Manager to serve for a term of up to three (3) years and shall fix the compensation for such person, annually, within the amount appropriated by the Town.

SECTION 2. Said charter is hereby further amended by deleting the first sentence of subsection 5 of said chapter 4 and inserting in place thereof the following two sentences:- The Select Board, by the affirmative votes of four members, may terminate and remove, or suspend, the Town Manager from office during the Town Manager's term of appointment in accordance with the procedure set forth below. The non-reappointment of the Town Manager at the conclusion of the Town Manager's term of appointment shall not be considered a removal within the meaning of this section.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

(SELECT BOARD)

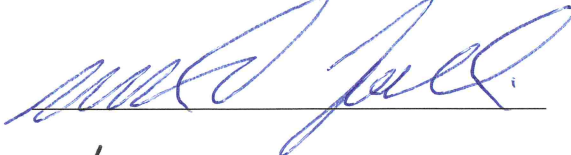
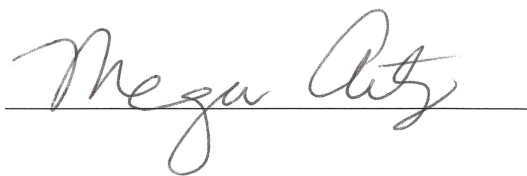


ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to confirm that vote taken under Article 7 of the May 14, 2018, Annual Town Meeting to appropriate \$8,476,971 for the Norton Elementary Schools Window/Door project in conjunction with the Massachusetts School Building Authority (Elementary School Project) was to be added to the \$200,000 appropriated under Article 19 at the October 23, 2017 Town Meeting for schematic design for the Elementary School Project, for a total project cost of \$8,676,971, or take any other action relative thereto.

(SELECT BOARD)

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 11th day of May in the year Two Thousand Twenty-Two.

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

ATTEST:

 CONSTABLE Norton DATE May 19, 2022