

**TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT**

SEAL, WORCESTER, SS.

TO ANY CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the North Brookfield Senior Center, 29 Forest Street in said North Brookfield, on Monday, the 6th day of May, 2013 at 7:00 AM, to act upon the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1

To choose by ballot, one Selectman, one Moderator, one Town Clerk, one School Committee Member, one Assessor, one Water Commissioner, one Board of Health Member, one Cemetery Commissioner, three Constables, two Library Trustees, one Playground Committee Member, all for three year terms; one Planning Board Member and one Housing Authority Member, both for five year terms.

Question 1

Shall the Town of North Brookfield cease assessing the excise imposed under General Laws Chapter 59, Section 8A on certain animals, machinery, and equipment owned by individuals and non-corporate entities principally engaged in agriculture?

Yes _____

No _____

The polls will be opened at seven o'clock in the morning and shall be closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said North Brookfield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the North Brookfield Elementary School Auditorium in said North Brookfield, on Friday evening, May 10, 2013 at 7:30 PM, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 2

To hear and act upon the reports of the Selectmen and Town Officials and Boards, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to print the reports of the Selectmen and Town Officials and Boards for the year 2013, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected and appointed officials of the Town and determine what sums of money will be raised, appropriated, borrowed, or transferred in the Treasury to defray the charges and expenses of the Town for the 12 month period beginning July 1, 2013, including a Reserve Fund under the control of the Finance Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money to operate the Water Department for the 12 month period beginning July 1, 2013, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money to operate the Sewer Department for the 12 month period beginning July 1, 2013, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to accept gifts, bequests, and donations of money and real and personal property given to the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into any and all necessary lease agreements and other dispositions of personal property, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and expend funds that may be available from State and Federal grants, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Water Commissioners to apply for and expend funds that may be available from State and Federal grants, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to give the Town Treasurer the authority to invest Town funds (General Cash, Sewer Enterprise Funds, and Water Enterprise Funds) in short-term investments as the Treasurer deems prudent for income purposes, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell and transfer titles in the name of the Town of North Brookfield any properties or lands obtained through legally acquired tax title foreclosures, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$8,000.00, to accept donations and fees for payment of services and activities for elders, said funds to be expended by the Council on Aging for payment of these services in FY2014, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$7,000.00, to accept donations and fees for the elder transportation program "Senior Wheels", said funds to be expended by the Council on Aging for payment of stipends to volunteer drivers in FY2014, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$10,000.00, to accept donations and fees for payment of services and activities at the North Brookfield Fire Training Center, said funds to be expended by the North Brookfield Fire Department for payment of use of the training center in FY2014, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$5,000.00, to accept fees for payment of Engineering Services, said funds to be expended by the Planning Board for these services in FY2014, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$10,000.00, to accept fees for foundations and burials for the Cemetery Department, said funds to be expended by the Board of Cemetery Commissioners for payment of salaries and expenses related to burials in FY2014, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$5,000.00, to accept funds for public health reimbursements to the Board of Health, said funds to be expended by the Board of Health for payment of Salaries and Expenses related to the public health in FY2014, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving account under the provisions of MGL c44 s53E1/2, not to exceed \$25,000.00, to accept funds for cleaning, securing and mitigating nuisances at vacant properties, said funds to be expended by the Board of Health for payment of Salaries and Expenses related to the public health in FY2014, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL C71, s71E (Revolving funds for Adult Education programs, Use of School Property, Summer School, etc.), or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer a sum of money to the North Brookfield Emergency Squad, for payment of contracted services, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$470,835.00 in FY14 Chapter 90 funds, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into alternative energy power purchase and/or net metering credit purchase agreements, including solar and wind energy and related net electricity metering credits, for terms of more than three years, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interest of the Town; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all actions necessary to administer and implement such agreements; or take any other action relative thereto.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of said meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 23rd day of April, 2013.

Jason M. Petraitis

Mary F. Walter

Richard P. Chabot
Selectmen of North Brookfield

A true copy, Attest:

I have on this day posted attested copies thereof in at least two public places as directed
by Town By-Laws.

Date Time Constable