

**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 1st day of May, 2017 at 7:00 AM, to act upon the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1

To choose by ballot, one Selectman, one Assessor, two School Committee members, one Water Commissioner, one Board of Health member, one Cemetery Commissioner, two Library Trustees, one Playground Committee member, and one Southern Worcester County Regional Vocational School Committee member, all for three year terms; one Planning Board member for a one year term; one Planning Board member for a four year term; and one Planning Board member for a five year term.

Ballot Question:

Shall the Town of North Brookfield be allowed to exempt from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bonds issued in order to replace the existing roof at the North Brookfield Elementary School, located at 10 New School Drive, North Brookfield, Massachusetts, with new insulation, flashing and modified bitumen roofing, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto?

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 5, 2017 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 2017, 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, 2017, 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, 2017, under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, section 53F½, 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, 2017, under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44, section 53F½, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of 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 Board of 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, Water Enterprise Funds, and Sewer 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 pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, as most recently amended, to: (1) establish the following revolving funds for Fiscal Year 2018, and further, to establish fiscal year spending limits as set forth below; and (2) amend the General By-laws by inserting a new by-law establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

- A. There are hereby established in the Town of North Brookfield pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44, §53E½, the following Revolving Funds, from which the specified department head, board, committee, or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from without appropriation in accordance with the limitations set forth in this by-law.
- B. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.
- C. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.
- D. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Annual Town Meeting or any increase therein as may later be authorized by the Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee in accordance with G.L. c.44, §53E½.

E. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the General Fund.

F. Authorized Revolving Funds

REVOLVING FUND	AUTHORITY TO SPEND FUND	REVENUE SOURCES	USE OF FUNDS
Council on Aging	Council on Aging	Donations and fees for services and activities for elders	Payment for services for elders
Council on Aging – Senior Wheels	Council on Aging	Donations and fees for elder transportation program	Payment of stipends to volunteer drivers
Fire Training Center	Fire Department	Donations and fees for payment of services and activities at Fire Training Center	Payment of costs of providing services at Fire Training Center
Planning Board – Engineering Services	Planning Board	Fees for payment of engineering services	Payment for engineering services
Cemetery Department	Board of Cemetery Commissioners	Fees for foundations and burials	Payment of salaries and expenses related to burials
Board of Health – Public Health Services	Board of Health	Funds for reimbursement for public health services	Payment of salaries and expenses related to public health services
Board of Health – Vacant Properties	Board of Health	Funds received for cleaning, securing and mitigating nuisances at vacant properties	Payment of salaries and expenses related to such services
Building Permits	Building Inspector	25% of collected fees for building permits	Compensation for Building Inspector
Electrical Permits	Wiring Inspector	25% of collected fees for electrical permits	Compensation for Wiring Inspector
Plumbing and Gas Permits	Plumbing and Gas Inspector	25% of collected fees for plumbing and gas permits	Compensation for Plumbing and Gas Inspector
Safety Inspections	Safety Inspector	25% of collected fees for safety inspections	Compensation for Safety Inspector

and, further, to establish the following fiscal year spending limit for such funds for Fiscal Year 2018:

Council on Aging: \$15,000.00

Council on Aging – Senior Wheels: \$7,000.00

Fire Training Center: \$7,500.00

Planning Board – Engineering Services: \$5,000.00

Cemetery Department: \$10,000.00

Board of Health – Public Health Services: \$5,000.00

Board of Health – Vacant Properties: \$25,000.00

Building Permits: \$10,000.00

Electrical Permits: \$10,000.00

Plumbing and Gas Permits: \$10,000.00

Safety Inspections: \$5,000.00

or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14

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 15

To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$311,732.00 as the Town's apportionment of FY2018 Chapter 90 funds, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C for a period of four years for the purchase of a Police Cruiser, and to raise and appropriate, transfer or borrow a sum of money for the first year payment of such agreement, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C for a period of five years for the purchase of a Street Sweeper, and to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the first year payment of such agreement, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C for a period of four years for the purchase of an F450 truck for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the first year payment of such agreement, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease purchase agreement in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.44, §21C for a period of four years for the purchase of a dump truck with sander and plow for the Highway Department, and to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the first year payment of such agreement, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20

To see if the Town will vote to amend the North Brookfield By-laws, Chapter V, Duties of Selectmen, Section 5, by striking out the current language:

The Board of Selectmen shall have the authority under Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 40, Section 57, to deny an application, or revoke or suspend a license for non-payment of local taxes, fees, betterments, or other municipal charges.

and inserting in its place the following:

(a) The Treasurer/Collector shall annually, and may periodically, furnish to each department, board, commission or division, hereinafter referred to as the licensing authority, that issues licenses or permits including renewals and transfers, a list of any person, corporation, or business enterprise, hereinafter referred to as the party, that has neglected or refused to pay any local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, and that such party has not filed in good faith a pending application for an abatement of such tax or a pending petition before the Appellate Tax Board.

(b) The licensing authority may deny, revoke or suspend any license or permit, including renewals and transfers, of any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the Treasurer/Collector or with respect to any activity, event or

other matter which is the subject of such license or permit and which activity, event or matter is carried out or exercised or is to be carried out or exercised on or about real estate owned by any party whose name appears on said list furnished to the licensing authority from the Treasurer/Collector; provided, however, that written notice is given to the party and the Treasurer/Collector, as required by applicable provisions of law, and the party is given a hearing, to be held not earlier than fourteen days after said notice. Said list shall be prima facie evidence for denial, revocation or suspension of said license or permit to any party. The Treasurer/Collector shall have the right to intervene in any hearing conducted with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any findings made by the licensing authority with respect to such license denial, revocation or suspension shall be made only for the purposes of such proceeding and shall not be relevant to or introduced in any other proceeding at law, except for any appeal from such license denial, revocation or suspension. Any license or permit denied, suspended or revoked under this section shall not be reissued or renewed until the license authority receives a certificate issued by the Treasurer/Collector that the party is in good standing with respect to any and all local taxes, fees, assessments, betterments or other municipal charges, payable to the municipality as the date of issuance of said certificate.

(c) Any party shall be given an opportunity to enter into a payment agreement, thereby allowing the licensing authority to issue a certificate indicating said limitations to the license or permit and the validity of said license shall be conditioned upon the satisfactory compliance with said agreement. Failure to comply with said agreement shall be grounds for the suspension or revocation of said license or permit; provided, however, that the holder be given notice and a hearing as required by applicable provisions of law.

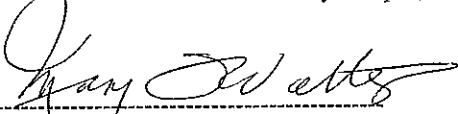
(d) The Board of Selectmen may waive such denial, suspension or revocation if it finds there is no direct or indirect business interest by the property owner, its officers or stockholders, if any, or members of his immediate family, as defined in section one of chapter two hundred and sixty-eight A in the business or activity conducted in or on said property.

This section shall not apply to the following licenses and permits: open burning; section thirteen of chapter forty-eight; sales of articles for charitable purposes, section thirty-three of chapter one hundred and one; children work permits, section sixty-nine of chapter one hundred and forty-nine; clubs, associations dispensing food or beverage licenses, section twenty-one E of chapter one hundred and forty; dog licenses, section one hundred and thirty-seven of chapter one hundred and forty; fishing, hunting, trapping license, section twelve of chapter one hundred and thirty-one; marriage licenses, section twenty-eight of chapter two hundred and seven and theatrical events, public exhibition permits, section one hundred and eighty-one of chapter one hundred and forty.

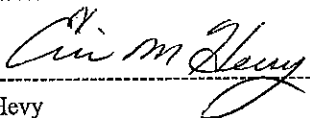
or take any action relative thereto.

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.

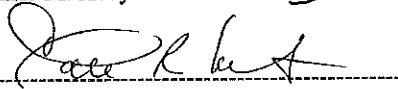
Given under our hands this 18th day of April, 2017.



Mary F. Walter



Eric M. Hevy



Dale R. Kiley
Selectmen of North Brookfield