

**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 2nd day of May, 2016 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 Assessor, one School Committee Member, one Water Commissioner, one Board of Health Member, one Cemetery Commissioner, three Constables, two Library Trustees, and one Playground Committee Member, all for three year terms; one Assessor and one Cemetery Commissioner, both for two year terms; one School Committee member for a one year term; one Planning Board member for a four year term; and one Planning Board Member and one Housing Authority Member, both for five year terms.

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 bond issued in order to purchase and equip a new Rescue Pumper Truck, including 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 6, 2016 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 2016, 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, 2016, 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, 2016, 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, 2016, 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 to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 section 53E1/2, not to exceed \$15,000.00, 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 FY2017, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 section 53E1/2, 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 FY2017, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 section 53E1/2, not to exceed \$7,500.00, 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 the cost of providing these services in FY2017, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 section 53E1/2, not to exceed \$5,000.00, to accept fees for payment of Engineering Services, said funds to be expended by the Planning Board for payment of these services in FY2017, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 section 53E1/2, 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 FY2017, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 section 53E1/2, 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 FY2017, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to continue to authorize a revolving account under the provisions of MGL Chapter 44 section 53E1/2, 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 FY2017, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20

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 21

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$6,400.00 to the GASB 45 Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22

To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of \$313,139.00 as the Town's apportionment of FY2017 Chapter 90 funds, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23

To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 59 section 21A allowing for an Assessor or Assistant Assessor who has completed the necessary course study and has been awarded a certificate by the International Association of Assessing Officers as a Certified Assessment Evaluator, or who has been awarded a certificate by the Association of Massachusetts Assessors as a Certified Massachusetts Assessor, to receive as compensation from the Town, in addition to the regular compensation paid by the Town for services in such office, an amount equal to ten per cent of such regular compensation; provided, however, that in no event shall such additional compensation exceed one thousand dollars annually, if such assessor or assistant assessor is employed on a full-time basis, or five hundred dollars, if such assessor or assistant assessor is employed on a part-time basis, and further vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Assessors Certification Salary Account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to the Highway Truck Purchase Account, for the purchase of a new Ford F350 Pickup Truck, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25

To see if the Town will vote to borrow the sum of \$495,222.00, more or less, to purchase a new Fire Pumper Tanker Truck, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to authorize the Town to apply for and accept any grants or loans

available, provided, however, that no amounts shall be borrowed or expended for this truck unless and until the voters of the Town shall have voted to exclude such amounts from the provisions of Proposition 2 ½, so called, and to further authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept and expend these and any other funds raised or grants received for the new Fire Pumper Tanker Truck, 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 19th day of April, 2016.

Eric M. Hevy

Mary F. Walter

Robert J. Smith
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