

**TOWN OF NORTH BROOKFIELD
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
MARCH 10, 2023**

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 Elementary School Auditorium, in said North Brookfield, on Friday, the 10th day of March, 2023 at 6:30 PM, to act upon the following articles, namely:

ARTICLE 1

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, to be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to pay costs of designing, permitting, and constructing upgrades to the municipal properties located at 56 School Street, 58 School Street and 65 Donovan Road, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto; and further to see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said amount pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority for such purpose, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor; provided, however, that any appropriation or borrowing authorization shall be contingent upon passage of a Proposition 2½, so called, debt exclusion ballot question pursuant to General Laws Chapter 59, §21C(k), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from available funds to Highway: Equipment Capital Outlay to pay costs of purchasing a tractor-mower, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$4,485.60 from Finance Committee Reserve Fund to Library: Salaries account, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$6,000.00 from Finance Committee Reserve to Police: Overtime, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$120.50 from Board of Health: Bacterial Analysis to Prior Year Unpaid Bills, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from Free Cash to School Expenses, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000.00 from Free Cash to Judgements/Settlements to pay for a settlement in a lawsuit filed against the Town, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$31,738.00 from Free Cash to Prior Year Unpaid Bills, and further to transfer the sum of \$7,262.00 from Free Cash to Board of Selectmen: Downtown Development Engineering Expense to pay for costs associated with the Complete Streets Project, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Police: Part Time Salary to Police: Overtime, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$400.00 from Board of Selectmen: Town House Repairs to Board of Selectmen: Office Supplies to cover a negative balance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$333.32 from Board of Selectmen: Selectmen Salary to Board of Selectmen: General Insurance, and further to transfer the sum of \$8,435.00 from Board of Selectmen: Technology to Board of Selectmen: General Insurance to cover a negative balance, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL, Title VII, Chapter 41, Section 19K, Additional Compensation for Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13

To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of MGL, Title VII, Chapter 41, Section 1B, to have the elected Playground Committee become an appointed Parks, Recreation and Open Space Committee, to be known as Parks & Recreation, and to further combine Parks & Recreation with Town Beach and Town Forest to create a five-member committee, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14

To see if the Town will vote to establish, under MGL C44, S53E1/2, a Revolving Account for the fees received for Planning Board Hearings and costs associated with those hearings and to furthermore add this revolving fund to the funds voted on annually, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15

To see if the Town will vote to establish, under MGL C44, S53E1/2, a Revolving Account for the fees received for Zoning Board of Appeals and costs associated with those hearings and to furthermore add this revolving fund to the funds voted on annually, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16

To see if the Town will vote to establish, under MGL C40, S3, a Revolving Account for fees received from the lease of storage units at 65 Donovan Road and costs associated with those units and to furthermore add this revolving fund to the funds voted on annually, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17

To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$277,832.00 from Sewer: Retained earnings to Sewer: Nitrogen Reduction Project to cover the costs of a Nitrogen Reduction Project, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, to be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to pay costs of designing and constructing sewer system improvements, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, which amount shall be expended in addition to the \$13.1 million previously appropriated by the Town for this purpose; and further to see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow said amount pursuant to G.L. c. 44, §7(1) or any other enabling authority for such purpose, and to issue bonds and notes of the Town therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate or transfer from Sewer Enterprise Funds a sum of money to pay for costs associated with the Sewer Upgrade project, or take any action relative thereto.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in the Library, Post Office, Police Department, and upon the Town House in said Town.

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 February 2023.

Jason M Petraitis

John H Tripp

Elizabeth Brooke Canada,

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