

**TOWN OF NORTH READING
MASSACHUSETTS**

OCTOBER

TOWN MEETING WARRANT



MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Daniel H. Shay Performing Arts Center, North Reading High School, Park Street
Please bring this book with you to the Town Meeting.

PROCEDURE FOR TOWN MEETING

1. Moderator presides, using Roberts Rules of Order, except as provided by the General Laws, the Charter and By-Laws.
2. Articles in the warrant are considered in the order in which they appear, but voters may move to consider them out of order. (This takes a 4/5 vote of the Town Meeting.)
3. In order for an article to be considered by Town Meeting, it must be moved and seconded. The article is then open for debate by all in attendance.
4. To speak at Town Meeting, stand and say Mr. Moderator. After being recognized by the Moderator, state name and address before making any remarks.
5. Debate may be ended by a voter's "Move the question."
6. Amendments to original motion must be presented in writing to the Moderator. Upon being seconded and discussed, the Moderator calls for a vote. If passed, the original motion, as amended, is then voted.
7. Reconsideration of a vote is permitted only once and only at that session of Town Meeting.

The above information was prepared by the North Reading League of Women Voters.

A CITIZEN'S CHECKLIST FOR TOWN MEETING

To be considered on each vote:

1. **IS IT NECESSARY?** Or is it something that is not really needed or perhaps already being provided by a private or public group?
2. **CAN WE AFFORD IT?** Remember, there is no limit to what we would like, but there is a limit to what we can afford.
3. **WHAT WILL IT ULTIMATELY COST?** Many proposals are like icebergs - only a small fraction of the total cost is apparent on the surface.
4. **HOW WILL IT AFFECT BASIC LIBERTIES?** If it imposes unreasonable or illegal restraints on your life or that of others it should be vigorously opposed.
5. **IS IT IN THE BALANCED BEST INTEREST OF ALL?** If it is designed to benefit a small group of special interests, while taking unfair advantage of others, work for its defeat.
6. **IS IT A "FOOT IN THE DOOR" PROPOSITION?** Compromising a little now may bring an oppressive burden later, either in more regulations or more taxes or a combination of both.
7. **DOES IT PLACE TOO MUCH POWER IN THE HANDS OF ONE INDIVIDUAL OR GROUP?** Once the decisive power is granted to a non-elected public official or a commission as a municipal authority, the private citizen lose effective control.
8. **IS ITS APPEAL BASED ON EMOTIONAL PROPAGANDA OR FACTS?** The further a proposition gets away from facts, the more critical one should be.

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Glossary of Terms Commonly Used in Municipal Finance

Appropriation: An authorization granted by a legislative body to make expenditures and to incur obligations for specific purposes. An appropriation is usually limited in amount and the time when it can be expended. Any amount that is appropriated may be encumbered. A warrant article appropriation is carried forward from year to year until spent for the designated purpose or transferred by town meeting vote to another account.

Assessed Valuation: The value placed upon a particular property by the local Board of Assessors for the purpose of apportioning the town's tax levy among individual property owners equitably and in accordance with the legal requirement that property be assessed at "full and fair cash value", certified periodically by the Commonwealth's Commissioner of Revenue (no less frequently than once every three years).

Available Funds: Balances in the various fund types that represent non-recurring revenue sources. As a matter of sound practice, they are frequently appropriated to meet unforeseen expenses, for capital expenditures or other onetime costs. Examples of available funds include free cash, stabilization funds and overlay surplus.

Audit: Work done by accountants in examining financial reports, reviewing compliance with applicable laws and regulations, reviewing effectiveness in achieving program results. A basic audit examines only the financial reports and legal compliance. An outside Certified Public Accountant (CPA) audit is directed primarily toward the expression of an opinion as to the fairness of the financial statements and submission of a management letter. An auditor must be independent of the executive branch of government. A state auditor, private CPA or public accountant, or elected auditor meets this test.

Bond: A means to raise money through the issuance of debt. A bond issuer/borrower promises in writing to repay a specified sum of money, alternately referred to as face value, par value or bond principal, to the buyer of the bond on a specified future date (maturity date), together with periodic interest at a specified rate.

Bond Authorization: The action of town meeting authorizing the executive branch to raise money through the sale of bonds in a specific amount and for a specific purpose. Once authorized, issuance is by the treasurer upon the signature of the selectmen.

Bond Issue: Generally, the sale of a certain number of bonds at one time by a governmental unit.

Bond Rating (Municipal): A credit rating assigned to a municipality to help investors assess the future ability, legal obligation, and willingness of the municipality (bond issuer) to make timely debt service payments. Stated otherwise, a rating helps prospective investors determine the level of risk associated with a given fixed-income investment. Rating agencies, such as Moody's and Standard and Poors, use rating systems, which designate a letter or a combination of letters and numerals where AAA is the highest rating and C1 is a very low rating.

Budget: A plan of financial operation embodying an estimate of proposed expenditures for a given period and the proposed means of financing them. A budget may be preliminary (the financial plan presented to the town meeting) or final (the plan approved by that body).

Capital Budget: A plan of proposed capital outlays and the means of financing them for the current fiscal period. It is usually a part of the current budget.

Cherry Sheet: An annual statement received from the Massachusetts Department of Revenue detailing estimated receipts for the next fiscal year for the various state aid accounts and estimated state and county government charges payable by the Town in setting the tax rate. The actual receipts and charges may vary from the estimates.

Collective Bargaining: The process of negotiating workers' wages, hours, benefits, working conditions, etc., between an employer and some or all of its employees, who are represented by a recognized labor union. Regarding wages, hours and working conditions.

Debt Exclusion: A vote to exclude from the levy limit the costs of debt service for capital projects. This exclusion remains in effect for the life of the debt only.

Debt Service: The repayment cost, usually stated in annual terms and based on an amortization schedule, of the principal and interest on any particular bond issue.

Enterprise Fund: A standalone fund with its own assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues and expenses in which a municipal service is operated as a business unit. Costs of the service are primarily recovered from user charges, and may be supplemented by general revenues.

Excess Levy Capacity: The difference between the levy limit and the amount of real and personal property taxes actually levied in a given year.

Exemptions: A discharge, established by statute, from the obligation to pay all or a portion of a property tax. The exemption is available to particular categories of property or persons upon the timely submission and approval of an application to the assessors. Properties exempt from taxation include hospitals, schools, houses of worship, and cultural institutions. Persons who may qualify for exemptions include disabled veterans, blind individuals, surviving spouses, and seniors.

Expenditure: The spending of money by the town and schools for the programs or projects within the approved budget.

FTE: A full-time equivalent employee based on a 40-hour work week. May be one or more employees, but the total weekly hours equal 40.

Fiscal Year ("FY"): A 12-month period, beginning July 1 and ending June 30, to which the annual budget applies and at the end of which a governmental unit determines its financial position and the results of its operations. The designation of the fiscal year is that of the calendar year in which it ends; for example, FY17 or FY 2017 is the fiscal year which begins July 1, 2016 and ends June 30, 2017.

Free Cash: Certified as of each July 1 by the State, this is the portion of Undesignated Fund Balance available for appropriation. It is not cash per se, rather it is approximately the total of cash and receivables less current liabilities and earmarked reserves, reduced also by reserves for uncollected taxes.

Fund: An accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that is segregated for the purpose of carrying on identified activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with specific regulations, restrictions or limitations.

General Fund: The fund into which the general (non-earmarked) revenues of the town are deposited and from which money is appropriated to pay expenses.

General Obligation Bonds: Bonds issued by the Town that are backed by the full faith and credit of its taxing authority.

Joint Labor Management Negotiation Process: A negotiation process available to Police and Fire Unions, which utilizes Commonwealth of Massachusetts' mediators and arbitrators. If an arbitration decision is issued, it is binding upon the Executive Branch (The Board of Selectmen and Management Staff). Further, the Executive Branch must fully support such an arbitration decision before Town Meeting, even if they believe such a decision is not in the best interest of the Town.

Level-Service Budget: A budget that describes the funding required for maintaining current levels of service or activity, plus cost increases for contractual and mandated obligations. It brings previously approved programs forward at existing levels of service.

Levy Ceiling: A levy ceiling is one of two types of levy (tax) restrictions imposed by MGL Ch. 59 §21C (Proposition 2½). It states that, in any year, the real and personal property taxes imposed may not exceed 2½

percent of the total full and fair cash value of all taxable property. Property taxes levied may exceed this limit only if the community passes a capital exclusion, debt exclusion, or a special exclusion. (See Levy Limit)

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Local Aid: Revenue allocated by the Commonwealth to cities, towns, and regional school districts. Estimates of local aid are transmitted to cities, towns, and districts annually by the "Cherry Sheets." Most Cherry Sheet aid programs are considered general fund revenues and may be spent for any purpose, subject to appropriation.

M.G.L.: Massachusetts General Laws.

New Growth: The additional tax revenue generated by new construction, renovations and other increases in the property tax base during a calendar year. It does not include value increases caused by normal market forces or by revaluations. New growth is calculated by multiplying the assessed value associated with new construction, renovations and other increases by the prior year tax rate. The additional tax revenue is then incorporated into the calculation of the next year's levy limit.

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB): The set of benefits, other than pensions, that government employees earn while actively working, but do not receive until they retire. Typically included is health insurance coverage for retirees, their spouses and in some cases their beneficiaries.

Operating Budget: A plan of proposed expenditures for personnel, supplies, and other expenses for the coming fiscal year.

Overlay: (Overlay Reserve or Allowance for Abatements and Exemptions) An account established annually to fund anticipated property tax abatements, exemptions and uncollected taxes in that year. The overlay reserve need not be funded by the normal appropriation process, but rather is raised on the tax rate recapitulation sheet, and cannot exceed an amount deemed reasonable by the Commissioner of Revenue.

Overlay Surplus: Any balance in the overlay account of a given year in excess of the amount remaining to be collected or abated can be transferred into this account. Within 10 days of a written request by the chief executive officer of a city or town, the assessors must provide a certification of the excess amount of overlay available to transfer. Overlay surplus may be appropriated for any lawful purpose. At the end of each fiscal year, unused overlay surplus is "closed" to surplus revenue, i.e., it becomes a part of free cash.

Override: A vote to increase the amount of property tax revenue that may be raised over the levy limit.

Personnel Services: The cost of salaries, wages and related employment benefits.

Purchased Services: The cost of services that are provided by a vendor.

Raise: A phrase used to identify a funding source for an expenditure which refers to money generated by the tax levy or other local receipt.

Reserve Fund: A fund appropriated each year that may be used only by vote of the Finance Committee for "extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures." **Revolving Fund:** Those funds that may be used for special uses. For example, Recreation fees may be paid into a revolving fund, and expenditures can be made without appropriation with the approval of the Town Manager.

Revolving funds: are established by state law or town bylaw. Some revolving funds must be annually reauthorized by Town Meeting.

Stabilization Fund: A fund designed to accumulate amounts for capital and other future spending purposes, although it may be appropriated for any lawful purpose (MGL Ch. 40 §5B). Stabilization funds may be established for different purposes, and interest generated by such funds is added to and becomes part of the stabilization fund. A two-thirds vote of town meeting is required to establish, amend the purpose of, or appropriate money into or out of the stabilization fund.

Tax Levy: Total amount of dollars assessed in property taxes imposed by the Town each fiscal year. Tax Rate: The amount of property tax stated in terms of a unit of the municipal tax base; for example, \$14.80 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation of taxable real and personal property.

Tax Title (or Tax Taking): A collection procedure that secures a city or town's lien on real property and protects the municipality's right to payment of overdue property taxes. Otherwise, the lien expires if five years elapse from the January 1 assessment date and the property has been transferred to another owner. If amounts remain outstanding on the property after issuing a demand for overdue property taxes and after publishing a notice of tax taking, the collector may take the property for the city or town. After properly recording the instrument of taking, the collector transfers responsibility for collecting the overdue amounts to the treasurer. After six months, the treasurer may initiate foreclosure proceedings.

Tax Title Foreclosure: The procedure initiated by a city or town treasurer in Land Court or through land of low value to obtain legal title to real property already in tax title and on which property taxes are over due. The treasurer must wait at least six months from the date of a tax taking to initiate Land Court foreclosure proceedings (MGL Ch. 60 §65).

Triennial Certification: The Commissioner of Revenue, through the Bureau of Local Assessment, is required to review local assessed values every three years and to certify that they represent full and fair cash value (FFCV). Refer to MGL Ch. 40 §56 and Ch. 59 §2A(c).

Trust Fund: In general, a fund for money donated or transferred to a municipality with specific instructions on its use. As custodian of trust funds, the treasurer invests and expends such funds as stipulated by trust agreements, as directed by the commissioners of trust funds or by town meeting. Both principal and interest may be used if the trust is established as an expendable trust. For nonexpendable trust funds, only interest (not principal) may be expended as directed.

Turn Back: Unexpended funds of a prior fiscal year operating budget are returned to the Town, which ultimately revert to Free Cash.

Unreserved Fund Balance or Surplus Revenue Account: The amount by which cash, accounts receivable and other assets exceed liabilities and restricted reserves. It is akin to the stockholders equity account on a corporate balance sheet. It is not, however, available for appropriation in full because a portion of the assets listed as "accounts receivable" may be taxes receivable and uncollected. (See Free Cash)

Warrant: An authorization for an action. For example, a town meeting warrant establishes the matters that may be acted on by that town meeting. A treasury warrant authorizes the treasurer to pay specific bills. The assessors' warrant authorizes the tax collector to collect taxes in the amount and from the persons listed, respectively.

MOTIONS CUSTOMARY TO NORTH READING TOWN MEETINGS**MOTION TO ADMIT**

A motion to admit non-voters to any session of a Town Meeting, which requires a majority vote of the Meeting in accordance with Town By-laws.

MOTION TO DISPENSE WITH THE READING OF THE WARRANT AND THE RETURN OF SERVICE BY THE CONSTABLE

This waives the requirement to read each article in its entirety as it is printed in the Warrant, which allows the Town Meeting to go directly to the reading of a motion under each article. It also waives the requirement to read the "Return of Service" which is the Constable's attestation that the Warrant was properly posted in accordance with the Town's By-laws.

MAIN MOTION

The initial motion made under each article to bring it before the Town Meeting for discussion and action. There must be a main motion before any action may be taken on each article.

MOTION TO AMEND

A motion that proposes to modify or change the action presented under another motion, usually the main motion. The Town Meeting must act on the amendment first; depending on how the amendment is voted will determine whether the main motion will change to reflect the amendment. If the amendment fails, there will be no change to the main motion; however, another motion to amend can be made.

MOTION TO CONSIDER OUT OF ORDER

A motion allowing an article to be taken out of its sequential order as printed in the Warrant, which requires a 4/5 vote of the meeting in accordance with the Town's By-laws.

MOTION TO POSTPONE

A motion to defer action on an article to a definite time. In some instances, action on one article may be dependent or impacted by another later-occurring article. In such an instance, a motion could be made to postpone action on the current article until the later-occurring article has been voted.

MOTION TO PASSOVER

A motion to defer action on an article indefinitely. No action would be taken under the article other than the vote to passover. If the vote to passover fails, then the article must be acted upon in some manner.

MOTION TO RECESS REGULAR TOWN MEETING

A motion to temporarily suspend discussion and action during the Meeting for a brief period of time, usually pre-stated.

MOTION TO ADJOURN TO A TIME CERTAIN

A motion made to continue the Town Meeting to another specified date, time and place, if necessary.

MOTION TO ADJOURN -- SINE DIE

A motion to officially close the Town Meeting. This motion can only be made after all articles have been acted upon, and essentially adjourns the Town Meeting without providing for a further date.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

TOWN OF NORTH READING

TOWN MEETING

OCTOBER 15, 2018

7:00 P.M.

Middlesex, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of North Reading in the County of Middlesex, 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 Town affairs, to meet at the Daniel H. Shay Performing Arts Center, North Reading High School, Park Street in said North Reading, on **MONDAY**, the **FIFTEENTH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2018** at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1 Hear and Act on Reports of Town Officers and Committees

To hear and act upon the reports of Town Officers and Committees.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This is a customary article which provides for Officers and Committees so instructed to report to Town Meeting their progress or recommendations.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: No Action Required.

Article 2 Prior Year Bills

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from any available source of funds, a sum of money to pay prior year bills; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article provides for payment of prior fiscal year bills which were not submitted prior to the fiscal year ending on June 30, 2018. The requested amount for any prior year bills will be available at Town Meeting. Requires 4/5 vote.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting

Article 3 Transfer Funds to Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, or appropriate by transfer from any available source of funds a sum of money to be added to the Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund established under Article 5 of the October 2007 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen proposes to transfer surplus funds, if any, to the Town's Capital Improvement Stabilization Fund. The intended use of the fund includes capital purchases and debt financing. The current balance in the account is \$902,077.65. As of September 17, 2018 an amount of \$200,000 is proposed to be added to the Fund.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting

Article 4 Appropriate Money to Stabilization Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, or appropriate by transfer from any available source of funds a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Finance Committee

Description...

The Board of Selectmen proposes to transfer surplus funds, if any, to the Town's Stabilization Fund. The Stabilization Fund may be used for any lawful purpose, however, it represents the Town's rainy day fund for unexpected emergencies. The current balance in the account is \$2,279,695.55. A recommendation for a transfer into the Fund, if any, will be available at Town Meeting.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting

Article 5 Transfer Funds to Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, or appropriate by transfer from any available source of funds a sum of money to be added to the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund established under Article 36 of the June 3, 2013 Town Meeting; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

The Board of Selectmen proposes to transfer surplus funds, if any, to supplement a reserve account to pay for future health and pension costs for retirees. The current balance in this Fund is \$1,468,181.48. A recommendation for a transfer into the Fund, if any, will be available at Town Meeting.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting

Article 6 Appropriate Money to Participating Funding Arrangement Fund

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, or appropriate by transfer from any available source of funds a sum of money to be added to the Participating Funding Agreement Fund established under Article 24 of the June 4, 2018 Town Meeting and to re-name such fund as the Participating Funding Arrangement Fund; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

Description...

The Board of Selectmen proposes to transfer the Town's share of surplus funds from the FY 2018 employee health insurance program, if any, to the Town's Participating Funding Arrangement Fund. The Fund is a reserve account to pay for the Town's portion of future employee health insurance costs. Due to an error in the June, 2018 Town Meeting warrant, the Fund was incorrectly named the "Participating Funding Agreement" Fund and is proposed to be correctly re-named "Participating Funding Arrangement" Fund as well.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting

Article 7 Amend FY 2019 Operating Budget

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2019 Operating Budget voted under Article 14 of the June 4, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, including funding the first year of certain collective bargaining agreements, or otherwise amend said vote and to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate and transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, or appropriate by transfer from any available funds or borrow a sum of money for such purposes; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would amend the FY2019 operating budget adopted at June Town Meeting. Specific lines to be amended, if any, will be available at Town Meeting.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting

Article 8 Amend FY 2019 Capital Expenditures

To see if the Town will vote to amend the FY2019 Capital Expenditures, voted under Article 15 of the June 4, 2018 Annual Town Meeting, by changing the source of funds for the projects noted below as follows:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
Technology Instructional Equipment	Schools	\$ 45,000	Free Cash to Capital Improve. Stabilization
Recreation Center Paving/IRP Walkways	Recreation	\$ 57,400	Parks/Rec Enterprise Fund To Parks/Rec Retained Earnings

or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would correct the funding sources for two FY2019 capital expenditures noted incorrectly in the June 4, 2018 Town Meeting Warrant to reflect the intended funding sources.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

Article 9 Fund Repairs to Town Buildings

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, or appropriate by transfer from any available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the repair of Town buildings, including any costs incidental or related thereto; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

The proposed article seeks funds to make non-capital improvements to various municipal buildings. A request not to exceed \$50,000 is anticipated.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

Article 10 **Appropriate funds for Survey, Engineering Design and/or Construction of a Portion of Swan Pond Road**

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, appropriate by transfer from any available funds, or borrow in accordance with any applicable State Statute, the funds necessary to complete a land survey of the area of Swan Pond Road in order to delineate or create a Right-of-Way of said roadway, to complete the necessary engineering design including but not limited to storm water management systems, roadway geometry and roadway system design, and/or to construct a new paved roadway to replace the gravel portion of the area commonly known as Swan Pond Road, from its intersection with Adam Street, westerly for a distance of approximately 2,700 feet, including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, provided that the use of such funds may be made contingent, at the Town's discretion, upon receipt of contributions in kind from abutting property owners; and to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7 or Section 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

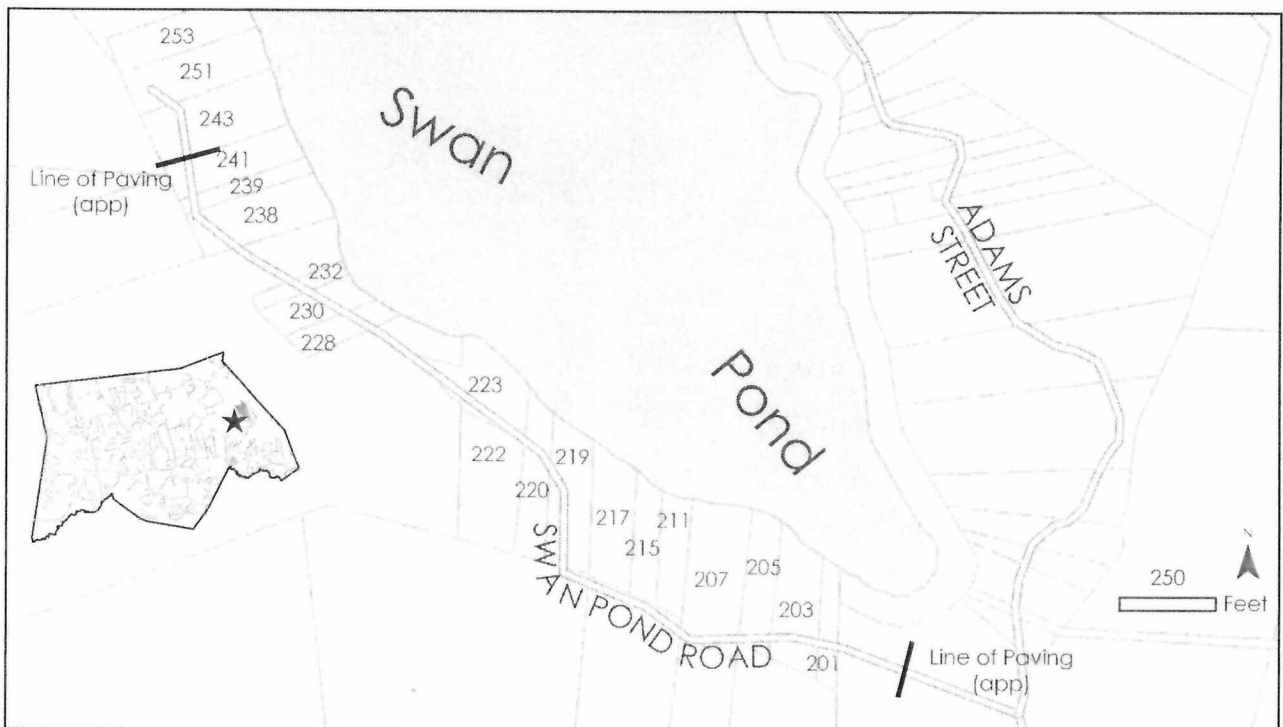
Description...

This article would appropriate funds for surveying, engineering design and/or construction of a paved roadway to replace the gravel portion of Swan Pond Road. The appropriation may be contingent upon the contributions of abutting property owners.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.



Article 11 Appropriate Funds for Water System Improvements and for Acquisition of Water System Property

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, appropriate by transfer from any available funds, or borrow in accordance with any applicable State Statute funds for the purpose of design and construction of water system improvements in North Reading, including, but not limited to, new water flow metering systems, new chemical injection systems and facilities, and upgrades to portions of the water distribution system, including but not limited to development of engineering design plans, preparation of bid documents, permitting and construction of said improvements, and to acquire by purchase, gift, or eminent domain upon such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deem appropriate, property within the town of North Reading in order to place new flow metering systems and new chemical injection systems and facilities necessary to improve and upgrade the interconnection with the Town of Andover water system, as well as costs incidental or related thereto; and to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7 or Section 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor, provided that the amount authorized to be borrowed pursuant to this vote be reduced by the amount of monies that are received by the Town through a grant from MassWorks or any other appropriate granting authority prior to the issuance of bonds; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would reauthorize funding for water system improvements associated with the Town's interconnection with the Town of Andover, and authorize other potential improvements to enhance the performance of the water distribution system. This article would also authorize and fund acquisition of property to construct a structure to support the additional volume of water to be purchased from Andover. It is anticipated that the amount to be borrowed would be reduced by up to \$3 million in state "MassWorks" grant funding.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Article 12 Rescind Authorization to Borrow

To see if the Town will vote to rescind the authorized, but unissued balances of various borrowing authorizations approved by the Town from time to time, which amounts are no longer needed to pay costs of completing the projects for which they were originally approved, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This is a routine article seeking to rescind bond authorizations that are no longer needed because the respective projects are completed or have been abandoned. Such projects may include the interconnection and buy-in with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority through the Town of Reading.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Article 13 Appropriate Funds for Planning and Design of Wastewater Collection Systems

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, appropriate by transfer from any available funds, or borrow in accordance with any applicable State Statute the funds necessary to plan, design, study and permit the construction of a wastewater collection system within the town of North Reading and an interconnection with the sewer collection system in the Town of Andover, including but not limited to, any improvements that are necessary to Andover and/or North Reading's wastewater systems, the preliminary planning and engineering due diligence in consideration of the overall scope of the project, on-the-ground survey and engineering design, and preparation of applicable state and local permits, including costs incidental or related thereto, and to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, be authorized to borrow under and pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 7 or Section 8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article seeks funding for planning and design for construction required to send wastewater from North Reading through Andover to the Greater Lawrence Sanitary District.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Article 14 Appropriate Money for Special Counsel Legal Expenses

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from unexpended funds remaining in Warrant Articles of previous years, or appropriate by transfer from any available source of funds a sum of money for negotiation, mediation and/or litigation with PMA Consultants, LLC and Dore and Whittier Architects, Inc. concerning the Secondary School Building Project, including any costs incidental or related thereto; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would provide additional funding for legal expenses related to the Secondary School Building Project.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Article 15 Authorize Payment in Lieu of Taxes Agreement

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT) pursuant to G.L. c.59, §38H(b), or any other enabling legislation, for taxes attributable to an energy storage unit installed or to be installed on property located at 166 R-1 Chestnut Street, and shown on Assessors Map 37 as Parcel 11, on such terms and conditions and for a term of years as the Board of Selectmen deems in the best interests of the Town, and to take any other action necessary or convenient for the implementation and administration of such agreement; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would authorize a Payment in Lieu of Taxes agreement that the Board of Selectmen has agreed to with a private entity proposing to install a battery storage unit on Reading Municipal Light Department property located at 166 R-1 Chestnut Street..

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommended.

Article 16 Authorize Sale of Town Property and Funding For Incidental Costs – 9 Mill Street

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey all or a portion of property located at 9 Mill Street, and shown on Assessors Map 21 as Parcel 8 on such terms and conditions as it may deem appropriate, and further to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow a sum of money for the foregoing sale and costs related thereto; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

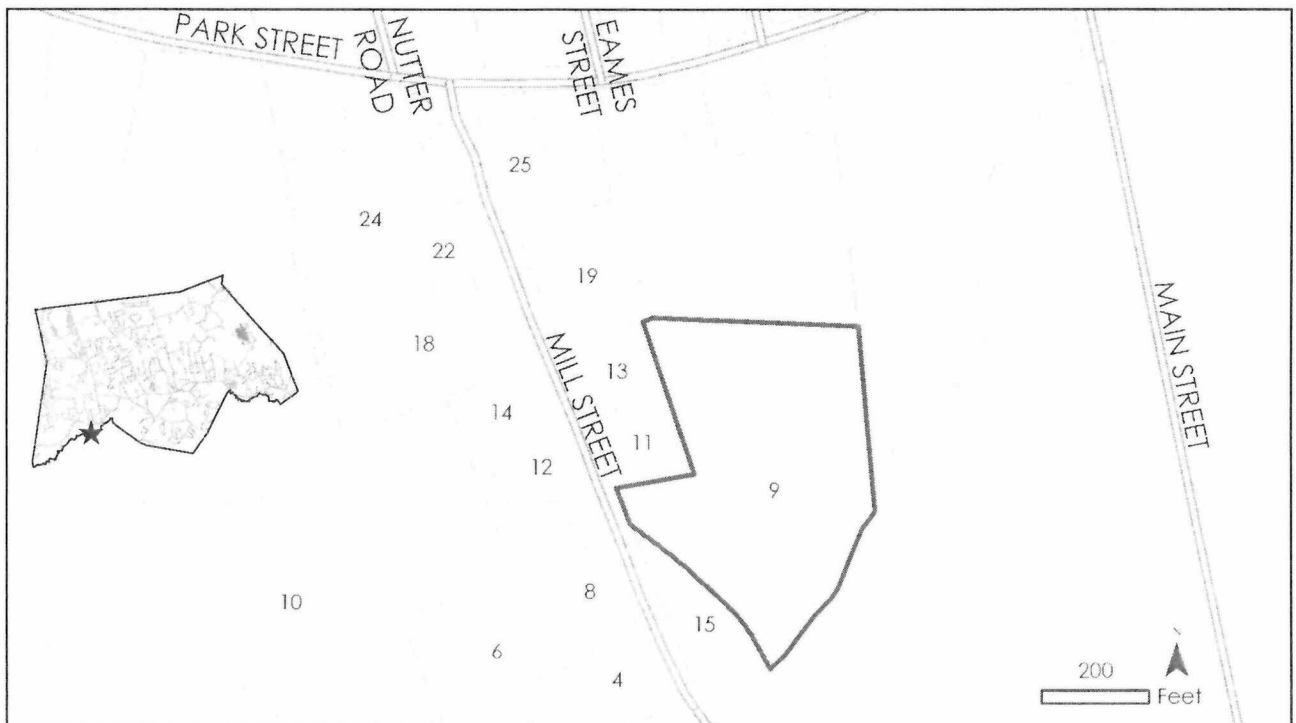
Description...

The article would authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell all, or a portion, of 9 Mill Street. The property was acquired in September, 2016 for the purpose of constructing a Pump Station to facilitate a potable water interconnection with the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA) through the Town of Reading. The Town has entered into an agreement with the Town of Andover to purchase water for 99 years and does not plan to pursue an MWRA interconnection at this time. The Board of Selectmen desires to sell all or a portion of the property to recover all or a portion of the purchase cost, and to potentially retain a portion for future municipal use.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.



Article 17 Fund Open Space and Recreation Plan Consultant

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate by transfer from any available funds a sum of money for a consultant to complete an updated Open Space and Recreation Plan; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Community Planning Commission

Description...

This article would authorize funding to contract with a consultant to update the Town's Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Article 18 Fund Feasibility Study for Pedestrian/Bicycle Pathway

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate, or appropriate by transfer from unexpended funds remaining in warrant articles, or appropriate by transfer from any available funds, a sum of money not to exceed \$55,000 to fund a feasibility study to acquire rights for, design and construct a multiuse pathway generally following the abandoned Salem to Lowell rail bed from the Lynnfield to Wilmington lines; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Land Utilization Committee

Description...

This article would authorize funding for a feasibility study for a proposed pedestrian/bicycle pathway.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Not Recommended.

Article 19 Alteration of Layout: Middle/High School Driveway

To see if the Town will vote to accept the alteration of the layout of the public town way known as the Middle/High School Driveway, as ordered by the Board of Selectmen, to include within the layout a parcel of land depicted as "Parcel 'A' Area = 127± S.F." on a plan entitled "Acceptance Plan and Street Layout Plan 'Middle/High School Driveway' North Reading, Massachusetts," with a revision date of December 24, 2015, prepared by Welch Associates Land Surveyors, Inc., a copy of said plan having been placed on file with the Town Clerk; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

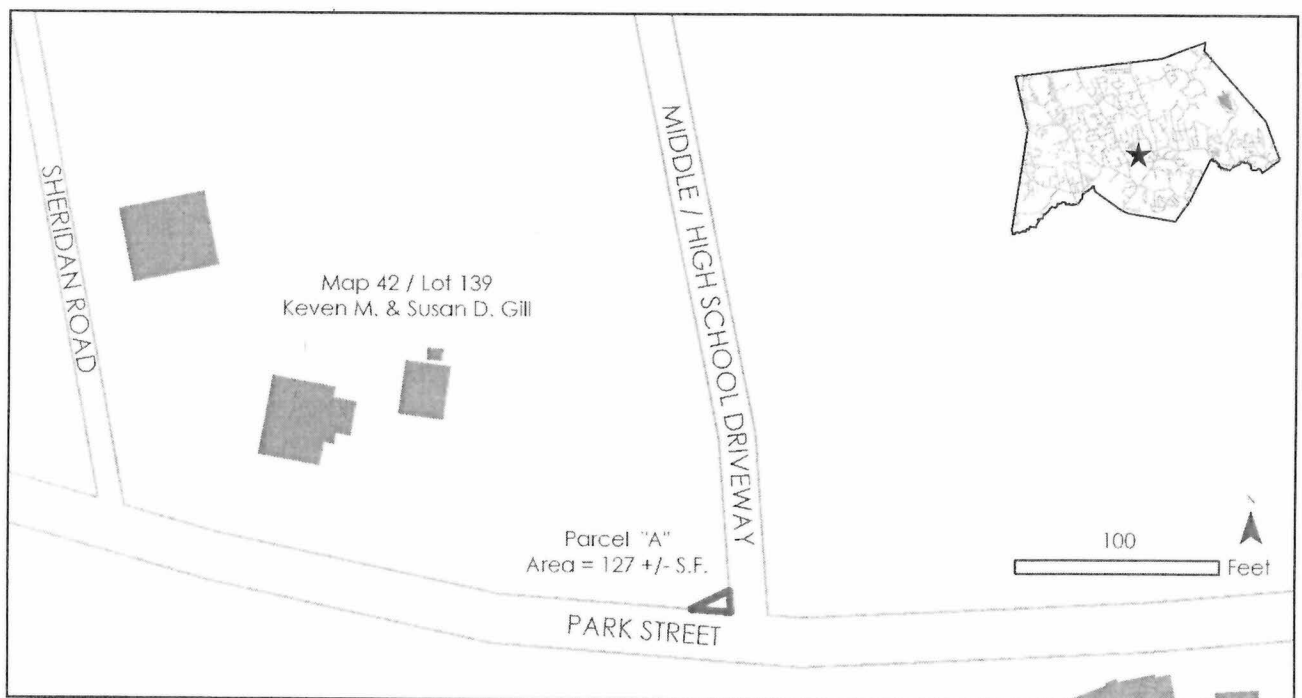
Description...

This article proposes to alter the Middle/High School Driveway layout to include a parcel of land acquired by the Town for public way and associated infrastructure purposes.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommended.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.



Article 20 Amend Code – General Bylaws - Chapter 158-9 – Snow Removal on Streets and Sidewalks

To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 158-9 of the Code of North Reading, Snow Removal on Streets and Sidewalks; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Board of Selectmen

Description...

This article would authorize the existing General Bylaw relative to snow removal to be amended. As of September 17, 2018, no amendment is proposed.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Article 21 Citizens Petition: Delete or Repeal General Bylaw Chapter 158-9 – Snow Removal on Streets and Sidewalks

To see if the Town will delete or repeal Chapter 158-9 of the Code of North Reading – Snow Removal on Streets and Sidewalks; or what it will do in relation thereto.

Sponsor: Patrick Lee and Others

Description...

This article would repeal the existing General Bylaw relative to snow removal on streets and sidewalks.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Article 22 Citizens Petition: Change Bonpel Drive to Brian's Way

To see if the Town will vote to change the name of Bonpel Drive to Brian's Way.

Sponsor: Robert A. Pellegrino and Others

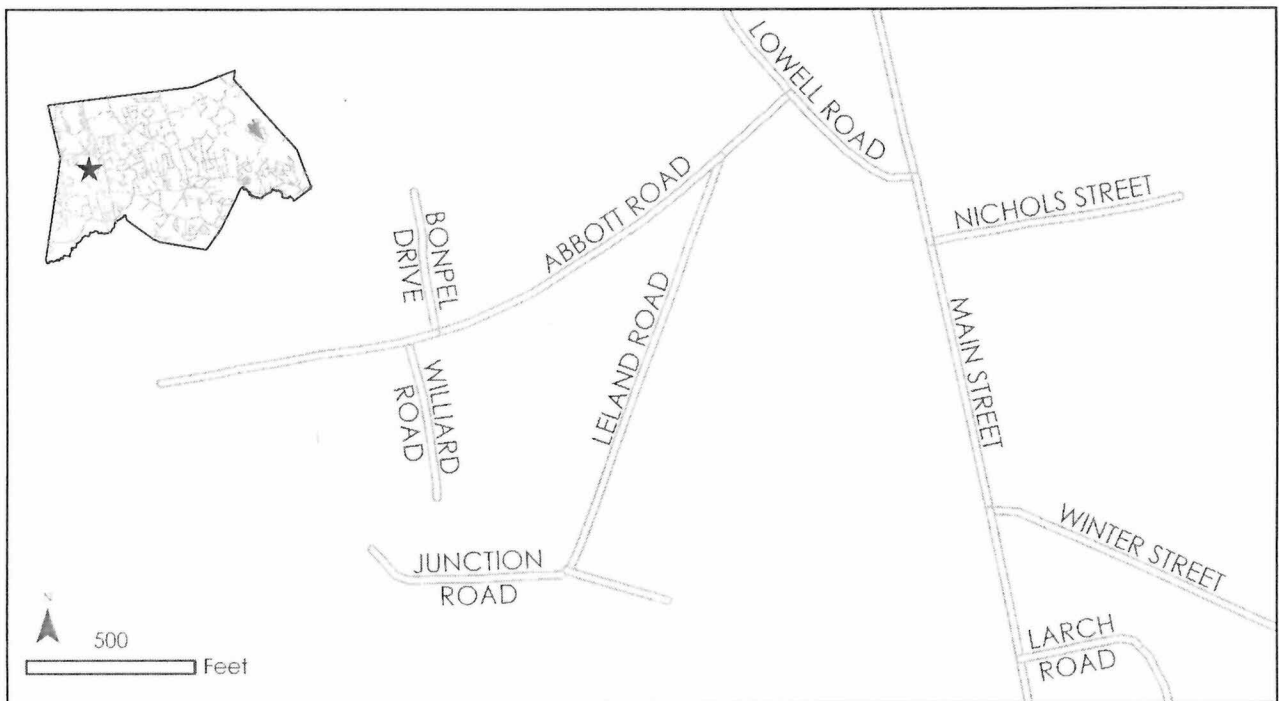
Description...

This article seeks to change the name of Bonpel Drive to Brian's Way. Town Counsel has informed the Board of Selectmen that a vote at Town Meeting would be advisory/non-binding to the Board of Selectmen, who are authorized to make such a name change.

Recommendations ...

Selectmen: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee: Recommendation to be made at Town Meeting.



And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies, fourteen days at least before the time of holding said meeting, in accordance with the Code of the Town of North Reading.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of September in the year of our Lord two thousand and eighteen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Michael A. Prisco, Chairman
Kathryn M. Manupelli, Vice Chair
Stephen J. O'Leary, Clerk
Andrew J. Schultz
Robert J. Mauceri

A True Copy: Attest:
John J. Firriello, Constable