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**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
TOWN OF NORTHBRIDGE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022**

**QUESTION 4**

Shall the Town of Northbridge revoke its acceptance of Chapter 31 of the General Laws, the Civil Service law, for all positions in the Police Department?

	<b>Prec. 1</b>	<b>Prec. 2</b>	<b>Prec. 3</b>	<b>Prec. 4</b>	<b>Prec 5</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Blanks	13	11	14	24	17	79
Yes	84	35	61	87	48	315
No	44	15	45	43	32	179
Total Vote	141	61	120	154	97	573

**A TRUE COPY**

**ATTEST:**

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Linda B. Zywień, CMC, Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING.

Monday, February 8, 1954.

ATTEST  
*Edna A. Curran*  
TOWN CLERK  
NORTHBRIDGE

WORCESTER, SS.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Northbridge, in the County of Worcester.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the Inhabitants of the Town of Northbridge, qualified to vote in town elections, and town affairs, to meet in the Whitin Community Gymnasium Building, in Whitinsville, in Precinct I, and in the Community Hall, in the village of Northbridge, in Precinct II, in said Northbridge, on Monday the eighth day of February at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to bring in their votes for the following officers, and for or against the following questions.

Two Selectmen for the term of three years; one assessor for the term of three years; one member of the Department of Public Welfare for the term of three years; two members of the School Committee for the term of three years; one member of the School Committee for the term of two years; one member of the School Committee for the term of one year; one Sewer Commissioner for the term of three years; two members of the John Whitin Lasell Memorial Field Commission for the term of three years; one member of the Northbridge Cemetery Commission for a term of three years; one member of the Planning Board for a term of five years; one member of the Road Commissioner for the term of three years; two members of the Board of Trustees of the Soldier's Memorials for the term of three years; Two members of the Playground and Recreation Commission for the term of three years; A Treasurer for the term of three years; A town Clerk for the term of three years; A Tax Collector for the term of three years; one member of the Northbridge Housing Authority for the term of five years.

QUESTION NO. I.

Shall the Town of Northbridge vote to accept the provisions of Section 48 of Chapter 31, of the General Laws as amended so as to place the regular and permanent members of the present police force of the Town of Northbridge within and under the laws, rules and regulations of the classified Civil Service? YES---- NO----

QUESTION No. 2.

Shall the regular and permanent members of the Police Department of the Town of Northbridge be paid on a forty hour week? YES-- NO--

And you are also directed to notify said inhabitants of Northbridge to meet in Memorial Hall, in said Whitinsville on Tuesday the ninth day of February, at 7:00 o'clock in the evening, then and there to act upon the following articles.

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act upon the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee as printed in the Town Report.

ARTICLE 2. To see what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury to defray the necessary usual expenses of the several departments of the Town for the fiscal year of 1954.

ARTICLE 3. To hear the reports of the several Town Officers or of any Committees and to choose any Committee or Committees the Town may think proper and to appropriate money or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1954, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 47, Chapter 44 of the General Laws, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the 1953 Dog Tax to the use of the Public Schools, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To choose all necessary town officers for the ensuing year, and to fill any vacancy that may appear.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the John and Richard Moran POST OF THE Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Jeffrey L. Vail Post No. III of the American Legion of Whitinsville, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of providing suitable headquarters for the Oliver Ashton Post, No. 343 of the American Legion of Northbridge, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civilian Defense, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to accept as a public street that private street called Thurston Avenue Extension in the Village of Whitinsville as laid out by the Selectmen, such laying out having been filed with the Town Clerk or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to install parking meters in the Town of Northbridge where in their discretion they deem it advisable, and to enter into a contract or contracts for the installation of the parking meters, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will accept as a gift from the Paul Whitin Manufacturing Company the sewer mains, manholes and house connections in Arden Avenue and Church Street Extension in the Village of Rockdale, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will accept from the Paul Whitin Manufacturing Company a gift of its water distribution system, including its reservoir and rights pertaining thereto, and including its mains, hydrants, valves and meters but not including its driven wells and pumping station, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to purchase from P. Oscar Picard for \$1,479.25, eighty-eight and nine one hundredths (88.09) feet of sewer line in Prunier Street and one hundred eighty-six and thirty one hundredths (186.30) feet of sewer line in McEndy Street and two manholes, in the Village of Lincoln, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$19,424.50 from the Disaster Relief Account Receipts to the Disaster Relief Account, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for equipping, furnishing and completing the construction on the New Junior-Senior High Schools, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the School Committee to dispose of the old boilers and heating system in the present Junior and Senior High School, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Moderator to fill by appointment the vacancies now existing in the School Building Committee and also to fill any vacancies which might occur in the School Building Committee in the future, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for relocating and constructing the approaches to the Plummer Bridge over the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Company, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for the reconstruction of the bridge in Rockdale over the Blackstone River on Sutton Street, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for connecting the water mains of the Paul Whitin Manufacturing Company to the Town Water system and purchase of water for said system, if said system is accepted by the Town, or take any action in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for insuring of town property, or take any action in relation thereto.

- Article 22. To see if the Town will make an appropriation for connecting the water mains of the Paul Whitin Manufacturing Company to the Town water system and purchase of water for said system, if said system is accepted by the Town under Article 14, or take any action in relation thereto.
- " " 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the insuring of Town property, or take any action in relation thereto.
- " " 24. To see if the Town will make an appropriation to the Annuity Savings Fund of the Contributory Retirement System of the Town the amount which persons would have paid into said fund if their employment in the service of the Town had not been interrupted by industrial accidents, or take any action in relation thereto.
- " " 25. To see if the Town will transfer \$1,771.20 from the state reimbursemet of Tax Relief Tornado Disaster Account to the 1953 overlay, or take any action in relation thereto.
- " " 26. To see if the Town will vote to have a Board of Public Safety with five members elected to serve three year terms without compensation, or take any action in relation thereto.
- " " 27. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of ten members to study plans for a town council manager form of government merged with a representative form of government, or take any action in relation thereto.

The polls will open at eight o'clock A.M., and close at seven o'clock P.M.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Whitinsville Post Office, Whitinsville National Bank Bulletin board and Town Clerk's office in Whitinsville, Desjourdy's Store Restaurant in Linwood, and at Hill Top Store in Northbridge Center in Precinct 1; and at Paul Whitin Mfg. Co. in Precinct 11, in said town seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this eleventh day of January, in the year one thousand nine hundred and fifty-four.

George L. Searles  
Paul P. Rutana  
Curtis M. Carr  
Camille R. Guertin  
Herman G. Youngsma  
Selectmen of Northbridge

Northbridge, Mass.

By virtue of this Warrant I have this day notified the Inhabitants of the Town of Northbridge qualified to vote in town elections and town affairs to meet at the time and place and for the purpose stated in said Warrant by posting attested copies thereof as within directed.

Peter Buma  
Constable of Northbridge.

A true copy

Attest:

*Ruth C. Keeler*  
Town Clerk

*Edna A. Celmer*  
TOWN CLERK  
NORTHBRIDGE, MA



## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION.

February 8, 1954.

The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk, Ruth C. Keeler, after which the officers were sworn into office and placed at their respective stations. The ballot box registered at 0000 and the keys given to Thomas Kellaheer, Police Officer. The polls opened at 8 o'clock A.M.

Warden	Camille R. Guertin	Gate	Peter VanderSloot
Dep. Warden	Curtis M. Carr		Arnold Banning
Clerk	Thomas J. Barry	Ballots	Abraham Twilight
Dep. Clerk	Harold Kelliher	Ballot Box	Robert J. D. Couture
Inspectors	Nelson Hayward		
	John T. Savage		
Tabulators	Patricia Ford		
	James Graham		
1st Check List			
	Sarah Brown	Edward Duggan	
	Cecelia Parker	Louis Gilroy	

2nd Check List		
	Isabel McGuire	Marie VanderBaan
	Edyth Casey	Lillian Winoski

Anna DeJong	Margaret Small
Mary Thorlacius	Jennie D. Baker
Gertrude Ebbeling	Elizabeth M. Grady
Helen Burroughs	Mary Blaine
Mary Dagirmanjian	Charles Burke
Irene Drinkwater	Raymond Duggan
Ruth Johnson	Fred Siepietowski
Charles Sohigian	Angelina Leclerc
Louise Benoit	Claire Houle
Lillian Davidson	Dora McDonald
Marion Broadhurst	Francis Horan
Grace Griffin	

Police Officer  
Thomas Kellaheer

The polls was declared closed at 7 o'clock P.M.

2448 Votes cast  
808 Prec I

		Prec I	Prec II	Total
Town Clerk				
Ruth C. Keeler		2135	611	2746
	Blanks	313	197	510
Town Treasurer				
Dutton R. Alden		1985	566	2551
	Blanks	463	242	705
Selectmen				
George L. Searles		1303	131	1434
Herman G. Youngsma		977	74	1051
Harold Buma		887	212	1099
Charles Flamand		171	486	657
Michael J. Jackman		1099	391	1490
Harry Remillard			1	1
	Blanks	459	321	780
Assessor				
Thomas A. Crawford		2066	572	2638
	Blanks	382	236	618
Dept. of Public Welfare				
James S. Mullaney		1963	548	2511
	Blanks	485	260	745
School Committee 3 yrs				
Francis L. Cassidy		1914	517	2431
Leroy A. Allard		1860	467	2327
	Blanks	1122	632	1754
School Committee 2 yrs				
Mary M. Bouvier		2000	589	2589
	Blanks	448	219	667

School Committee 1 Yr. Harold Riding	Blanks	1903 545	571 237	2474 782
Sewer Commissioner 3yrs William A. Spratt	Blanks	1946 502	565 243	2511 745
Northbridge Cemetery Commission 3yrs Everett E. Adams	Blanks	1934 514	591 217	2525 731
Collector of Taxes 3 yrs Robert A. Parker	Blanks	1972 476	556 252	2528 728
John Whitin Lasell Mem. Field Comm. 3yrs Robert G. McKaig W. Charles Commons Jr. Charles L. Lachapelle Rosaire Rajotte	Blanks	1512 1545 842 425 572	221 140 438 437 380	1733 1685 1280 862 952
Road Commissioners 3yrs Daniel C. Duggan Samuel Lussier	Blanks	1904 544	503 304 1	2407 848 1
Playground or Recreation Comm. 3yrs. Robert G. McKaig W. Charles Commons Jr.	Blanks	1844 1894 1158	470 463 683	2314 2357 1841
Planning Board 5 yrs Elijah Kent Swift	Blanks	1923 525	493 315	2416 840
Trustee Soldier's Memorial 3yrs Elijah Kent Swift Paul Whitin	Blanks	1892 1863 1141	442 558 616	2334 2421 1757
Northbridge Housing Authority 5yrs H. Cedric Andrews	Blanks	1926 522	517 291	2443 813
Question NO. 1. YES NO	Blanks	1559 731 158	634 63 111	2193 794 269
Question NO. 2 YES NO	Blanks	1736 552 160	595 108 105	2331 660 265

## OFFICERS of PRECINCT 2.

Warden Charles Adams	Clerk Teresa Bertone
Dep. Warden Samuel Hayward	Dep. Clerk James McGuigan
Inspectors Ernest Goyette Hector Sauve	Vincent Choquette Rosario Lussier
Tellers Anna Winter Armand Benoit Charlotte Choquette Leo Mongeon Elphege Couture	Margaret Madigan Edmond Hisoire Eugene Beauregard Emery Douville Paul Rutana

Police Officer-----Roland Fontaine

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ATTEST:

*Ruth C Keeler*

Town Clerk

A TRUE COPY ATTEST

*John A. Adams*

TOWN CLERK