COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

TOWN OF NORWOOD

Norfolk, ss.

To either of the constables in the Town of Norwood in said County, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Norwood, qualified as the law requires to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the Auditorium of the Norwood High School on Nichols Street in said Town on Monday, May 9, 2016, 7:35 o'clock in the afternoon to meet and act at said time and place on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds, or borrow, or otherwise provide and appropriate for additional costs related to the replacement of the Hawes Pool Bathhouse, or take any other action in the matter.
(by request of the Permanent Building Construction Committee)

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws, known as the Massachusetts Community Preservation Act (the “Act”), by approving a surcharge on real property for the purposes permitted by said Act, including the acquisition, creation and preservation of open space; the acquisition, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of historic resources; the acquisition, creation, preservation, rehabilitation and restoration of land for recreational use; the acquisition, creation, preservation and support of community housing, and the rehabilitation or restoration of open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in Section 5 of the Act; and, further, to determine that the amount of such surcharge on real property shall be one (1) per cent of the annual real estate tax levy against real property commencing in fiscal year 2018; and, further, to see if the Town will vote to accept one or more of the following exemptions from such surcharge permitted under Section 3(e) of the Act: for property owned and occupied as a domicile by a person who would qualify for low income housing or for low or moderate income senior housing in the Town; for $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and for $100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class three, commercial property, and class four, industrial property as defined in Section 2A of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action in the matter.
ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town would vote to change the status of lower Rock Street to a dead end street in an effort to preserve that neighborhood’s integrity from potential development.
(on petition of Kevin Pentowski, et al)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town would vote to change the status of the property located at 36 Plimpton Avenue to be zoned as a residential property from its current mixed usage status to preserve neighborhood integrity.
(on petition of Kevin Pentowski, et al)

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town would vote to rescind the creation of a 40R Smart Growth Overlay District at the site of the Regal Press building on Lenox Street at Plimpton Avenue. The applicant misled the Town to get approval votes.
(on petition of Kevin Pentowski, et al)

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town would vote to include public input sessions to be held at each and every elected Board meeting here in Town. This would allow better access to the public and assure that the public is being better served.
(on petition of Kevin Pentowski, et al)

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town would vote to approve a measure to have the DPW assist homeowners with the cost to replace cast iron and lead water pipes to copper feed lines in older homes.
(on petition of Kevin Pentowski, et al)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate funds surplus to the requirements of the F.Y. 2016 Group Insurance account or from other available funds to be used to commission a Long Range Building Study from qualified bidders for the future needs of the Norwood Public Schools, or take any other action in the matter.
(by request of the School Committee)
ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate funds surplus to the requirements of the F.Y. 2016 Group Insurance account or from other available funds to the School Department’s FY 2016 appropriation, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer and appropriate funds surplus to the requirements of the F.Y. 2016 Group Insurance account to the Other Post-Employment Benefits (“OPEB”) Trust Fund, established to provide future offsets to health care and other liabilities for future retirees, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for the Assessors’ Revaluation and Legal Defense accounts, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for payment to the Norwood Retirement System of Military Service Credits earned by members of the Fire and Police Departments who have been on approved military leaves of absence, in accordance with the provisions of MGL Chapter 32, sec. 22(4), or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for payment of Massachusetts Water Resources Authority assessments, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for payment of the first year of a two-year amortization schedule for Snow and Ice expenses incurred in F.Y. 2015 in excess of the appropriation, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for the current year’s (F.Y. 2016) Public Works and School Department Snow & Ice Removal expenses, or take any other action in the matter.
ARTICLE 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for Town Counsel litigation expenses, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for Public Works Incidentals, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for Police Incidentals, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for Fire Department Salaries, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 20. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for Light Department Administration Salaries and for Light Department Overtime, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Chapter 44, Section E½ of the Massachusetts General Laws, to establish a Library Revolving Fund for the support of programs and services provided by the Morrill Memorial Library (the “Library”), to which revolving fund shall be credited all fees and charges received in connection with such programs and services; to authorize the Trustees of the Library to expend money from such revolving fund for the foregoing purposes; and to determine a limit on the amount of money which may be expended from such revolving fund during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016, or take any other action in the matter.

ARTICLE 22. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to transfer from surplus revenue or other available funds and appropriate for payment of Unpaid Bills from prior fiscal periods, or take any other action in the matter.
Any individual with a disability who needs accommodations related to accessibility/communications or other aspects of participation in Town Meeting or other related programs should contact:

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THE TOWN OF NORWOOD DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF DISABILITY.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in ten public places in this Town fourteen days at least before the time and day of said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Selectmen on or before the day and time of said meeting.

Given under our hands at Norwood this nineteenth day of April A.D., 2016.

Allan D. Howard, Chairman

William J. Plasko

Helen Abdallah Donohue

Paul A. Bishop

Thomas F. Maloney

Selectmen of Norwood