

**ARTICLE 2
OPERATING BUDGET**

Line Item to be voted		FY19 Appropriated	FY20 Requested	FY20 Town Administrator Recommends	FY20 Advisory Board Recommends
161-TOWN CLERK					
17	Total Salaries	\$ 169,542	\$ 176,267	\$ 174,098	\$ 174,098
18	Total Expenses	\$ 5,630	\$ 5,900	\$ 5,900	\$ 5,900
	Total: Town Clerk	\$ 175,172	\$ 182,167	\$ 179,998	\$ 179,998
162-ELECTIONS					
19	Total Salaries	\$ 16,701	\$ 12,654	\$ 12,654	\$ 12,654
20	Total Expenses	\$ 12,670	\$ 7,720	\$ 7,720	\$ 7,720
	Total: Elections	\$ 29,371	\$ 20,374	\$ 20,374	\$ 20,374
163-REGISTRATION					
21	Total Salaries	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450	\$ 450
22	Total Expenses	\$ 4,500	\$ 4,750	\$ 4,750	\$ 4,750
	Total: Registration	\$ 4,950	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200	\$ 5,200
171-CONSERVATION COMMISSION					
23	Total Salaries	\$ 114,186	\$ 115,062	\$ 111,062	\$ 111,062
24	Total Expenses	\$ 13,640	\$ 13,640	\$ 13,640	\$ 13,640
	Total: Conservation Commission	\$ 127,826	\$ 128,702	\$ 124,702	\$ 124,702
175-PLANNING BOARD					
25	Total Salaries	\$ 82,407	\$ 93,046	\$ 93,046	\$ 93,046
26	Total Expenses	\$ 8,780	\$ 9,680	\$ 9,680	\$ 9,680
	Total: Planning Board	\$ 91,187	\$ 102,726	\$ 102,726	\$ 102,726
176-ZONING/APEALS BOARD					
27	Total Salaries	11,231	\$ 16,168	\$ 16,168	\$ 16,168
28	Total Expenses	\$ 1,647	\$ 1,647	\$ 1,647	\$ 1,647
	Total: Zoning/Appeals Board	\$ 12,878	\$ 17,815	\$ 17,815	\$ 17,815
190-COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES					
29	Total Expenses	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
	Total: Commission On Disabilities	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
191-CUSHING MEMORIAL					
30	Total Salaries	\$ 38,540	\$ 38,837	\$ 38,837	\$ 38,837
31	Total Expenses	\$ 27,130	\$ 27,307	\$ 27,307	\$ 27,307
	Total: Cushing Memorial	\$ 65,670	\$ 66,144	\$ 66,144	\$ 66,144
192-FACILITIES DEPARTMENT					
32	Total Salaries	\$ 114,036	\$ 123,656	\$ 123,245	\$ 123,245
33	Total Expenses	\$ 67,850	\$ 88,180	\$ 85,320	\$ 85,320
	Total: Facilities Department	\$ 181,886	\$ 211,836	\$ 208,565	\$ 208,565
193-P.B.M.C.					
34	Total Expenses	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500
	Total: P.B.M.C.	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500

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194-COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ADMIN				
35 Total Salaries	\$ 8,795	\$ 8,795	\$ 8,795	\$ 8,795
36 Total Expenses	\$ 51,205	\$ 51,205	\$ 51,205	\$ 51,205
Total: Community Preservation Admin	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
195-TOWN REPORTS				
37 Total Expenses	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Total: Town Reports	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
199-BEAUTIFICATION				
38 Total Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Total: Beautification	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT (net of Community Preservation Fund)				
	\$ 2,433,981	\$ 2,532,650	\$ 2,523,210	\$ 2,523,210
210-POLICE DEPARTMENT				
39 Total Salaries	\$ 2,660,601	\$ 2,771,555	\$ 2,758,828	\$ 2,758,828
40 Total Expenses	\$ 299,050	\$ 327,625	\$ 327,625	\$ 327,625
Total: Police Department	\$ 2,959,651	\$ 3,099,180	\$ 3,086,453	\$ 3,086,453
220-FIRE DEPARTMENT				
41 Total Salaries	\$ 2,159,729	\$ 2,444,174	\$ 2,370,446	\$ 2,370,446
42 Total Expenses	\$ 234,600	\$ 236,300	\$ 230,900	\$ 230,900
Total: Fire Department	\$ 2,394,329	\$ 2,680,474	\$ 2,601,346	\$ 2,601,346
231-AMBULANCE SERVICE				
43 Total Expenses	\$ 91,000	\$ 104,500	\$ 104,500	\$ 104,500
Total: Ambulance Service	\$ 91,000	\$ 104,500	\$ 104,500	\$ 104,500
232-EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT				
44 Total Salaries	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
45 Total Expenses	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 11,000
Total: Emergency Management	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
233-REGIONAL DISPATCH SERVICES				
46 Regional Dispatch Expense	\$ 483,536	\$ 515,000	\$ 515,000	\$ 515,000
Total: Regional Dispatch Services	\$ 483,536	\$ 515,000	\$ 515,000	\$ 515,000
241-BUILDING DEPARTMENT				
47 Total Salaries	\$ 221,701	\$ 222,242	\$ 222,242	\$ 222,242
48 Total Expenses	\$ 14,900	\$ 14,900	\$ 14,900	\$ 14,900
Total: Building Department	\$ 236,601	\$ 237,142	\$ 237,142	\$ 237,142
244-WEIGHTS AND MEASURES				
49 Total Salaries	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000	\$ 7,000
50 Total Expenses	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,515
Total: Weights and Measures	\$ 8,515	\$ 8,515	\$ 8,515	\$ 8,515

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292-ANIMAL CONTROL				
51	Total Intergovernmental Expenses	\$ 11,713	\$ 15,371	\$ 15,371
	Total: Animal Control	\$ 11,713	\$ 15,371	\$ 15,371
295-HARBORMASTER				
	Total Salaries	\$ 6,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -
52	Total Intergovernmental Expenses	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,500	\$ 7,500
	Total: Harbormaster	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY		\$ 6,204,845	\$ 6,679,682	\$ 6,587,827
301-SCHOOL DEPARTMENT				
	School Budget	\$ 27,251,768	\$ 28,178,328	\$ 28,178,328
53	Total: Norwell School Department	\$ 27,251,768	\$ 28,178,328	\$ 28,178,328
390-REGIONAL SCHOOLS				
	South Shore Regional School	\$ 276,353	\$ 315,566	\$ 315,566
54	Total: Regional School Assessment	\$ 276,353	\$ 315,566	\$ 315,566
TOTAL EDUCATION		\$ 27,528,121	\$ 28,493,894	\$ 28,493,894
420-HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT				
55	Total Salaries	\$ 618,645	\$ 648,137	\$ 648,137
56	Total Expenses	\$ 254,300	\$ 316,800	\$ 302,800
57	Total Snow Removal & Sanding	\$ 249,100	\$ 249,100	\$ 259,100
	Total: Highway Department	\$ 1,122,045	\$ 1,214,037	\$ 1,210,037
421-TREE & GROUNDS DEPARTMENT				
58	Total Salaries	\$ 398,430	\$ 417,063	\$ 417,063
59	Total Expenses	\$ 118,100	\$ 158,100	\$ 145,100
	Total: Tree & Grounds Department	\$ 516,530	\$ 575,163	\$ 562,163
424-STREET LIGHTING				
	Total: Expenses	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
60	Total: Street Lighting	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000	\$ 60,000
450-WATER DEPARTMENT				
61	Total Salaries	\$ 662,624	\$ 689,516	\$ 689,516
62	Total Expenses	\$ 720,625	\$ 733,225	\$ 733,225
	Total: Water Department	\$ 1,383,249	\$ 1,422,741	\$ 1,422,741
491-TOWN CEMETERY				
63	Total Salaries	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
64	Total Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
	Total: Town Cemetery	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS (net of Water)		\$ 1,703,576	\$ 1,854,200	\$ 1,837,200

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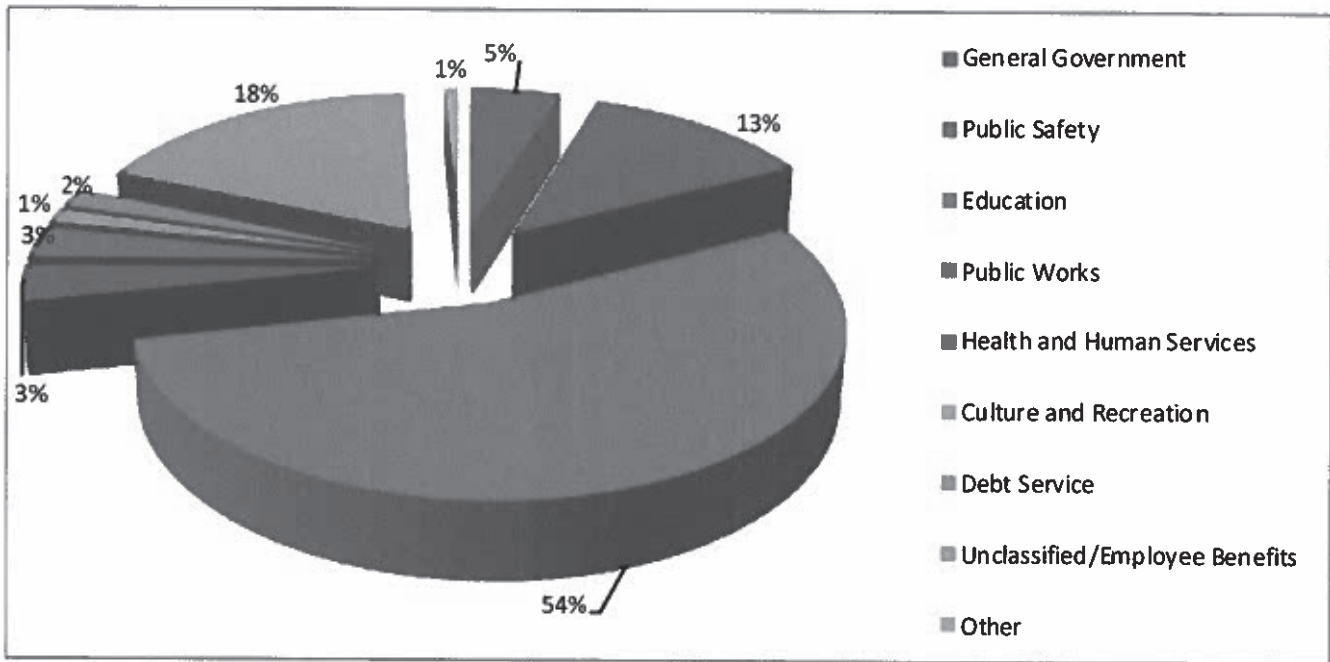
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512-BOARD OF HEALTH				
65	Total Salaries	\$ 132,919	\$ 109,939	\$ 109,939
	General Expenses	\$ 42,800	\$ 42,800	\$ 42,800
	Sold Waste/Semass Disposal	\$ 1,018,538	\$ 1,113,375	\$ 1,113,375
	Recycling	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000
66	Total Expenses	\$ 1,081,338	\$ 1,176,175	\$ 1,176,175
	Total: Board of Health	\$ 1,214,257	\$ 1,286,114	\$ 1,286,114
541-COUNCIL ON AGING				
67	Total Salaries	\$ 231,768	\$ 251,629	\$ 247,540
68	Total Expenses	\$ 28,492	\$ 25,548	\$ 25,548
	Total: Council on Aging	\$ 260,260	\$ 277,177	\$ 273,088
543-VETERANS SERVICES				
69	Total Salaries	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000	\$ 12,000
70	Total Expenses	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
71	Total Veterans Benefits	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000
	Total: Veterans Services	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500	\$ 29,500
TOTAL HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		\$ 1,504,017	\$ 1,592,791	\$ 1,588,702
610-LIBRARY				
72	Total Salaries	\$ 420,809	\$ 442,809	\$ 442,809
73	Total Expenses	\$ 209,800	\$ 209,800	\$ 209,800
	Total: Library	\$ 630,609	\$ 652,609	\$ 652,609
630-RECREATION DEPARTMENT				
74	Total Salaries	\$ 79,252	\$ 82,437	\$ 82,437
75	Total Expenses	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500	\$ 14,500
	Total: Recreation Department	\$ 93,752	\$ 96,937	\$ 96,937
691- HISTORICAL COMMISSION				
76	Total Expenses	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
	Total: Historical Commission	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000
TOTAL CULTURE AND RECREATION		\$ 728,361	\$ 753,546	\$ 753,546
710-DEBT RETIREMENT				
	Principal - Town	\$ 665,000	\$ 565,000	\$ 565,000
	Principal - Water	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000	\$ 155,000
751-INTEREST ON LONG TERM DEBT				
	Interest - Town	\$ 174,398	\$ 151,373	\$ 151,373
	Interest - Water	\$ 38,825	\$ 33,750	\$ 33,750

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752-INTEREST ON SHORT TERM DEBT				
Interest - Town	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest - Water	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
77 Total: Under Levy Debt Service	\$ 1,033,223	\$ 905,123	\$ 905,123	\$ 905,123
710, 751 - DEBT EXCLUSION				
Middle School Principal	\$ 865,000	\$ 865,000	\$ 865,000	\$ 865,000
Middle School Interest	\$ 194,625	\$ 151,375	\$ 151,375	\$ 151,375
Vinal, Cole & High School Principal	\$ 555,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000	\$ 550,000
Vinal, Cole & High School Interest	\$ 103,565	\$ 81,365	\$ 81,365	\$ 81,365
Police Station Principal	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000
Police Station Interest	\$ 130,625	\$ 120,625	\$ 120,625	\$ 120,625
78 Total: Debt Exclusion	\$ 2,098,815	\$ 2,018,365	\$ 2,018,365	\$ 2,018,365
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE	\$ 3,132,038	\$ 2,923,488	\$ 2,923,488	\$ 2,923,488
911-PLYMOUTH CTY RETIREMENT FUND				
79 Total: Pension Contributions	\$ 2,523,519	\$ 2,600,777	\$ 2,600,777	\$ 2,600,777
913-UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION				
80 Total: Unemployment Compensation	\$ 50,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000
914, 915, 916-GROUP INSURANCE				
81 Total: Insurance (Health, Life, Medicare)	\$ 6,270,490	\$ 6,406,893	\$ 6,406,893	\$ 6,406,893
912, 919, 945-TOWN INSURANCE				
82 Total: (Wrkers Comp, Unclassified, Liability)	\$ 414,300	\$ 418,000	\$ 418,000	\$ 418,000
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED/EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 9,258,309	\$ 9,465,670	\$ 9,465,670	\$ 9,465,670
990-TRANSFERS				
83 Transfer to OPEB Trust	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000
84 Transfer to Capital Expenditure Stab Fund	\$ 10,000	\$ 123,025	\$ 123,025	\$ 123,025
Total: Stabilization Funds Transfers	\$ 140,000	\$ 253,025	\$ 253,025	\$ 253,025
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	\$ 140,000	\$ 253,025	\$ 253,025	\$ 253,025
SUBTOTAL TOWN OPERATING BUDGET	\$ 52,633,247	\$ 54,548,946	\$ 54,426,562	\$ 54,426,562
Community Preservation Admin	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000
Water Department	1,383,249	1,422,741	1,422,741	1,422,741
GRAND TOTAL OPERATING BUDGET	54,076,496	56,031,687	55,909,303	55,909,303

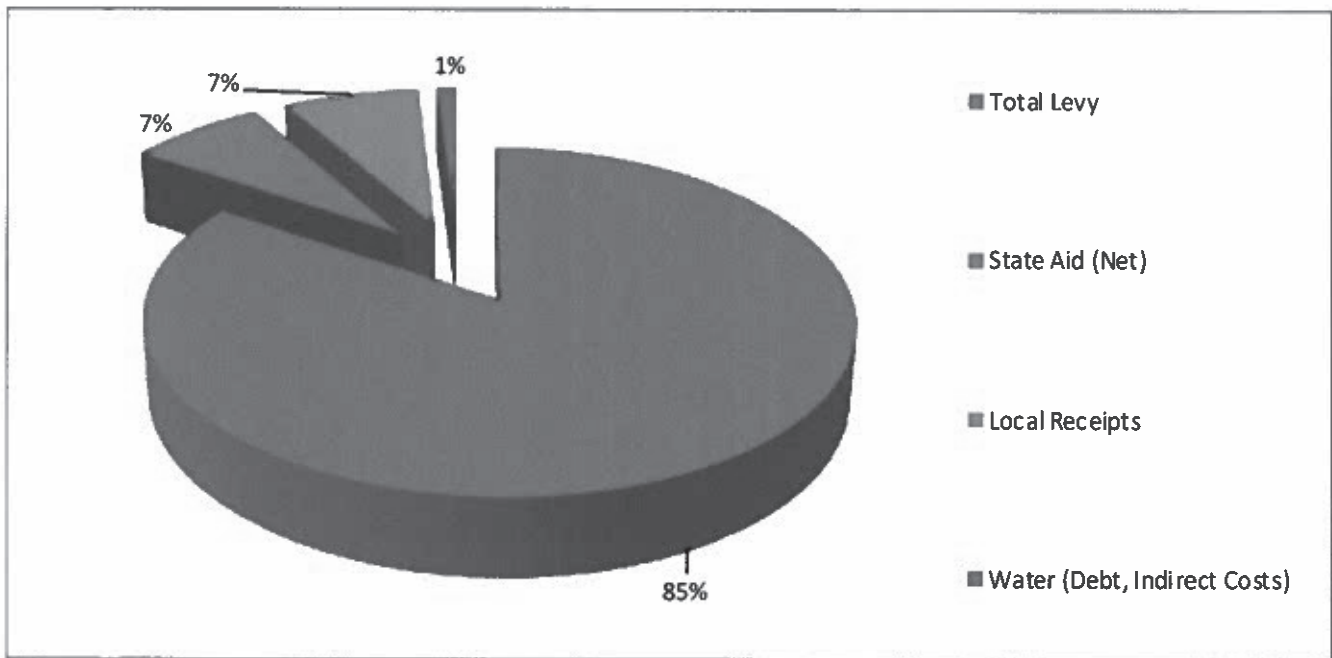
FY19 BUDGETED EXPENDITURES By Major Category

General Government	\$2,523,210	5%
Public Safety	\$6,587,827	13%
Education	\$28,493,894	54%
Public Works	\$1,837,200	3%
Health and Human Services	\$1,588,702	3%
Culture and Recreation	\$753,546	1%
Debt Service	\$905,123	2%
Unclassified/Employee Benefits	\$9,465,670	18%
Other	\$376,025	1%
Total Expenditures	\$52,531,197	100%



FY19 BUDGETED REVENUES By Major Category

Levy Limit Prior Year	\$43,199,612	
2.5% Increase	\$1,079,990	
New Growth Estimate	\$250,000	
Total Levy	\$44,529,602	85%
State Aid (Net)	\$3,879,786	7%
Local Receipts	\$3,844,180	7%
Water (Debt, Indirect Costs)	\$551,129	1%
Other	\$26,500	0%
Overlay (Use)	(\$300,000)	-1%
Total Revenue	\$52,531,197	100%



TOWN OF NORWELL FINANCIAL FORECAST FY20

	FY15 Actual	FY16 Actual	FY17 Actual	FY18 Budget	FY18 Actual	FY19 Budget	FY19 Actual	FY20 Proposed Budget
Levy Limit prior year	\$ 35,520,092	\$ 37,127,157	\$ 38,605,130	\$ 40,086,329	\$ 40,086,329	\$ 41,632,142	\$ 41,632,142	\$ 43,199,612
Amended Growth		\$ 3,094					\$ 10,038	
2.5% Increase	\$ 888,002	\$ 928,179	\$ 965,206	\$ 1,002,158	\$ 1,002,158	\$ 1,040,804	\$ 1,041,055	\$ 1,079,990
Override								
New Growth	\$ 719,063	\$ 549,794	\$ 512,899	\$ 250,000	\$ 543,655	\$ 250,000	\$ 516,377	\$ 250,000
TOTAL LEVY	\$ 37,127,157	\$ 38,605,130	\$ 40,086,329	\$ 41,338,487	\$ 41,632,142	\$ 42,922,946	\$ 43,199,612	\$ 44,529,602
Cherry Sheet/State Aid	\$ 4,408,087	\$ 4,491,137	\$ 4,700,619	\$ 4,747,417	\$ 4,776,075	\$ 4,889,836	\$ 4,950,587	\$ 5,193,000
Local Receipts	\$ 3,362,971	\$ 3,541,690	\$ 3,668,427	\$ 3,731,398	\$ 3,738,000	\$ 3,834,982	\$ 3,933,000	\$ 3,844,180
Water (Debt, Indirect Costs)	\$ 488,392	\$ 482,000	\$ 633,921	\$ 501,484	\$ 501,484	\$ 511,758	\$ 511,758	\$ 551,129
Sale of Lots Fund	\$ 57,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
Wetlands/Waterways Funds	\$ 12,806	\$ 12,848	\$ 16,048	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,500	\$ 12,500	\$ 16,500
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 45,456,413	\$ 47,132,805	\$ 49,105,344	\$ 50,328,786	\$ 50,657,701	\$ 52,182,022	\$ 52,617,457	\$ 54,144,411
Offsets	\$ 23,927	\$ 13,242	\$ 13,172	\$ 13,844	\$ 13,844	\$ 14,170	\$ 14,404	\$ 14,853
State and County Charges	\$ 1,142,737	\$ 1,170,816	\$ 1,229,428	\$ 1,302,865	\$ 1,309,913	\$ 1,251,420	\$ 1,255,798	\$ 1,298,361
Overlay	\$ 1,091,564	\$ 951,174	\$ 804,836	\$ 300,000	\$ 621,600	\$ 300,000	\$ 713,303	\$ 300,000
TOTAL USES	\$ 2,258,228	\$ 2,135,232	\$ 2,047,436	\$ 1,616,709	\$ 1,945,357	\$ 1,565,590	\$ 1,983,505	\$ 1,613,214
NET REVENUE	\$ 43,198,185	\$ 44,997,573	\$ 47,057,908	\$ 48,712,077	\$ 48,712,344	\$ 50,616,432	\$ 50,633,952	\$ 52,531,197

\$ Increase	\$ 1,799,388	\$ 2,060,335	\$ 1,654,169	\$ 1,654,436	\$ 1,904,088	\$ 1,921,608	\$ 1,897,245
% Increase	4.00%	4.38%	3.40%	3.40%	3.76%	3.80%	3.61%

General Government	\$ 2,035,684	\$ 2,187,983	\$ 2,215,394	\$ 2,339,747	\$ 2,339,747	\$ 2,433,981	\$ 2,433,981	\$ 2,523,210
Public Safety	\$ 5,240,657	\$ 5,556,187	\$ 5,664,171	\$ 5,903,879	\$ 5,903,879	\$ 6,204,845	\$ 6,204,845	\$ 6,587,827
Education	\$ 23,964,376	\$ 24,711,305	\$ 25,694,019	\$ 26,582,221	\$ 26,582,221	\$ 27,528,121	\$ 27,528,121	\$ 28,493,894
Public Works	\$ 1,634,191	\$ 1,685,217	\$ 1,636,800	\$ 1,704,190	\$ 1,704,190	\$ 1,703,575	\$ 1,703,575	\$ 1,837,200
Health and Human Services	\$ 1,162,255	\$ 1,295,323	\$ 1,414,051	\$ 1,430,710	\$ 1,430,710	\$ 1,504,017	\$ 1,504,017	\$ 1,588,702
Culture and Recreation	\$ 640,333	\$ 669,555	\$ 680,609	\$ 693,639	\$ 693,639	\$ 728,361	\$ 728,361	\$ 753,546
Debt Service (less exclusion)	\$ 1,086,174	\$ 1,046,709	\$ 1,216,170	\$ 1,065,417	\$ 1,065,417	\$ 1,033,223	\$ 1,033,223	\$ 905,123
Unclassified/Employee Benefits	\$ 7,307,369	\$ 7,698,594	\$ 8,268,606	\$ 8,807,274	\$ 8,807,274	\$ 9,258,309	\$ 9,258,309	\$ 9,465,670
OPEB and Capital Slab Transfers	\$ 120,000	\$ 120,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 130,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 140,000	\$ 253,025
Articles	\$ -	\$ 18,000	\$ 134,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 55,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 82,000	\$ 123,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 43,191,039	\$ 44,988,873	\$ 47,053,820	\$ 48,712,077	\$ 48,712,077	\$ 50,616,432	\$ 50,616,432	\$ 52,531,197

\$ Increase	\$ 1,797,834	\$ 2,064,947	\$ 1,658,257	\$ 1,658,257	\$ 1,904,355	\$ 1,904,355	\$ 1,914,765
% Increase	4.00%	4.39%	3.40%	3.40%	3.76%	3.76%	3.65%

Excess/Deficit	\$ 7,146	\$ 8,700	\$ 4,088	\$ (0)	\$ 267	\$ (0)	\$ 17,520	\$ (0)
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ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide the sums recommended, or any other sum or sums, for Capital Outlay as set forth in the following schedule and determine whether such sums will be provided by taxation or by transfer or by a combination of the foregoing, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Capital Budget Committee

Department	Asset	In Plan	Cost	Recommended	
Highway T & G					
	F 250 Pick UP	y	\$60,000	\$60,000	
	Tractor	y	105,000		
	F 250 Pick Up	y	\$66,000	\$66,000	
	10 Wheel Dump Trk	y	\$260,000		
	Sweeper Repair	N/A	\$80,000		
	Deck Mower	Y	\$16,000	\$16,000	
FIRE					
	Pumper	Y	\$600,000	\$600,000	
	Cardiac Monitors	N	\$100,000	\$100,000	
	Chief's Car	Y	\$60,000		
Police					
	Defibrillators	N	\$12,700	\$12,700	
	radio repeaters	N	\$335,000	\$264,000	
COA					
	Door Repair	N	\$6,000	\$6,000	
	Resurface Steps	N	\$5,000		
Town Hall					
	Plumbing HVAC	Y	\$41,000	\$41,000	
	Building Repairs	Y	\$13,000	\$13,000	
Schools					
	Kitchen Equip	Y	\$30,000	\$30,000	
	Cole Fire Panel	Y	\$40,000	\$40,000	
	Generator	Y	\$30,000	N	
Town Total				\$1,248,700	
Water					
	Pick Up truck	Y	\$28,300	\$28,300	
	Utility Truck	Y	\$53,800	\$53,800	
Water Total				\$82,100	
Recreation	Pathwork	N	\$85,000		
Total			2026800		

The Advisory Board recommends this article unanimously.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to meet obligations for union and personal contracts, said sum to be apportioned by the Finance Director to the applicable line items in Article 2, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board unanimously recommends this article.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to meet obligations for the compensation schedule under the Personnel Plan said sum to be apportioned by the Finance Director to the applicable line items in Article 2, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Personnel Board

The Advisory Board unanimously recommends this article.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$100,000, or any other sum, to be added to the Capital Expenditure Stabilization Fund, as established in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40 section 5B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board unanimously recommend this article.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$200,000 or any other sum, to be added to the Stabilization Fund, as established in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40 section 5B, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 or any other sum, to the Town's OPEB Trust Fund to offset the cost of retired employee health insurance, or take any other action relative thereto.

By the Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board recommended this article. The Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Trust was established to address the health insurance costs of retirees. The Trust is also funded by the Town's meals tax surcharge and through an annual operational appropriation.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town of Norwell will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$250,000.00 for the purpose of design, permitting, and construction of sidewalks and related improvements along a portion of Main Street from Town Hall to Lincoln Street; and, further, that the Town of Norwell acting by and through its Board of Selectmen and/or Complete Streets Committee be authorized to apply for and accept any federal or state funds, grants and/or gifts of any kind for this purpose and possible further extension towards Town Center, or to take any action relative thereto.

Requested by the Complete Streets Committee

The Advisory Board unanimously recommends this article. It is intended to make improvements in continuance of the Main Street sidewalk project. It is broadly worded so that additional work can be performed if the state awards Norwell Complete Streets funding.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$150,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of debris removal and/or Highway Yard facility maintenance, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board recommends this article. It funds a continuing effort to remove a large amount of debris from the Highway Yard to ensure it is safe and complies with environmental regulations.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$50,000, or any other sum, to be spent under the supervision of the Highway Surveyor, for the purchase, manufacture and installation of materials, including but not limited to expenses related to geographic information services mapping and software, to enhance the safety of the Town's public ways, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board voted unanimously to recommend this article.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$35,000, or any other sum, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for the purpose of complying with the EPA's 2020 MS4 (Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System) Stormwater General Permit, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money in anticipation of full (100%) reimbursement by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts of Chapter 90, Acts of 2008, one apportionment for State and Highway purposes under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 90 section 34, clause 2(A), work on highways, to be expended under the direction of the Highway Surveyor, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board unanimously voted to recommend this article.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or otherwise provide the sum of \$100,000 or any other sum, to be spent under the direction of the Highway Surveyor for engineering and design, installation, and/or maintenance of drainage in and along town streets and ways, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board recommends this article.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide the sum of \$400,000, or any other sum, to be spent under the supervision of the Highway Surveyor, for resurfacing and related construction and maintenance of Town ways, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

The Advisory Board recommends this article. When combined with Chapter 90 funds and other related articles over \$1 million will be devoted to road improvements.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town of Norwell will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money for the designing, equipping and constructing a new Trees and Grounds and Highway Department Headquarters and the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Highway Surveyor

In recognition of the poor conditions of the current Highway Department headquarters, the Advisory board voted on March 26, 2019 to recommend this Article by a vote of 8-1. On April 2, 2019, the Board reconsidered their vote at the joint request of the Highway Surveyor and the Town Administrator. New information was presented demonstrating that with the Town's reduced debt load, renovations to the Highway Barn and the Town Hall could be funded under the levy through bonds, making a debt exclusion vote unnecessary. The Board still recognizes the pressing need for improvements to be made to the Highway headquarters, but that it was in the Town's best interest to further develop an under levy finance plan.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to amend Zoning Bylaw §3300 by making the amendments indicated below.

3300. Signs

Sections to be removed are indicated by ~~strikethrough~~ and new sections proposed to be included in the bylaw are *italicized and underlined*.

Some sections of the bylaw have been retained but relocated and others have been renumbered. These changes are not indicated, but are incorporated into the language below.

3300. Signs

3310. Purpose. A sign is a unique type of accessory structure, which, because of its potential impact on adjacent lots and on adjacent public streets and lands, warrants the regulation contained in this Zoning Bylaw. It is recognized that signs perform important functions in communicating messages that are essential for public safety and general welfare, provide information about types of goods and services available at permitted uses, and provide orientation. Therefore, it is hereby found and declared that regulation of signs is necessary to promote the health, safety, and general welfare by:

- a) *lessening hazards to vehicular and pedestrian traffic;*

- b) preventing unsightly and detrimental development which is a potential blighting influence upon residential, public business, and industrial uses, and detrimental to property value;
- c) preventing signs from becoming so excessive in number, size, intensity, brilliance, or impact that they obscure or distract from:
 - 1) public signs essential to the orderly and safe movements of goods and persons in the Town; or,
 - 2) one another to the detriment of all concerned;
- d) facilitating easy recognition and immediate legibility of permitted signs; and,
- e) integrating and securing certain fundamentals of good and appropriate design complementary to the Town's rural environment.

3320. Authority & Interpretation. This bylaw is complementary to, and shall not be construed as inconsistent with, or in contravention of, Sections 29 to 33 of Chapter 93 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

3330. Definitions. For the purposes of this Section, certain terms and words are defined as follows:

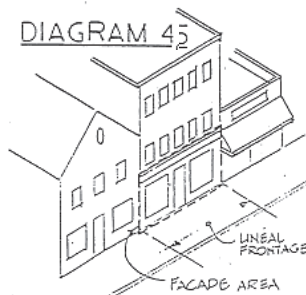
Business Establishment: Any non-residential use consisting of one (1) or more buildings. In a building with more than one (1) non-residential tenant, each tenant is considered a separate business establishment.

Clearance: A completely open and unobstructed space measured from the ground level to the lowest portion of a hanging sign.

Façade: See "Lineal Building Frontage."

Flag: Any fabric or bunting containing colors, patterns, or symbols used as a symbol of an organization.

Lineal Building Frontage: The length in feet of a building or storefront, which abuts a street or public right-of-way at its first floor or entrance level, as shown in diagram #4; also referred to as a "façade".



Projection: An extension forward or out from a wall of a building.

Sign: Any privately owned permanent or temporary *structure, billboard, device, fixture, illuminated fixture, electric bulb, tube, or similar contrivance, medal, placard, painting, drawing, poster, letter, word, banner, pennant, insignia, trade flag or any other representation used as, or which is in the nature of, an advertisement, attraction, announcement, or direction that is affixed to, supported by,*

or suspended by a stationary object, building or the ground that uses any color, form, graphic, illumination, symbol, or writing to communicate information the public which is on a public way, or on private property within public view of a public way, public park, or reservation. Specific sign types are further described as follows:

- a) **Accessory Sign:** Any sign or device of similar intent that advertises, calls attention to, or indicates the person occupying the premises on which the sign is erected or maintained, or the business transacted thereon, or advertises the property itself or any part thereof as for sale or rent, or available vacancy and which contains no other matter.
- b) **Address:** A sign indicating the numeric and street location of a particular property or establishment.
- c) **A-Frame / Sandwich Board:** A mobile sign structurally separate from a building and supported by itself. For purposes of this Section, sandwich board signs are classified as standard informational signs.
- d) **Awning / Canopy:** Any device, fixed or retractable, of any material, which extends over a sidewalk, courtyard, walkway, eating area, driveway, or other area or space, whether that area or space is intended for pedestrians, vehicles, or other purposes.
- e) **Banner:** Any sign constructed of fabric or flexible material. For regulatory purposes, banners are considered wall signs.
- f) **Directional:** Any sign limited to directing or setting out restrictions for vehicular or pedestrian traffic relative to the use of sidewalks, driveways, and parking areas. A directional sign may be freestanding, wall mounted, or a pavement marker.
- g) **Directory:** A sign that may be utilized by multiple business establishments occupying a single building with a shared public entrance.
- h) **Free-standing:** Any sign structurally separate from a building that is supported by itself, on a stand, or on legs.
- i) **Hanging:** Any sign that is attached to, and projects from, the wall or face of a building, including an arcade or marquee sign.
- j) **Illuminated:** A sign lit by an external light source directed solely at the sign (i.e., externally illuminated, which may include a reverse lit source mounted within an opaque component of a sign so that no light passes through it) or an internal light source (i.e., internally illuminated, utilizing translucent panels, canvas or other fabric, letters, devices, or other similar components to create an image by allowing light to pass through).
- k) **Moving:** Any sign which moves or is designed to move, in whole or in part, by any means.
- l) **Off-Premises:** A sign that draws attention to, or communicates information about, a business, service, product, event, attraction, or other enterprise or activity that exists or is conducted, manufactured, sold, offered, maintained, or provided at a location other than on the premises where the sign is located.

- m) **Pennant / Streamer:** *Any sign made of lightweight plastic, fabric, or other material, whether or not containing any writing, suspended from a rope, wire, or string, usually in a series, designed to move in the wind.*
- n) **Plaque or Historic Marker:** *A sign that identifies a structure or site recognized by the Norwell Historical Commission as being historically and/or architecturally significant.*
- o) **Roof:** *Any sign erected or projecting above the lowest point of the eave or the top of a parapet wall of any building, or which is painted or otherwise affixed to a roof.*
- p) **Sandwich Board:** *See “A-Frame.”*
- q) **Standard Informational:** *A freestanding sign intended for non-permanent display, such as a real estate, construction, or political sign, which contains no reflecting elements, flags, or projections.*
- r) **Temporary:** *Any sign, including political signs, that is intended for a limited period of display, and by design and/or use is temporary in nature and thus not permanently mounted.*
- s) **Wall:** *Any sign painted on or affixed to, but which does not project from, a building wall, including those that consist of three-dimensional letters applied directly to a building surface.*
- t) **Window:** *A sign either affixed to the surface of the glass on the windows of a building, or located in the building interior within three (3) feet of the window and visible from the outside of the building. Window displays of actual products or merchandise for sale or rent on the business premises are not considered window signs.*

Sign—₂ Area of:

- a) The area₂ of a sign shall be considered to include all lettering, wording, and accompanying designs and symbols together with the background on which they are displayed, any frame around the sign and any “cutouts” or extensions, but shall not include any supporting structure or bracing if such structure or bracing is incidental to the function of the sign. See 3351(c) below for illustrative purposes.
- b) The area of a sign consisting of individual letters or symbols attached to or painted on a surface, building, wall, or window shall be considered to be that of the smallest quadrangle or triangle which encompasses all of the letters and symbols.
- c) The area of a sign consisting of a three-dimensional object shall be considered to be the area of the largest vertical cross section of that object.
- d) In computing the area of a signs, only one side of back-to-back signs shall be counted.

3350. Sign Standards & Requirements

3351. General Requirements: The following general requirements shall apply to all signs, except as otherwise noted:

- a) Illumination:

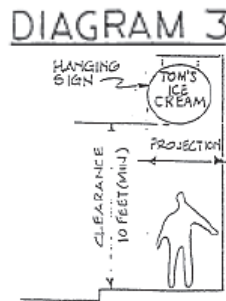
1. Timing: Illumination is permitted only between the hours of five (5:00) a.m. and one (1:00) a.m., except that signs for non-residential uses may be illuminated during any hours the establishments are open to the public.
 2. Style: Illumination shall be external white steady stationary light or interior non-exposed white light only. Exposed sources of illumination, such as neon or gaseous tubes are prohibited, as are signs that cause harmful glare to motorists, pedestrians, or neighboring premises.
 3. Intensity: All illuminated signs shall be Dark Skies compliant and shall be so shielded, shaded, directed, and maintained at a sufficiently low level of intensity and brightness so that the illumination does not adversely affect neighboring properties or the safe and convenient use of public ways.
- b) Movement: All animated, moving, flashing and revolving signs, beacons, searchlights, pennants, portable signs and balloons shall be prohibited, except for those signs that are sole indicators of time and/or temperature.
- c) Area Measurement: The area of a sign shall be calculated as follows:
1. For two-dimensional double-faced hanging and freestanding signs, the area shall be based on one (1) face.
 2. For two-dimensional signs affixed to, or fabricated from, a mounting background or signboard, the area shall consist of the smallest rectangular area that wholly contains the sign, as shown in diagram #1.



3. For two-dimensional signs consisting of individual letters or symbols affixed directly to a building wall, window, freestanding sign supports, or awning, the area shall consist of the smallest area that encompasses all of the letters and symbols, as shown in diagram #2. In the case of freestanding signs, the area is exclusive of the sign supports.



- d) Projection: *Hanging signs shall project no more than five (5) feet from a building or over more than two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the width of a sidewalk, whichever is less, as shown in diagram #3.*



- e) Location & Setback:

1. Except for freestanding signs, all signs shall be attached to the portion of the building that corresponds to the portion owned or leased by the sign permit applicant.
2. Freestanding: All free-standing signs shall be set back a minimum of ten (10) feet from the edge of the way line on which the building fronts, and at least twenty (20) feet from all other property lines.

- f) Height:

1. All
2. No part of a freestanding sign or its supporting structure shall exceed twenty (20) feet above grade ~~in height.~~
3. Mounting Height: *The highest part of wall, window and awning signs shall not exceed twenty (20) feet above grade.*

- g) Color: No sign shall contain more than ~~three (3)~~ six (6) colors excluding the background and frame. No sign shall contain colored lights, interior or exterior.

- h) Maintenance: All signs in all districts shall be maintained in a safe and neat condition to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Buildings and in accordance with the State Building Code. Structural damage, missing letters, or other deterioration obscuring content shall be remedied or the sign removed within sixty (60) days.

- i) Flags: Nothing in this Bylaw shall prevent the flying of one (1) American Flag and/or one (1) State Flag on the same pole or poles, or halyard on a lanyard; and one (1) flag not to exceed twelve (12) square feet in area which incorporates a trade mark, logotype, or similar device directly related to the business or residence located on the lot.

3352. Requirements Based on Sign Type

- a) Awning: Awning signs shall be painted on, or attached flat against, the surface of the awning or canopy. Attaching a sign to an awning or canopy in any other manner is prohibited.
- b) Freestanding: Freestanding signs shall be mounted permanently on the ground, located on the same lot as the principal building, and set back at least five (5) feet from any property line. Signs shall be situated so as to not impair visibility or restrict the ability to use any public way by impeding minimum sight distance requirements established by the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials (AASHTO) and as interpreted by the Inspector of Buildings. Freestanding signs shall not be mounted on trees, utility poles, light fixtures, or any other structure that is not built solely to accommodate signs.
- c) Hanging: Signs hanging over a public way or area accessible to the public shall provide at least ten (10) feet of clearance measured from the ground surface to the bottom of the sign, as shown in diagram #3, and shall not impair visibility or restrict the ability to use any public way or area accessible to the public.
- d) Wall: Wall signs must be mounted parallel to the wall of a building and shall not project beyond the face of the wall to which they are attached.

3353. Temporary Signs

- a) Temporary signs shall be permitted in all districts in accordance with this section for purposes of promoting any business, or any charitable, civic, or municipal event.
1. Before a temporary sign (other than a political sign or a temporary sign placed in a window) shall be erected or displayed, there shall be a permit fee in the sum of \$75.00 for each commercial sign. The deposit shall be refunded upon the timely removal of the sign or signs. In the event of failure to remove the sign within the period prescribed, the Inspector of Buildings shall apply the deposit towards the cost of removing the sign, and any balance of the deposit shall be forfeited to the Town.
 2. No temporary sign shall be erected or displayed until an application has been made to, and a permit specifying the date of removal has been issued by, the Inspector of Buildings.
 3. The Inspector of Buildings may deny an application, and may require the removal of a temporary sign after permit, if he determines that the sign will be or is a threat to public safety or offensive to the area because of color, material, or construction.
 4. The Inspector of Buildings shall approve or deny an application within seven (7) days of receipt. The denial or approval may be appealed by the applicant or by an aggrieved party to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

5. A sign authorized by this section shall be erected at ground level and shall be stationary. The sign shall be constructed to withstand strong winds and to the satisfaction of the Inspector of Buildings as to material, colors, and safety.
 6. The sign shall be free standing, meaning that it shall not be attached to or supported by any natural or man-made object, nor shall any vehicle, trailer, balloon, kite, boat, pennant, flag, banner, or other contrivance be used as a temporary or permanent means of exhibiting a sign, which may circumvent or derogate from the intent of this Bylaw.
 7. No more than one (1) temporary sign shall be permitted on any one (1) lot at one (1) time.
 8. A temporary sign shall not exceed four (4) feet in either width or height nor a total of ten (10) square feet, except that a sign in a residential district promoting other than charitable, civic, or municipal events shall conform to the residential requirements as set forth in Section ~~3321~~ 3360(b). If a two-sided sign, the dimensions may apply to each side separately.
- b) No temporary sign shall be permitted for more than thirty (30) consecutive days. No applicant shall be permitted to maintain a temporary sign for more than thirty (30) ~~forty-five (45)~~ days in a single calendar year regardless of the number of permits obtained.
 - c) Temporary signs shall be allowed only for specific purposes, not as semi-permanent displays. A "special sale" sign may be permitted (with a permit) for the actual duration of the sale or for two (2) weeks, whichever is less, twice a year. Not more than two (2) such sale signs shall be permitted in any one (1) year for any one (1) business. A new business may utilize a temporary sign (with a permit) for a period not to exceed two (2) weeks prior to opening and three (3) weeks after opening. These permits for temporary signs are not renewable, nor shall new permits be granted for essentially the same sign in a slightly different guise.
 - d) The purpose of a temporary sign, for purposes of this Bylaw, is for a special application or need, and not as a means of circumventing the intent of this Bylaw as to number, frequency, or duration of signs allowed on a property.
 - e) Signs on trash receptacles, benches, shelters, and any other similar structures or units are prohibited.

3354. Exempt Signs: The following is exempt from these provisions:

- a) Any public notice or warning required by applicable Federal, State, or Local law, regulation, ordinance, or statute.
- b) Signs created and/or approved by the Norwell Historical Commission, Norwell Conservation Commission, or other such public entity that display information about historic properties, site, areas, or other such public use.
- c) Works of art that do not include or convey a commercial message.
- d) Holiday Decorations.
- e) Political Signs.

3355. Prohibitions: The following are prohibited in all districts:

- a) Any sign not specifically allowed, or which has not obtained the appropriate approvals required by this Bylaw;
- b) All types of illuminated signs, except as described in 3351(a)(2) above.
- c) Flashing signs;
- d) Pennants/streamers;
- e) Portable signs on wheeled trailers;
- f) Signs which are attached in any form, shape, or manner to a fire escape;
- g) Lighting between the hours of one (1:00) a.m. and five (5:00) a.m., unless the establishment is open for business during that time.
- h) Billboards (off premises signs).
- i) Roof signs and V-shaped signs.
- j) Movement, ~~except those signs which are sole indicators of time and/or temperature~~ as described in 3351(b), above.
- k) Signs within rights-of-way, except for hanging signs which project over a right-of-way but otherwise comply with this Section, and those signs belonging to, or approved by, a government, public service agency, or railroad;
- l) Signs which are considered obscene or depict obscene matter, as defined in MGL Chapter 272, Section 31, or which advertise an activity that is illegal under federal, state, or local laws;
- m) Signs in violation of building codes, or containing or exhibiting broken panels, visible rust or rot, damaged support structures, or missing letters. Such signs shall be remedied or the sign removed within sixty (60) days in accordance with 3351(h) above;
- n) Signs identifying abandoned or discontinued businesses. Such signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days following the abandonment or discontinuance;

3360. Permitted Signs by Type & District

- a) ~~All~~ Residential Districts
 - 1. One (1) sign displaying the street number and/or name of the occupant of the premises not to exceed ~~three (3)~~ six (6) square feet in area. Such sign may include identification of an accessory or professional office or other accessory use permitted in a residential district.
 - 2. Two (2) signs pertaining to the lease, sale, or use of a lot or buildings, provided that such signs do not exceed a total of six (6) square feet. These signs ~~must~~ shall be taken down immediately after the sale or lease of the property.

3. One (1) bulletin or announcement board, identification sign or entrance marker ~~for designating historical, conservation or similar public uses or~~ for each public entrance to the premises upon which a church, synagogue, or other *such* institution is located, not to exceed ten (10) square feet in area, provided that there shall be no more than three (3) such signs for each institution.
4. One (1) contractor's sign, not to exceed ten (10) square feet in area (except as otherwise required by law) maintained on the premises while construction is in progress and containing information relevant to the project. Such sign shall be removed within seven (7) days after the occupancy permit is issued or upon completion of construction.
5. One (1) sign identifying each public entrance to a subdivision, providing such sign does not exceed ~~the~~ ten (10) square feet.

b) Business District A

1. All signs permitted in Section 3360(a)~~21~~ shall be permitted in all business districts.
2. One (1) awning sign per business, not to exceed one-half (1/2) square foot per linear foot of storefront or building upon which the awning is attached, or eight (8) square feet, whichever is less, with letter height not to exceed fourteen (14) inches.
3. One (1) directory sign per shared public entrance to a building occupied by more than one (1) business establishment, not to exceed one (1) square foot per business establishment occupying the building, or six (6) square feet, whichever is less.
4. One (1) hanging sign per business, not to exceed eight (8) square feet in area, with letter height not to exceed fourteen (14) inches.
5. One (1) wall sign per building not to exceed ~~fifteen (15)~~ twenty (20) square feet. Any such sign shall be flat against the wall of the building and shall not extend beyond the face of the building.
6. Window signs either painted on or attached to the inside of a window provided such signs do not cover more than twenty-five (25) percent of the window glass.

Signs placed in a window to advertise sales or promotions may cover no more than ~~fifty (50%)~~ twenty (20%) percent of the window glass and may not be posted for longer than thirty (30) days. No window signs shall be illuminated or lighted.

7. Accessory signs or devices of similar intent that advertise the property or any part thereof as for sale or rent, or available vacancy shall be incorporated into the allotted signage area for the property or part thereof as advertised as for sale or rent, or available vacancy.

c) Business Districts B & C

1. All signs permitted in Section 3360(b)~~21~~ shall be permitted in Business Districts B & C.
2. One (1) awning sign per business, not to exceed one-half (1/2) square foot per linear foot of storefront or building upon which the awning is attached, or eight (8) square feet, whichever is less, with letter height not to exceed fourteen (14) inches.

3. One (1) directory sign per shared public entrance to a building occupied by more than one (1) business establishment, not to exceed one (1) square foot per business establishment occupying the building, or six (6) square feet, whichever is less.
4. One (1) free-standing sign per lot not to exceed ~~twenty-five (25)~~ forty (40) square feet in area, or eight (8) feet on any one (1) side. The portion of the sign identifying the name and address of the site shall be excluded from the total area calculation, but shall not exceed thirty (30) percent of said total area calculation.

Regarding buildings with only one (1) tenant, this sign shall identify that tenant by name. In buildings having multiple tenants, or on lots having more than one (1) building, additional signs may be attached in a ladder fashion to the bottom of the free-standing sign.

In such cases of buildings having multiple tenants, the main sign would identify the major tenant ~~or the name of the site as appropriate~~. The additional signs are to be for the sole purpose of identifying the location of a business to passersby and shall not exceed three (3) square feet in area. The portion of the sign identifying the name and address of the site shall be excluded from the total area calculation, but shall not exceed thirty (30) percent of said total area calculation. In no case, regardless of the number of tenants, shall the total area of the free-standing sign exceed ~~forty (40)~~ fifty (50) square feet.

5. One (1) freestanding directional sign per lot at the location of the curb cut, not to exceed four (4) square feet in area and six (6) feet in height.
6. One (1) wall sign per building not to exceed ~~fifteen (15)~~ twenty-five (25) square feet. Any such sign shall be flat against the wall of the building and shall not extend beyond the face of the building.
7. Window signs either painted on or attached to the inside of a window provided such signs do not cover more than twenty-five (25) percent of the window glass.

Signs placed in a window to advertise sales or promotions may cover no more than fifty (50%) percent of the window glass and may not be posted for longer than thirty (30) days. No window signs shall be illuminated or lighted.

8. Accessory signs or devices of similar intent that advertise the property or any part thereof as for sale or rent, or available vacancy shall be incorporated into the allotted signage area for the property or part thereof as advertised as for sale or rent, or available vacancy.

3370. Non-Conformance of Accessory Signs. Accessory signs legally erected before the adoption of the Bylaw which do not conform to the provisions of this Bylaw may continue to be maintained without a permit, provided however, that no such sign shall be permitted if, after the adoption of this Bylaw, it is enlarged, reworded (other than in the case of theatre or cinema signs or signs with automatically changing messages), redesigned or altered in any substantial way, except to conform to the requirements of this Bylaw; and provided further that any such sign which has deteriorated to such an extent that the cost of restoration would exceed fifty (50%) percent of the replacement cost of the sign at the time of the restoration, shall not be repaired or rebuilt or altered except to conform to the requirements of the Bylaw. Any exemption provided in this paragraph shall terminate with respect to such sign which:

- a) Shall have been abandoned; or
- b) Advertises or calls attention to any products, businesses, or activities which are no longer sold or carried on, whether generally or at the particular premises; or
- c) Shall not have been repaired or properly maintained within thirty (30) days after notice to that effect has been given by the Inspector of Buildings.

3380. Permitting & Administration

3381. Enforcement: The Inspector of Buildings is authorized to order the removal of any sign and its supporting structure which is erected contrary to this Bylaw. In the event the owner of the sign fails to comply with the order, the Inspector of Buildings and his duly authorized agents may issue a complaint and fine pursuant to Section 1230 and/or take enforcement action in accordance with Gen. L. c. 40A sec. 7. All expenses incurred by the Inspector of Buildings related to the enforcement of this Bylaw may be assessable against any person who failed to obey such order and shall be recoverable in court of competent jurisdiction. The Inspector of Buildings is further authorized to remove and dispose of signs placed in violation of the Town Bylaws on public property and public ways.

3382. Permits and Fees.

- a) Except for signs permitted in a residential area, and temporary signs to be placed in a window, no sign shall be erected, enlarged, reworded, redesigned, or structurally altered without a sign permit issued by the Inspector of Buildings.
- b) The Inspector of Buildings is authorized to grant a permit for a sign in compliance with this Bylaw. After reviewing a sign application, the Inspector of Buildings may deny such application if he determines that the erection of the sign will be injurious or offensive to the area because of lighting, noise, obstruction of vision or hazardous to the public good because of color or the creation of visual confusion in the area.
- c) If the Inspector of Buildings does deny an application, the applicant may appeal the decision to the ~~Zoning~~ Board of Appeals. The Inspector of Buildings shall make his determination to approve or disapprove an application for a sign permit within fifteen (15) days of receiving it.
- d) A schedule of fees for the permits for authorized signs may be determined from time to time by the Board of Selectmen.

By the Building Inspector and Board of Selectmen

The Advisory Board reviewed this proposed bylaw on March 28, 2019. At that time the Planning Board had not completed its review. Therefore, the Advisory Board's recommendation will be given at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Norwell, Board of Health, by inserting a new section under Article XII, to be named and numbered as Part 5: Single-Use Plastic Bag Prohibition, or, alternatively, to be inserted with appropriate numbering of sections and subsections under the authority of the Board of Health in the proposed codification of the town's bylaws, if applicable as follows:

Section 1: Purpose and Intent

Single-use plastic bag prohibition:

The purpose of this bylaw is to reduce the use of certain plastic bags in Norwell, while promoting the use of reusable carryout bags at town retail establishments. We propose the town adopt this bylaw because:

- 1. Plastic bags are detrimental to our environment, our waterways, and our wildlife.** Plastic bags make up the third largest type of litter from land-based sources found on U.S. coasts. Plastic bags choke, strangle, and entangle turtles, marine mammals, birds, and fish, and transport harmful microbes and toxins up the food chain.
- 2. Plastic bags waste taxpayer dollars.** Each month, Massachusetts produces between 100 and 125 tons of bag waste. Plastic bags jam single-stream recycling machinery, clog storm drains, and litter our sidewalks, trees, parks, and waterways. Plastic bags are not allowed in Norwell recycling bins, and most are never recycled. The town must pay to cleanup plastic bag litter and to dispose of plastic in our waste stream.
- 3. Plastic bags contribute to a serious environmental issue facing Massachusetts, the United States, and the world.** Worldwide, over 436 million barrels of oil are used annually to make plastic bags. This results in millions of tons of greenhouse gases entering the atmosphere every year. Single-use plastic bags are used for an average of 12 minutes, but can last up to 1,000 years. Banning single-use plastic bags in Norwell is an important and easily implemented step towards meaningful change.

Section 2: Definitions

Retail establishment - Any commercial enterprise selling goods, food or services directly to the public, whether for profit or not-for-profit, including but not limited to convenience and grocery stores, markets, restaurants, pharmacies, liquor stores, take-out food purveyors, and merchandise retailers.

Single-use plastic bag - A plastic bag provided by a **retail establishment** to a customer at the point of sale for the purpose of removing products purchased within that **retail establishment**. The thickness of the bag or its ability to compost or biodegrade does not exempt **retail establishments** from complying with this bylaw. Thin-film plastic

bags without handles used to contain dry cleaning, newspapers, produce, baked goods, meat, cheese, and other similar merchandise are exempt.

Reusable carryout bag - A sewn bag with stitched handles that is made of cloth or other machine washable fabric other than polyethylene or polyvinyl chloride specifically designed (i) for at least 175 uses and (ii) to carry 25 pounds over a distance of at least 300 feet.

Recyclable paper bag - A paper bag that is labeled as being (i) 100 percent (100%) recyclable overall, and (ii) containing at least forty percent (40%) post-consumer recycled material.

Section 3: Requirements

No retail establishment in the Town of Norwell shall provide to customers single-use plastic bags regardless of thickness or ability to compost or biodegrade. A retail establishment shall only provide reusable carryout bags or recycled paper bags, defined in Section 2, at the point-of-sale.

Section 4: Administration and Enforcement

The enforcement of this bylaw is the responsibility of the Board of Health or other individuals designated by the Board of Health with the approval of the Town Administrator. Any establishment that violates this bylaw shall be subject to the following penalties:

First violation	written warning
Second violation	\$100 fine
Third violation	\$200 fine
Fourth and subsequent violations	\$300 fine

Violations of the provisions of this bylaw may be enforced as provided for in the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D. As an alternative to initiating criminal proceedings, the Board of Health or its enforcement designee may give to the offender a written notice to appear before the clerk of the district court having jurisdiction thereof at any time during office hours, not later than twenty-one days (21) after the date of such notice. Such notice shall be in triplicate and shall contain the name and address, if known, of the offender, the specific offense charged, and the time and place for his or her required appearance. Such notice shall be signed by the enforcing person, and shall be signed by the offender, whenever practicable, in acknowledgement that such notice has been received. The notice shall be served and all the procedures followed as set out in said Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 21D, as amended.

All of the requirements set forth in this article shall take effect on November 6, 2019. If a retail establishment cannot comply with the effective date of this bylaw due to economic hardship, the establishment may petition the Board of Health for an extension of six (6) additional months in which to come into compliance.

Section 5: Validity

The validity of any part or provision of these rules and regulations shall not affect the validity of any part or provision otherwise valid, and these rules and regulations shall remain in effect as amended from time to time except for those parts or provisions that are determined to be invalid.

Requested by Citizens' Petition

The Advisory Board voted against recommending this article by a vote of 5-2. They commended the passion and commitment of the petitioners. The Board was concerned that when plastic bags are replaced with paper products, solid waste tonnage would increase. Increased demand for paper may also have serious environmental impacts.