

*****NEW LOCATION FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING*****

**THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE DPW HIGHWAY GARAGE BUILDING,
LOCATED AT 5 SILVERBROOK ROAD**

**THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE OLD TOWN HALL,
LOCATED AT 3 SILVERBROOK ROAD**

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 20, 2020**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Berkshire, ss.
To the Constable of the Town of Sandisfield

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at the **DPW Highway Garage building at 5 Silverbrook Road**, Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 10:00 am for the transaction of town business and on Monday, June 22, 2020 at **The Old Town Hall, 3 Silverbrook Road**, from 2:00 pm until 7:00 pm for the Annual Town Election.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for General Government Administration purposes the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
BERK. REG. PLAN. COMMISS.	\$ 750.00	\$ 750.00	0
FEDERAL CENSUS WORKER SALARIES	\$ 600.00	\$ 0	(\$600.00)
LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (7,500.00)
MODERATOR SALARY	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	0
MODERATOR EXPENSE	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 0
SELECT BOARD SALARY	\$ 54,699.75	\$ 55,056.00	\$ 356.25
SELECT BOARD EXPENSE	\$ 6,805.00	\$ 6,805.00	0
EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0
TECHNOLOGY SALARY	\$ 2,810.00	\$ 2,386.80	\$ (423.20)
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSE	\$ 31,488.00	\$ 36,364.00	\$ 4,876.00
TOWN MANAGER SALARY	\$ 70,146.34	\$ 75,000.00	\$ 4,853.66
TOWN MANAGER EXPENSE	\$ 3,525.00	\$ 6,005.00	\$ 2,480.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$ 27,093.00	\$ 30,356.00	\$ 3,263.00
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	\$ 9,324.00	\$ 9,101.00	\$ (223.00)

	\$ 234,991.09	\$ 242,073.80	\$ 7,082.71
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Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee: Unanimous

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00, or any other sum for a Records Storage Facility, including all incidental and related expenses, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$25,000.00, or any other sum, from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimously does not support

Article 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds, for General Government Finance purposes the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
ASSESSOR SALARIES	\$ 50,165.65	\$ 51,031.29	\$ 865.64
ASSESSOR EXPENSES	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 3,855.00	\$ 105.00
ASSESSOR TRI RECERT.	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,160.00	\$ 160.00
AUDIT	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 0	\$ (3,500.00)
FINANCE COMMITTEE SALARIES	\$ 2,400.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ (\$900.00)
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$ 475.00	\$ 475.00	\$ 0
RESERVE FUND	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ (5,000.00)
TOWN ACCOUNTANT SALARIES	\$ 24,960.00	\$ 24,960.00	\$ 0
TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 3,350.00	\$ 0
TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR SALARIES	\$ 41,224.60	\$ 41,770.06	\$ 545.46
TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSES	\$ 5,437.00	\$ 5,112.00	\$ (325.00)
TREASURER'S TAX LIEN	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 22,100.00	\$ 4,600.00
	\$ 175,762.25	\$ 172,313.35	\$ (3,448.90)

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Employee Benefits and Insurance the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIRE.	\$ 74,738.00	\$ 95,173.00	\$ 20,435.00
INSURANCE AND BONDS	\$ 58,016.00	\$ 58,016.00	0
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 126,056.00	\$ 123,082.09	\$ (2,973.91))
TOWN SHARE MEDICARE	\$ 9,180.00	\$ 11,778.92	\$ 2,598.92
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,800.00	400.00
	\$ 274,390.00	\$ 294,850.01	\$ 20,460.01

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for the Highway Department the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
HIGHWAY CONSERVATION CONSULTANT FEE	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0
HIGHWAY MACHINERY MAINT. SALARIES	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 5,202.00	\$ 102.00
HIGHWAY MACHINERY MAINT. EXPENSE	\$ 70,000.00	\$ 60,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)
HIGHWAY MOWING/CEM MAINT.	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 11,900.00	\$ 3,400.00
HIGHWAY SNOW/ICE SALARIES	\$ 34,680.00	\$ 34,680.00	\$ 0
HIGHWAY SNOW/ICE MAINTENANCE	\$ 141,000.00	\$ 141,000.00	0
HIGHWAY TREE ACCOUNT	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 1,500.00
HIGHWAY/BRIDGES SALARIES	\$ 236,880.48	\$ 241,618.09	\$ 4,737.61
HIGHWAY/BRIDGES EXPENSES	\$ 58,420.00	\$ 59,791.28	\$ 1,371.28
	\$ 577,080.48	\$ 578,191.37	\$ 1,110.89

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote:

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$15,000, or any other sum, for Machinery Maintenance and to meet that appropriation transfer \$15,000 from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 8: To see if the Town will vote to accept and spend any monies for Chapter 90 projects approved by the Mass Highway Department for Fiscal Year 2021, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: N/A

Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$58,532.25 or any other sum, for the Public Safety Officer Salary for Fiscal Year 2021 and to meet that appropriation raise \$29,266.13, or any other sum, and transfer \$29,266.13, or any other sum, from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Public Safety purposes the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expense/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
BC SHERIFF CONTROL (911)	\$ 10,024.00	\$ 10,225.00	\$ 201.00

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REVOLVING	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	0
SO. BERK. REG. EMER. PLAN. COMM.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
FIRE AMBULANCE EQUIP.	\$ 21,744.00	\$ 22,178.88	\$ 434.88
FIRE AMBULANCE TRAINING	\$ 6,780.00	\$ 6,780.00	\$ 0
FIRE DEPT. SALARIES	\$ 12,240.00	\$ 12,350.00	\$ 110.00
FIRE DEPT/AMBUL. MAINT.	\$ 35,446.00	\$ 35,446.00	\$ 0
FIRE HOUSE RENTAL/LEGION	\$ 3,570.00	\$ 3,570.00	\$ 0
FIRE HOUSE RENTAL/ROUTE 57	\$ 6,120.00	\$ 6,120.00	\$ 0
FIRE/EMS COMPENSATION	\$ 29,454.00	\$ 30,042.00	\$ 588.00
POLICE DEPT. SALARIES	\$ 54,700.54	\$ 56,945.57	\$ 2,245.03
POLICE DEPT. EXPENSES	\$ 16,650.00	\$ 15,650.00	\$ (1,000.00)
STREET LIGHTING	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 0
	\$ 204,828.54	\$ 207,407.45	\$ 2,578.91

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote:

Article 11: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$12,000.00 for the ALS Intercept Service (Advanced Life Support), and to meet that appropriation transfer \$6,000.00, or any other sum, from Free Cash and raise \$6,000.00, or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2021, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Community Benefits purposes the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021, expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
BRIEN MENTAL HEALTH	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	0
COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM (CHP)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION	\$ 4,834.00	\$ 4,930.68	\$ 96.68
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0
PORCHLIGHT VNA	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 3,180.00	0
VETERANS SERVICE DISTRICT	\$ 3,888.24	\$ 3,787.68	\$ (100.56)
	\$ 15,352.24	\$ 15,348.36	\$ (3.88)

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 13: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$52,000.00, or any other sum, for Veterans Benefits for Fiscal Year 2021 and to meet that appropriation raise \$26,000.00, or any other sum, and transfer \$26,000.00, or any other sum, from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Health and Sanitation purposes the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG OFFICER SALARIES	\$ 1,836.00	\$ 1,872.72	\$ 36.72
ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG OFFICER EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
BOARD OF HEALTH SALARIES	\$ 2,667.00	\$ 2,667.00	\$ 0
BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS SALARY	\$ 510.00	\$ 520.20	\$ 10.20
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SALARY	\$ 17,784.00	\$ 18,140.00	\$ 356.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL EXPENSES	\$ 42,216.00	\$ 42,216.00	\$ 0
	\$ 67,013.00	\$ 67,415.92	\$ 402.92

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise transfer from available funds for Educational purposes the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
SCHOOL COMM. MEMBERS SALARIES	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1.00	\$ (1,299.00)
SCHOOL OPERATIONS	\$1,553,966.00	\$1,652,728.00	\$ 98,762.00
	\$1,555,266.00	\$1,652,729.00	\$ 97,463.00

Select Board Vote: Unanimously does not support

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimously does not support

Article 16: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the Library Account \$18,009.72 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2021 as follows : \$13,766.72, or any other sum, for salaries and \$4,243.00, or any other sum, for expenses which may include, but are not limited to the Massachusetts Catalog System and e-books, and all incidental and related expenses, and to meet the appropriation to raise \$15,906.42, or any other sum, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for Boards and Committees the following sums, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
CEMETERY COMMITTEE SALARY	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 500.00
CEMETERY COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	(500.00)
CONSERVATION COMM. SALARY	\$ 1,760.00	\$ 1,795.15	\$ 35.15

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE	\$ 1,020.00	\$ 1,020.00	0
COUNCIL ON AGING	\$ 3,150.00	\$ 3,150.00	0
CULTURAL COUNCIL/TOWN	\$ 250.00	\$ 250.00	0
HISTORICAL COMMITTEE	\$ 1.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 199.00
PLANNING BOARD SALARIES	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,550.00	0
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
RECREATION COMMITTEE	\$ 7,000.00	\$ 7,000.00	0
ZONING BOARD SALARIES	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	0
ZONING BOARD EXPENSES	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
	\$ 21,732.00	\$ 21,966.15	\$ 234.15

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous except for Recreation yes - 0, No -3

Article 18: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$15,500.00, or any other sum, for the Yanner Park Committee Expenses and to meet that appropriation transfer \$15,500.00, or any other sum from the Yanner Park Stabilization Account, or take any other action thereon.

Requires a 2/3 vote

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Yes -0, No – 2, Abstain 1

Article 19: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$10,000, or any other sum, for the Yanner Park Stabilization Account, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$10,000, or any other sum from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise transfer from available funds for General Government Buildings and Operations and Maintenance the following sum, or any other sum(s) for the following Fiscal Year 2021 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY20 APPROP	FY21 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
CUST TOWN BUILDING SALARIES	\$ 12,618.00	\$ 12,875.20	\$ 257.20
OPER/ MAINT ALL TOWN PROPERTIES SALARIES	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 0
OPER/MAINT BUILDINGS EXPENSES	\$ 57,750.00	\$ 53,750.00	\$ (4,000.00)
REPAIR & MAINT OF TOWN PROPERTIES EXPENSES	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ (15,000.)
VEHICLE FUEL ACCOUNT	\$ 40,700.00	\$ 40,700.00	\$ 0
	\$ 132,068.00	\$ 113,325.20	\$(18,742.80)

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 21: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$100,000.00, or any other sum for the Capital Improvement Plan Stabilization Account and to meet that appropriation transfer \$100,000.00, or any other sum from the Stabilization Trust Fund, or take any other action thereon.

Requires a 2/3 vote

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 and 108A of Chapter 41 General Laws, as amended for Fiscal Year 2021 as follows, or take any other action thereon:

Moderator.....	\$ 150.00 per year
Town Clerk.....	7,201.00 per year
Selectmen.....	4,000.00 per year
Assessors.....	2,294.00 per year
School Committee Chairman.....	.50 per year
School Committee Member.....	.50 per year
Library Trustee.....	25.00 per year
Constables.....	15.30 per hour

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of Section 53 ½ of Chapter 44 of the General Laws to amend the Fiscal Year 2021 spending limits for the revolving funds appearing in the General Bylaws, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk as follows, or take any other action thereon:

a) Board of Health – Town Sanitary Inspector.....	\$ 7,500.00
b) Building Dept. – Town Plumbing Inspector.....	2,500.00
c) Building Dept. – Town Building Inspector.....	4,500.00
d) Building Dept. – Town Wiring Inspector.....	2,500.00
e) Building Dept. – Town Gas Inspector.....	2,500.00
f) Dog Licensing Fees – Town Clerk.....	2,500.00
g) Transfer Station Sticker – Board of Selectmen.....	65,000.00
h) Legal Ad Fees – Town Accountant.....	2,000.00

And further to bring in their votes on June 22, 2020 from 2:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall located at 3 Silverbrook Road for Town Officers and terms thereof as follows:

- One Moderator for one year
- One Selectman for three years
- One Town Clerk for three years
- One Assessor for three years
- One School Committee Member for three years
- One Board of Health Member for three years
- One Planning Board Member for five years
- Two Constables for three years

You are directed to serve this warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof at three public places within the Town of Sandisfield seven days at least before the time of said Town Meeting.

Hereto fail not and make due return of the warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said Town Meeting.

Given under our hands this ____ day of _____, 2020

Sandisfield Board of Selectmen

Mark Newman

Brian O'Rourke

George Riley

Constable

Method of Service

Date

True Copy Attest: Town Clerk