

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION #2, 207 SANDISFIELD ROAD, ROUTE 57. THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 3 SILVERBROOK ROAD.

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 13, 2017**

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 **Fire Station #2, 207 Sandisfield Rd., Route 57**, Saturday, May 13, 2017 at 10:00 am for the transaction of town business and on Monday, May 15, 2017 at **THE OLD TOWN HALL, 3 SILVERBROOK ROAD** from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm for elections of officers.

- 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 for the Moderator \$300 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$150 or any other sum for Salaries and \$150 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Administrator \$75,000 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$73,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$20,255 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$12,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$8,255 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Legal Services \$10,000 or any other sum for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Accountant \$13,457 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$11,457 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,882 or any other sum for salary of the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$176,000 or any other sum for the Highway Department for the purchase and equipping of a new or used

truck and to meet that appropriation transfer \$176,000 or any other sum from the Stabilization Account. (this requires a 2/3 vote)

- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$52,846 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$39,871 or any other sum for Salaries and \$12,975 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 or any other sum for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Recertification Expense.
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer/Tax Collectors Office \$42,486 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$26,136 for Salaries and \$16,350 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 or any other sum for the Treasurer's Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500 or any other sum for a Town Audit.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$28,315 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$18,186 or any other sum for Salaries and \$10,129 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$1,700 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$1,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 or any other sum for Conservation Consultation Fees for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$2,519 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$1,519 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$1,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board of Appeals \$2.00 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$1.00 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$1.00 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Website Administrator \$2,950 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$2,700 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$250 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Federal Census Workers Salary \$2,500 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018.

- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Pre Construction Engineering Fees for Town Projects \$1.00 or any other sum for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$232,086 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$168,286 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$63,800 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$175,000 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$34,000 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$141,000 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$94,110 any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$9,110 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$85,000 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$10,000 or any other sum for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept and spend any monies for Chapter 90 approved by the Mass Highway Department for projects approved by the Mass Highway Department for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,408,361 or any other sum for School Operations for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$26,598 or any other sum for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote on the establishment of a Stabilization Fund in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 71, section 16G 1/2, as recently amended, for Farmington River Regional School District operating and capital expenses.
(establishment of this new Stabilization Account requires a 2/3 vote)
- Article 31. To see if the Town will to vote appropriate for the Library Account \$14,153.16 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$11,253.16 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,900 or any other sum for Expenses and to meet that appropriation raise \$12,279.80 and transfer \$1,660.72 from the Library Incentive Grant, \$191.96 from the Municipal Equalization Grant and \$20.68 from the Non-Resident Grant.

- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,100 or any other sum for the Massachusetts Catalog Library System for our Town Library.
- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,748 or any other sum for the Veteran's Service District for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,500 or any other sum for Veterans' Benefits for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,121 or any other sum for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Maintenance of Town Properties and cemeteries \$8,500 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$59,113 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$45,463 or any other sum for Salaries and \$13,650 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,542 or any other sum for services provided by the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,931 or any other sum for the Fire & EMS Compensation Salaries and Administrative Duties Salary for Fiscal Year 2018
- Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$42,650 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$12,468 or any other sum for Salaries and \$30,182 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,900 or any other sum for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$4,000 or any other sum for expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,315 or any other sum for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.

- Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,610 or any other sum for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,498 or any other sum for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,285 or any other sum for Street Light Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$2,396 or any other sum for Salaries for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$2,800 or any other sum for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 or any other sum for Salaries for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Animal Control Officer \$3,300 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$1,800 or any other sum for Salaries and \$1,500 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$60,000 or any other sum for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$3,000 or any other sum: \$1,900 or any other sum for Salaries and \$1,100 or any other sum for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money, or any other sums, as may be necessary to pay the Expenses of the various departments for Fiscal Year 2018 as follows:
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| Porchlight Visiting Nurse Association..... | \$ 3,087 |
| Community Health Program..... | 1,000 |
| Brien Mental Health Services of the Berkshires..... | 450 |
- Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$57,290 or any other sum for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$72,500 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$72,000 or any other sum for Expenses and \$500 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Repair of Town Buildings \$7,000 or any other sum for Expenses for Fiscal Year 2018.

- Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$200,000 or any other sum to purchase 19.63 acres of land map and parcel 201-0-6 and to meet that appropriation transfer \$200,000 or any other sum from Free Cash for Fiscal Year 2018 (this requires a 2/3 vote)
- Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Gas And Diesel Fuel Account \$48,960 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 or any other sum for Employee Appreciation Account for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or any other sums, for expenses of the following accounts for Fiscal Year 2018:
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| Memorial Day Parade..... | \$ 2,000 |
| Council on Aging..... | 3,150 |
| Elderly Transportation..... | 2,466 |
| Sandisfield Cultural Council..... | 250 |
| Recreation Commission..... | 6,000 |
| Historical Commission..... | 250 |
| Cemetery Committee..... | 5,000 |
- Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money, or any other sums, as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the following accounts for Fiscal Year 2018:
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| Berkshire County Retirement Fund..... | \$ 80,030 |
| Town Employee Benefits..... | 40,276 |
| Town's Share Group Insurance..... | 64,680 |
| Town's Share Medicare..... | 8,000 |
| Insurance and Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers... | 58,016 |
| Unemployment Insurance | 2,500 |
- Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$694 or any other sum for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 or any other sum for Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Commission for Fiscal Year 2018.
- Article 64. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate for the Finance Committee \$1,850 or any other sum for Fiscal Year 2018: \$1,500 or any other sum for salaries and \$350 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,000 or any other sum for the Reserve Fund for Fiscal Year 2018.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Stabilization Account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 5B as most recently amended, for the purpose of funding of costs for items as identified by the Town's Capital Improvement Plan. (establishment of this new Stabilization Account requires a 2/3 vote)

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, and Section 108A of Chapter 41, General Laws as amended for Fiscal Year 2018 as follows:

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.....	500.00 per year
School Committee Member.....	400.00 per year
Library Trustee.....	25.00 per year
Constables.....	15.00 per hour

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of G.L.c.44, section 53E1/2, as most recently amended, to (1) authorize the following revolving funds for Fiscal Year 2018, and to set fiscal year spending limits, and further, (2) amend the General Bylaws by inserting a new bylaw establishing various revolving funds, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows:

Chapter IV, Section 6.

A. There are hereby established in the Town of Sandisfield, pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. c.44, sec. 53 1/2, the following Revolving Funds, from which the specified department head, board, committee, or officer may incur liabilities against and spend monies from without appropriation in accordance with the limitations set forth in this bylaw.

B. Fringe benefits of full-time employees whose salaries or wages are paid from the fund shall also be paid from the fund.

C. No liability shall be incurred in excess of the available balance of the fund.

D. The total amount spent during a fiscal year shall not exceed the amount authorized by Annual Town Meeting or any increase therein as may later be authorized by the Board of Selectmen and finance Committee in accordance with M.G.L. c.44, sec 53E ½.

E. Interest earned on monies credited to a revolving fund established by this by-law shall be credited to the General Fund

F. Authorized Revolving Funds

Board of Health	Sanitary Inspector	Permits & inspections
Building Dept.	Plumbing Inspector	Permits & inspections
Building Dept.	Building Inspector	Permits & inspections
Building Dept.	Wiring Inspector	Permits & inspections
Building Dept.	Gas Inspector	Permits & inspections
Dog Licensing	Town Clerk	Fees & charges from dog licensing fees
Transfer Station Stickers	Board of Selectmen	Fess & charges from transfer station sticker fees
Legal Ad Fees	Town Accountant	Fees & charges related to hearings

G. Procedures and Reports, Except as provided in M.G.L. c. 44, section 53 E1/2 and this bylaw, all applicable state and local laws and regulations that govern the receipt, custody, expenditure and payment of town funds shall apply to the use of revolving funds established and authorized by this by-law.

H. And further, to set FY2018 spending limits for such revolving funds as follows:

- a. Town Sanitary Inspector \$ 7,500
- b. Town Plumbing Inspector 2,500
- c. Town Building Inspector 4,500
- d. Town Wiring Inspector 2,500
- e. Town Gas Inspector 2,500

f.	Dog Licensing Fees	2,500
g.	Dump Sticker Fees	25,000
h.	Legal Ad Fees	2,000

or to take any other action relative thereto.

- Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$21,002.74 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account to refund the Stabilization Account pursuant to Article 2 of the Special Town Meeting held on February 21, 2017 for costs associated with the Unemployment Fund.
- Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$18,000 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account to refund the Stabilization Account pursuant to Article 3 of the Special Town meeting held on February 21, 2017 for costs associated with the Town Administrator Salary Account.
- Article 71. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$4,977.50 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account to return to that account the amount transferred under Article 4 of the February 21, 2017 Special Town Meeting for costs associated with the Treasurer's Salary Account..
- Article 72. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$6,912 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account to return to that account the amount transferred under Article 5 of the February 21, 2017 Special Town Meeting for costs associated with Employee Benefits.
- Article 73. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Stabilization Account in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 5B, as most recently amended, for the purpose of Maintenance and Interest of Yanner Park. (establishment of this new Stabilization Account requires a 2/3 vote)
- Article 74. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$13,815.93 from Free Cash to the Stabilization Account to return to that account the amount transferred under Article 6 of the February 21, 2017 Special Town Meeting to the Yanner Park Special Revenue Fund Account.
- Article 75. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$16,000 from Free Cash to refund the Stabilization Account pursuant to Article 7 of the Special Town Meeting held on February 21, 2017 for costs associated with Police Department Software.
- Article 76. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$40,000 or any other sum to purchase and equip a New Police Cruiser and to meet that appropriation transfer \$40,000 or any other sum from the Stabilization Account. (this requires a 2/3 vote)

And further to bring in their votes on May 15, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the Old Town Hall at 3 Silverbrook Road for Town Officers and terms thereof as follows:

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

Board of Selectmen

Alice Boyd

Jeffrey Gray

John Skrip

Constable

Date

Method of Service

Town Clerk Attest

