# 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 18, 2019

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 18, 2019 at 10:00 am for the transaction of town business and on Monday, May 20, 2019 at **The Old Town Hall, 3 Silverbrook Road,** from 10:00 am until 8:00 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 2020 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY19 APPROP	FY20 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
BERK. REG. PLAN. COMMISS.	\$ 711.26	\$ 750.00	\$ 38.74
FEDERAL CENSUS WORKER SALARIES	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 600.00	(\$ 1,900.)
LEGAL SERVICES	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
MODERATOR SALARY	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	0
MODERATOR EXPENSE	\$ 1.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 99.00
SELECT BOARD SALARY	\$ 53,399.56	\$ 54,699.75	\$ 1,300.19
SELECT BOARD EXPENSE	\$ 6,805.00	\$ 6,805.00	0
EMPLOYEE INCENTIVE	\$ 0	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00
TECHNOLOGY SALARY	\$ 2,754.00	\$ 2,810.00	\$ 56.00
TECHNOLOGY EXPENSE	\$ 30,528.00	\$ 31,488.00	\$ 960.00
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR SALARY	\$ 68,250.00	\$ 70,146.34	\$ 1,896.34
TOWN ADMINISTRATOR EXPENSE	\$ 2,815.00	\$ 3,525.00	\$ 710.00
TOWN CLERK SALARY	\$ 27,315.00	\$ 27,093.00	\$ (222.00)
TOWN CLERK EXPENSE	\$ 8,444.00	\$ 9,324.00	\$ 880.00
	\$ 216,172.82	\$ 234,991.09	\$18,818.27

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee: Unanimous except for the Town Clerk's Expenses 2-0-1

Article 3: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$20,000.00, or any other sum, for Software Upgrades to connect the Tax Collector/Treasurer and Assessors Offices, including all incidental and related expenses, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$20,000.00, or any other sum, from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

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 2020 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY19 APPI	FY19 APPROP		20 REQUEST	INC	R/(DECR)
ASSESSOR SALARIES	\$ 48,93	35.39	\$	50,165.65	\$	1,230.26
ASSESSOR EXPENSES	\$ 3,42	5.00	\$	3,750.00	\$	325.00
ASSESSOR TRI RECERT.	\$ 8,00	00.00	\$	8,000.00		0
AUDIT	\$ 3,50	00.00	\$	3,500.00		0
FINANCE COMMITTEE SALARIES	\$ 1,50	00.00	\$	2,400.00	\$	900.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$ 32	5.00	\$	475.00	\$	150.00
RESERVE FUND	\$ 15,00	0.00	\$	15,000.00		0
TOWN ACCOUNTANT SALARIES	\$ 18,62	8.00	\$	24,960.00	\$	6,332.00
TOWN ACCOUNTANT EXPENSES	\$ 9,00	0.00	\$	3,350.00	\$	(5,650.00)
TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR SALARIES	\$ 36,70	0.56	\$	41,224.60	\$	4,524.04
TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR EXPENSES	\$ 4,11	2.00	\$	5,437.00	\$	1,325.00
TREASURER'S TAX LIEN	0		\$	17,500.00	\$	17,500.00
	\$ 149,125.95		<b>\$</b> 1	175,762.25	\$	26,636.30

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 2020 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY19 APPROP	FY20 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
BERKSHIRE COUNTY RETIRE.	\$ 75,190.00	\$ 74,738.00	\$ (452.00)
INSURANCE AND BONDS	\$ 58,016.00	\$ 58,016.00	0
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS	\$ 83,705.40	\$ 123,800.32	\$ 40,094.82
TOWN SHARE MEDICARE	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,180.00	\$ 180.00
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 6,400.00	0
	\$ 232,311.40	\$ 272,134.22	\$ 39,822.82

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimously does not support

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 2020 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY19 APPROP	FY20 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
HIGHWAY CONSERVATION CONSULTANT FEE	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 0
HIGHWAY MACHINERY MAINT. SALARIES	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,100.00	\$ 100.00
HIGHWAY MACHINERY MAINT. EXPENSE	\$ 80,000.00	\$ 70,000.00	\$ (10,000.00)
HIGHWAY MOWING/CEM MAINT.	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	0
HIGHWAY SNOW/ICE SALARIES	\$ 34,000.00	\$ 34,680.00	\$ 680.00
HIGHWAY SNOW/ICE MAINTENANCE	\$ 141,000.00	\$ 141,000.00	0
HIGHWAY TREE ACCOUNT	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
HIGHWAY/BRIDGES SALARIES	\$ 229,419.40	\$ 236,880.48	\$ 7,461.08
HIGHWAY/BRIDGES EXPENSES	\$ 58,420.00	\$ 58,420.00	0
	\$ 576,339.40	\$ 577,080.48	\$ 741.08

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous except for Highway Mowing/Cem Maint. 4-0-1

Article 7: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$45,000.00, or any other sum, for the purchase and equipping of a new F350 Pickup Truck, or equivalent, with plow package and to meet that appropriation transfer \$45,000.00, or any other sum 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 appropriate \$60,000.00, or any other sum, for the purchase and equipping of a Used Loader Backhoe, or equivalent, with extend a hoe and to meet that appropriation transfer \$60,000.00, or any other sum from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 9: 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 2020, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous Finance Committee Vote: NA

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$57,384.56, or any other sum, for the Public Safety Officer Salary for Fiscal Year 2020 and to meet that appropriation raise from taxation \$22,384.56, or any other sum, and transfer \$35,000.00, or any other sum, from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Article 11: 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 2020 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY19 APPROP	FY20 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
BC SHERIFF CONTROL (911)	\$ 9,827.76	\$ 10,024.00	\$ 196.24
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT REVOLVING	\$ 2,800.00	\$ 2,800.00	0
SO. BERK. REG. EMER. PLAN. COMM.	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	0
FIRE AMBULANCE EQUIP.	\$ 21,318.00	\$ 21,744.00	\$ 426.00
FIRE AMBULANCE TRAINING	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 6,780.00	\$ 2,780.00
FIRE DEPT. SALARIES	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 12,240.00	\$ 240.00
FIRE DEPT/AMBUL. MAINT.	\$ 30,785.00	\$ 35,446.00	\$ 4,661.00
FIRE HOUSE RENTAL/LEGION	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,570.00	\$ 70.00
FIRE HOUSE RENTAL/ROUTE 57	\$ 6,000.00	\$ 6,120.00	\$ 120.00
FIRE/EMS COMPENSATION	\$ 32,931.00	\$ 33,954.00	\$ 1,023.00
POLICE DEPT. SALARIES	\$ 57,521.32	\$ 63,700.54	\$ 6,179.22
POLICE DEPT. EXPENSES	\$ 14,025.00	\$ 16,650.00	\$ 2,625.00
STREET LIGHTING	\$ 3,785.00	\$ 4,800.00	\$ 1,015.00
	\$ 198,993.08	\$ 218,328.54	\$ 19,335.46

Select Board Vote: Unanimous Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 12: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$7,140.00 for the ALSS Intercept Service and to meet that appropriation transfer \$3,940.00 from Free Cash and raise from taxation \$3,200.00, or any other sum, for Fiscal Year 2020, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 13: 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 2020 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY19 APPROP	FY19 APPROP FY20 REQUEST	
BRIEN MENTAL HEALTH	\$ 450.00	\$ 450.00	0
COMMUNITY HEALTH PROGRAM (CHP)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	0
ELDERLY TRANSPORTATION	\$ 4,834.00	\$ 4,834.00	0
MEMORIAL DAY PARADE	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,000.00	0
PORCHLIGHT VNA	\$ 3,180.00	\$ 3,180.00	0
VETERANS SERVICE DISTRICT	\$ 3,811.76	\$ 3,888.24	\$ 76.48
	\$ 15,275.76	\$ 15,352.24	\$ 76.48

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Article 14: To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$45,000.00, or any other sum, for Veterans Benefits for Fiscal Year 2020 and to meet that appropriation raise by taxation \$20,709.00, or any other sum, and transfer \$24,291.00, or any other sum, from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

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 Health and Sanitation purposes the following sums, or any other sum(s), for the following Fiscal Year 2020 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY	FY19 APPROP		20 REQUEST	EST INCR/(DEC	
ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG OFFICER SALARIES	\$	1,800.00	\$	1,836.00	\$	36.00
ANIMAL CONTROL/DOG OFFICER EXPENSES	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00		0
BOARD OF HEALTH SALARIES	\$	1,000.00	\$	2,667.00	\$	1,667.00
BOARD OF HEALTH EXPENSES	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00		0
INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS SALARY	\$	500.00	\$	510.00	\$	10.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL SALARY	\$	0	\$	17,784.00	\$	17,784.00
SOLID WASTE DISPOSAL EXPENSES	\$	60,000.00	\$	42,216.00	\$	(17,784.00)
	\$	65,300.00	\$	67,013.00	\$	1,713.00

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 16: 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 2020 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY19 APPROP	FY20 REQUEST	INCR/(DECR)
SCHOOL COMM. MEMBERS SALARIES	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 1,300.00	0
SCHOOL OPERATIONS	\$1,443,802.43	\$1,565,370.00	\$ 121,567.57
	\$1,445,102.43	\$1,566,670.00	\$ 121,567.57

Select Board Vote: Unanimously does not support

Finance Committee Vote: 2-2

Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the Library Account \$17,155.20 or any other sum, for Fiscal Year 2020: \$12,912.20, or any other sum, for salaries and \$4,243.00, or any other sum, for expenses which include, but are not limited to the Mass Catalog System and e-books and to meet that appropriation to raise by taxation \$15,187.24, or any other sum(s), and transfer \$1,967.96 from Library Incentive Grant \$1,739.24, from the Municipal Equalization Grant \$209.76, and from the Non-Resident Grant \$18.96, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$700.00, or any other sum, for the purchase and installation of book shelves at the Sandisfield Free Public Library, including any other incidental and related expenses, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 19: 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 2020 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY	19 APPROP	FY	20 REQUEST	IN	CR/(DECR)
CEMETERY COMMITTEE SALARY	\$	0	\$	500.00	\$	500.00
CEMETERY COMMITTEE EXPENSES	\$	5,000.00	\$	5,000.00		0
CONSERVATION COMM. SALARY	\$	1,734.00	\$	1,760.00	\$	26.00
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	\$	1.00		0
PLANNING BOARD SALARIES	\$	1,550.00	\$	1,550.00		0
PLANNING BOARD EXPENSES	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00		0
RECREATION COMMITTEE	\$	4,500.00	\$	7,000.00	\$	2,500.00
ZONING BOARD SALARIES	\$	1.00	\$	1.00		0
ZONING BOARD EXPENSES	\$	1.00	\$	500.00	\$	499.00
	\$	18,207.00	\$	21,732.00	\$	3,525.00

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 20: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,365.00, or any other sum, for the Yanner Park Committee Expenses and to meet that appropriation transfer \$25,365.00, 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

Article 21: 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 2020 expenses/accounts, or take any other action thereon.

ACCOUNT	FY19 APPROP		FY19 APPROP FY20 REQUEST		ST INCR/(DECR	
CUST TOWN BUILDING SALARIES	\$	12,367.00	\$	12,618.00	\$	251.00
OPER/ MAINT ALL TOWN PROPERTIES SALARIES	\$	1,000.00	\$	1,000.00	\$	0
OPER/MAINT BUILDINGS EXPENSES	\$	85,000.00	\$	57,750.00	\$	(27,250)

	\$ 139,067.00	\$ 132,068.00	\$ (6,999)
VEHICLE FUEL ACCOUNT	\$ 40,700.00	\$ 40,700.00	\$ 0
REPAIR & MAINT OF TOWN PROPERTIES EXPENSES	\$ 0	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100,000, or any other sum, for the Stabilization Trust Fund for Fiscal Year 2020, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 23: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$300,000.00, or any other sum, for the Capital Improvement Stabilization Account and to meet that appropriation transfer \$300,000.00, or any other sum from Free Cash, or take any other action thereon.

Select Board Vote: Unanimous

Finance Committee Vote: Unanimous

Article 24: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$200,000.00, or any other sum, for the Capital Improvement Stabilization Account and to meet that appropriation transfer \$200,000.00, 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 25: 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 of the General Laws as amended for Fiscal Year 2020 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	500.00 per year
School Committee Member	400.00 per year
Library Trustee	25.00 per year
Constables	15.30 per hour

Select Board Vote: Unanimous Finance Committee Vote:

Article 26: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L.C. 44, Section 53E½ to establish Fiscal Year 2020 spending limits for the revolving funds appearing in Section 6, Chapter 4 of the Town Bylaws, 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

Article 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws by inserting the following new Bylaw regarding emergency alarm systems, or to take any other action thereon.

### False Fire and Police Alarm Bylaw and Related Regulations

#### A. Definitions:

False Alarm: Activation of an emergency alarm system installed in or on property owned by an owner/operator other than the Town that signals directly to an emergency department, whether such alarm is activated through mechanical failure, malfunction, improper installation, or the negligence of the owner or lessee of an alarm system or their employees or agents; provided, however, that alarms caused by power outages, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, and other similar weather or atmospheric disturbances shall not be deemed to be false alarms; further, repairing an alarm, when documentation is provided to the appropriate emergency department prior to the activation of such alarm in connection with the repair shall not be deemed to be a false alarm.

Emergency Department – Fire Department or Police Department, or dispatch center, as appropriate, with jurisdiction over the type of alarm installed.

Owner/Operator – Owner, lessee, operator, or other person in control of property at, in or on which an alarm system is installed, or owner or lessee of alarm system that signals directly to any emergency department.

B. This bylaw may be enforced by any means available in law or in equity, including in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c.40, §21D, non-criminal disposition, with each day a violation exists constituting a separate violation.

For any false alarm that occurs, the enforcing official shall be the Police Chief or Fire Chief, as appropriate, or their designees, or the Board of Selectmen, and the following fine schedule shall apply:

- 1. First false alarm in a calendar year warning
- 2. Second false alarm in a calendar year -\$150.00
- 3. Third and subsequent offenses in a calendar year \$300.00

For any <u>other violation</u> of this bylaw, the enforcing official shall be the Board of Selectmen or its designee, and the following fine schedule shall apply:

- 1. First offense in a calendar year warning
- 2. Second offense in a calendar year \$50.00
- 3. Third and subsequent offenses in a calendar year \$100.00

C. All emergency alarm systems shall be registered and approved by the Police or Fire Department, as appropriate, upon installation. No later than 30 days following the effective date of this bylaw, all owners/operators of property with emergency alarm systems already installed, if they have not already done so, shall register their systems with the Sandisfield Police or Fire Department, as appropriate.

D. The owner/operator of the property at which an alarm is installed shall ensure that Berkshire County Dispatch is provided with the 24/7 contact information for the owner/operator and at least one (1) other contact that has full access to the property during emergency situations, and to ensure that this contact information is kept current.

E. The Fire Chief or Police Chief, as appropriate, shall determine that a false alarm has been transmitted. The Police or Fire Chief may waive any of the fines stated in this section if circumstances warrant such waiver. Reasons for any such waiver shall be attached to the violation notice issued to the owner/operator of the property.

And further to bring in their votes on May 20, 2019 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 Selectman 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 two years

One Planning Board Member for five years

One Library Trustee for five 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 or before the time of holding		ith your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at
Given under our hands this _	day of	, 2019
Sandisfield Board of Selectment	en	
Mark Newman		
Brian O'Rourke		
George Riley		
Constable	Method of Service	Date
True Copy Attest: Town Cler	 k	