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RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 16, 2015

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Moderator John Skrip, Jr. with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence for our armed forces and veterans. There were 133 registered voters present along with Town Council Edward McCormick. The Finance Committee supported all articles except for article #27.

- Article 1. The Town voted unanimously to accept the reports of the Town Officers.
- Article 2. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Moderator \$300: \$150 for Salaries and \$150 for Expenses.
- Article 3. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for Administrative Costs for a Grant Writer.
- Article 4. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Town Administrator \$46,560: \$43,860 for Salaries and \$2,700 for Expenses.
- Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$24,369: \$16,614 for Salaries and \$7,755 for Expenses.
- Article 6. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Legal Services \$10,000 for Expenses.
- Article 7. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$22,742 for salary of the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$400 for Finance Committee Expenses.
- Article 9. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$51,404: \$36,362 for Salaries and \$15,042 for Expenses.
- Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$8,000 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expense.
- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$29,831: \$18,130 for Salaries and \$11,701 for Expenses.

- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Treasurer's Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for a Town Audit.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$15,520: \$6,152 for Salaries and \$9,368 for Expenses.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,400 for Info System Technical Support for the Town Office Computers.
- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$27,258: \$17,329 for Salaries and \$9,929 for Expenses.
- Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700: \$1,700 for Salaries and \$1,000 for Expenses.
- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$2,519: \$1,519 for Salaries and \$1,000 for Expenses.
- Article 20. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board of Appeals \$300: \$50 for Salaries and \$250 for Expenses.
- Article 21. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Technology Committee \$4,550: \$2,000 for Salaries and \$2,550 for Expenses.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$274,205: \$205,405 for Salaries, and \$68,800 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$173,746: \$33,152 for Salaries and \$140,594 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$93,932: \$8,932 for Salaries and \$85,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$10,000 for Expenses.

- Article 26. The Town voted by 2/3 to appropriate for New Loader Tires \$9,500 for Expenses and to meet that appropriation transfer \$9,500 from the Stabilization Account and to pay back the Stabilization Account over a five year period.
- Article 27. Motion made and seconded, after discussion an amendment was made to table Article 27. After discussion the amendment passed by majority vote, the amended motion was made, seconded and passed by a majority. A motion was made and seconded to reconsider Article 27. Passed by a majority. A motion was made and seconded to purchase a new highway truck, an amendment was made to postpone Article 27 and the Selectmen be instructed to create a committee to study and make a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen as soon as possible concerning the purchasing of a new truck for the Highway Department. The amendment passed by a majority vote.
- Article 28. The Town voted unanimously to accept and spend any monies for Chapter 90 that has been approved by the Mass Highway Department for projects approved by the Mass Highway Department.
- Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$126,439 for the fiscal year 2015 Snow & Ice overrun and to meet that appropriation transfer \$63,220 from Free Cash.
- Article 30. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$63,220 for the fiscal year 2015 Snow & Ice overrun and to meet that appropriation transfer \$63,220 from the Overlay Surplus Account.
- Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to amend Article 31 to read: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,373,898 or any other sum for School Operations.
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Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,373,898 for School Operations.
- Article 32. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 for Salaries.
- Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$36,720 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 34. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Library Account \$11,992: \$11,174 for Salaries and \$718 for Expenses.

- Article 35. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$900 for the Massachusetts Catalog Library System for our Town Library.
- Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,499 for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for Veteran's Benefits.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$11,649 for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 39. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Maintenance of town properties and cemeteries \$9,400: \$1,000 for Salaries and \$8,400 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$57,636: \$42,736 for Salaries and \$14,900 for Expenses.
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$8,994 for services provided by the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$35,574 for the Fire & EMS Compensation Salaries and Administrative Duties Salary.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$39,930: \$10,340 for Salaries and \$29,590 for Expenses.
- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1.00 for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$18,529 for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$8,000 for Expenses.
- Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,060 for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 48. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,100 for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses.

- Article 49. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$6,370 for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 50. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate \$4,125 for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 51. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$2,349.
- Article 52. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$2,800 for Expenses.
- Article 53. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 for Salaries.
- Article 54. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$3,300: \$1,800 for Salaries and \$1,500 for Expenses.
- Article 55. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$60,000 for Expenses.
- Article 56. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$3,000: \$1,500 for Salaries and \$1,500 for Expenses.
- Article 57. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sums of money as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the various departments as follows:
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| Porchlight Visiting Nurse Association..... | \$ 3,087 |
| Community Health Program..... | 1,000 |
| Brien Mental Health Serv. Of the Berkshires..... | 405.44 |
- Article 58. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$594 for Interest for Loans.
- Article 59. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$76,326 for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 60. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Properties \$72,000: \$71,000 for Expenses and \$1,000 for Salaries.
- Article 61. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Gas and Diesel Fuel Account \$52,300.

Article 62. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$300 for Good Will Gifts.

Article 63. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the expense accounts of:

Memorial Day Parade.....	\$ 2,000
Council on Aging.....	3,500
Elderly Transportation.....	2,417
Sandisfield Cultural Council.....	250
Recreation Commission.....	6,000
Website.....	200
Strategic Future Planning Committee.....	1,000
Historical Commission.....	4,000
Cemetery Committee.....	3,000

Article 64. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the sums of money as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the following accounts.

Berkshire County Retirement Fund.....	\$ 61,162
Town Employee Benefits.....	37,981
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	35,000
Town's Share Medicare.....	10,000
Ins. & Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers.....	55,253
Unemployment Insurance.....	2,500

Article 65. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$661 for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Article 66. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$500 for Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Commission.

Article 67. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 68. The Town voted unanimously 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:

Moderator.....	\$ 150.00 per year
Town Clerk.....	7,060.00 per year
Treasurer.....	10,773.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	6,152.00 per year
Selectmen.....	5,538.00 per year
Assessors.....	2,294.00 per year
Auditor.....	5.00 per hour

School Committee Chairman.....	\$ 500.00 per year
School Committee Member.....	400.00 per year
Library Trustee.....	25.00 per year
Constables.....	14.54 per hour

Article 69. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the use of revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

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

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of forty-nine thousand dollars (\$49,000), which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately and to which shall be credited only the departmental receipts received in connection with the programs supported by each revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44 Section 53 E ½ of the M.G.L., provided however, that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds.

Article 70. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash \$50,000 to pay the third of four payments for the New Hartford Road Loan.

Article 71. The Town voted by 2/3 that \$2,400,000 is appropriated for the Town's share of the costs of construction and installation of a regional broadband network, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, such project to be carried out by the Town's Municipal Light Plant acting as a member of a cooperative of such Plants formed under Chapter 164, Section 47C of the General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$2,400,000 under Chapter 44, Section 8 (8) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen and any other Town official is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project (*provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect unless and until the voters of the Town agree by vote to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by G.L. c.59, 21C (Proposition 2 ½) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized by this vote*).

Article 72. The Town voted unanimously to amend Chapter I General Provision of the bylaws of Sandisfield by adding Section 7 SANDISFIELD RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW as follows;

SANDISFIELD RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW

Section 1 Purpose and Intent

The Town of Sandisfield finds that farming is an essential and valued activity, which provides fresh food, clean air, economic diversity, local employment, and open spaces to all the citizens of our town. This by-law is intended to encourage the pursuit of *traditional New England scale* agriculture, promote agricultural-based economic and employment opportunities, and protect farmland within the Town of Sandisfield. The purpose is to allow agricultural uses and related activities to function in harmony with the community, town agencies and others. This by-law shall apply to all jurisdictions within the Town.

This by-law restates with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts as stated under the constitution and General Laws and Regulations including but not limited to Article 97, of the Constitution, Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; (The Zoning Act) Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter 111, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A.

Section 2 Definitions

“Farm” shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture or accessory thereto. Commercial shall be defined by the minimum acreage requirement or the gross sales and program payment requirement specified in Massachusetts General Law Chapter 61A Section 3, as amended “Farm” shall include youth related agricultural activities, such as but not limited to 4-H, irrespective of minimum acreage or gross sales and program payment requirements.

For the purpose of this by-law and without limiting the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under Article 97 of the Constitution and all applicable Massachusetts General Laws, the term “farming” or “agriculture” shall not include factory farming or industrial agriculture as defined below:

“Factory Farming” is a facility where large numbers of animals are raised in overcrowded and confined conditions, such as concentrated animal feeding operations.

“Industrial Agriculture” is a system of growing crops where a single crop is grown on hundreds or thousands of acres where heavy use of chemical fertilizers and pesticides is necessary for crop production.

The residents of Sandisfield declare that factory farming and industrial agriculture, as defined above, are not in accordance with the character of the community and are not supported by this by-law.

“Farming” or “Agriculture” shall include, but not be limited to the following:

farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;

dairying;

orchards;

production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticulture, or horticultural commodities;

growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
raising of livestock including horses;
keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise;
keeping and raising of poultry, sheep, goats, swine, cattle, ratites, (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees, and fur-bearing animals, (excluding mink).

“Farming” shall encompass activities including, but not limited to the following:

operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the Town;

control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators, and disease organism of plants and animals;

application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;

conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, providing that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;

processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmers’ market or farm stand including signage thereto;

maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products;

on-farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations;
revitalizing drainage or irrigation ditches, picking stone, erecting, repairing or maintaining

fences, and clearing, rejuvenation and maintaining pastures;

herding of livestock from area to area, including along roads.

Section 3 Right to Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Sandisfield. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this by-law are intended to apply exclusively to those agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. For any such practice, consideration shall be given to both traditional customs and procedures as well as to new practices and innovations. Moreover, nothing in this Right to Farm by-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land. The protections contained in the by-law do not replace any applicable zoning or legal restrictions associated with agricultural operations.

Section 4 Notification to Real Estate Buyer

In order to allow prospective purchasers to make informed decisions prior to a real estate transaction and to promote harmony between farmers and their new neighbors after a transaction, the Town of Sandisfield requests selling landholders and/or their agents (and assigns) provide written notice to prospective purchasers substantially as follows:

It is the policy of the Town of Sandisfield to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food and other agricultural products, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers that the property they are about to acquire lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Purchasing, and henceforth occupying land within Sandisfield means that one should expect and accept such conditions as a norm and necessary aspect of living in Sandisfield.

Written notification may occur in one of several ways including, but not limited to a disclosure for, addendum to a Purchase and Sale Agreement and should include an acknowledgement by the buyer that they have received notification.

Within 30 days after this by-law becomes effective the Board of Selectmen shall make available for use by selling landowners or their agents (and assigns) copies of example written notifications.

Within 30 days after this by-law becomes effective the Board of Selectmen shall prominently place in the town hall the above disclosure.

Within 30 days after this by-law becomes effective the Tax Collector shall include a copy of the above disclosure with responses to request for Municipal Lien Certificates.

Section 5 Resolution of Complaints

Any person having a complaint about a farm activity or practice is encouraged to seek an amicable resolution to the complaint, including talking directly with the involved farmer. Such person may, notwithstanding pursuing any other available remedy, request resolution assistance from the Board of Selectmen. Such a request does not suspend the time within which to pursue any other available remedies. The Board of Selectmen may appoint a panel of at least three individuals, to include representation for farmers, or refer such request to a Sandisfield Agricultural Commission, should one exist. Said panel or Agricultural Commission shall review and facilitate the resolution of such a request, and report its recommendations to the Board of Selectmen within the agreed upon time frame.

Section 6 Severability Clause

If any part of the by-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this by-law. The Town of Sandisfield hereby declares the provision of this by-law to be severable.

Article 73. The Town voted Unanimously to amend Chapter IX, Section 6, Section C DRIVEWAYS by deleting Chapter IX, Section 6, Section C and adding a new Chapter IX, Section 6, Section C as follows or take any other action thereto:

CHAPTER IX ZONING

SECTION 6. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

C. DRIVEWAYS- Driveways shall be allowed on a Permit by the Planning Board prior to any construction with the following requirements.

1. "Driveway" is defined as any road used for vehicular access from a public road to a public or private building. Access roads used only occasionally such as those used to access a field for haying, are not intended to be included in these bylaws.
2. Should terrain or other conditions make these driveway bylaws exceedingly difficult or impossible to follow, a solution must be developed and approved by consulting with the Sandisfield Building Inspector. If a solution cannot be developed in this manner, then the Sandisfield Board of Selectmen will determine the solution.
3. Driveway entrance into public or private road shall be situated so the driver has a minimum sight line of 100 feet in each direction when entering any of Sandisfield's roads.
4. No driveway entrance shall be located closer than 75 feet to any intersection.
5. No portion of a driveway including its cuts, fills, culverts, etc. shall come closer than 10 feet to any abutting property.
6. Driveways coming down to a public road shall have a grade no steeper than 12% within the first 50 feet from the edge of the traveled roadway.
7. Any new or additional driveway entering onto a paved road must have a paved concrete or asphalt apron at least 4 inches thick, not less than 20 feet wide and not less than 10 feet long connecting the driveway and the road.
8. Driveways shall be a minimum of 15 feet wide with a surface of 6 inches of well-compacted gravel within the first 50 feet from the edge of the traveled roadway.
9. Driveways shall be adequately crowned to direct surface water runoff to appropriate gutters within the first 50 feet from the edge of the traveled roadway.
10. Driveway gutters and culverts shall be of adequate size and location to handle all anticipated surface runoff, and shall be directed to follow previous natural runoff pattern and shall in no instance be changed to flow onto adjacent property or roads, private or public.

11. Driveway cuts and fills shall be no steeper than 1 foot rise to 2 feet run.
12. Cuts and fills must be stabilized with vegetation or stone covering and protected from erosion with straw mulch and hay bales and/or stabilization fabric until vegetation or stone covering is effectively in place.
13. All driveway plans must be inspected and approved by the Sandisfield Highway Superintendent with respect to necessary culverts, paved apron and site lines.
14. All driveway excavation and construction must follow the approved plan and be inspected and approved by the Sandisfield Building Inspector. The property owner is responsible for notifying the proper Town Authorities at least 48 hours before any inspection is due.

All driveways must have house number posted before final approval is given.
Number must be posted with 911 regulations

Article 74. The Town voted unanimously to amend Chapter IX, Section 6 of the zoning Bylaws to add Section E ACCESS ROADS

CHAPTER IX ZONING

SECTION 6. SPECIAL PROVISIONS

E. ACCESS ROADS – Access Roads shall be allowed on a Permit by the Planning Board prior to any construction with the following requirements.

1. “Access Road” is defined as any vehicular way onto private property from a public way for intermittent use. This is not to be used as a permanent driveway which would require a driveway permit. An access road is not a street with the meaning of this zoning bylaw or the subdivision control law and may not be used to meet the lot frontage requirements.
2. The access road entrance into a public or private road shall be situated so a driver has a minimum sight line of 100 feet in each direction when entering any of Sandisfield’s roads.
3. No access road entrance shall be located closer than 75 feet to any intersection.

4. No portion of the access road including its cut, fills, culverts, etc. shall come closer than 10 feet to any abutting property at its entrance to the road.
5. The access road owner is responsible for the tracking of any materials onto the public way. Any materials tracked onto a public way must be cleaned by the access road owner. A stone tracking pad may be required as per the Sandisfield Highway Superintendent.
6. Access road gutters and culverts shall be of adequate size and location to handle all anticipated surface runoff, and shall be directed to follow previous natural runoff pattern, and shall in no instance be changed to flow onto adjacent property or roads, private or public.
7. Access roads shall in no instance impede or restrict the water flow of existing culverts.
8. The owner of the access road is responsible for any run-off or erosion onto adjacent property or roads, private or public.
9. All access road plans must be inspected and approved by the Sandisfield Highway Superintendent with respect to necessary culvert, tracking pad, and sight lines prior to the construction of the access road.

Article 75. The Town voted unanimously to petition the legislature, under the provisions of Section 8, Article 89 of the Amendments to the Constitution (Home Rule), to enact the following, or to take any other vote in relation thereto:

Notwithstanding the requirements of Section 5 of Chapter 81 of the General Laws as they relate to public notice and a hearing of the parties, or any other general or special laws to the contrary, that a portion of Route 57 in the Town of Sandisfield between the boundary with the Town of New Marlborough and the Town of Tolland shall be considered a State Highway and shall be taken charge of and maintained as a State Highway by the Division of Highways within the Massachusetts Department of Transportation in accordance with Chapter 81 of the General Laws.

Article 76. The Town voted by majority to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, sec. 134 and, further, to adopt the following resolution:

WHERE AS, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts has engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through the restructuring of the electricity market; and

WHERE AS, citizens of Sandisfield have a substantial economic and social interest in terms of greater customer choice and opportunities for savings in this restructured market; and

WHERE AS, the Town of Sandisfield hereby finds that it may be in the interest of its citizens who are electric ratepayers, both residential and commercial/industrial, to develop and secure such approvals and enter into appropriate agreements with consultants, experts and attorneys in connection with the establishment and operation of an electricity aggregation plan.

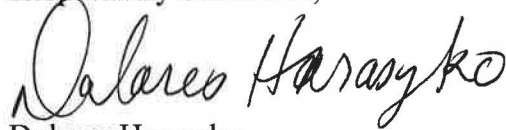
BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Town of Sandisfield hereby:

Publicly declares its intent to become an aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential and business electric customers and to reestablish such plan if its operation is suspended; and

To negotiate and enter into such contracts for power supply pursuant to the plan or services for such plan, with the understanding that if a power supply contract is executed, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate in the aggregation plan and, instead, to choose any electricity alternatives they desire and, further, to take such other action relative hereto as may be appropriate and necessary.

Meeting adjourned at 12:57 p.m.

True Copy Attest
Respectfully Submitted,



Dolores Harasyko
Town Clerk