

**Office of the Town Clerk  
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**RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
May 18, 2013**

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Moderator John Skrip, Jr. with a moment of silence for loved ones that have passed away this year and for our armed forces and veterans followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 59 registered voters present along with Town Council Jeremia Pollard. John then reviewed the process of the Town Meeting. Selectman Patrick Barrett took a moment to thank Joseph Zeller and Richard Campetti for all their work for the town. The Finance Committee supported all article except for Articles 20 and 25.

- 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 unanimously 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 Part Time Town Administrator \$16,000: \$15,000 for Salaries and \$1,000 for Expenses.
- Article 5. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$32,952: \$25,947 for Salaries and \$7,005 for Expenses.
- Article 6. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$22,812 for salary of the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 7. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$400 for Finance Committee Expenses.
- Article 8. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$51,743: \$39,910 for Salaries and \$11,833 for Expenses.
- Article 9. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$6,900 for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expense.

- Article 10. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$23,683: \$16,203 for Salaries and \$7,480 for Expenses.
- Article 11. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Treasurer's Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 12. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,500 for a Town Audit.
- Article 13. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$11,880: \$5,913 for Salaries and \$5,967 for Expenses.
- Article 14. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,000 for Computer Technical Support for Town Office Computers.
- Article 15. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$25,774: \$15,394 for Salaries and \$10,380 for Expenses.
- Article 16. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700: \$1,700 for Salaries, and \$1,000 for Expenses.
- Article 17. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,000 for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 18. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$3,040: \$1,519 for Salaries, and \$1,521 for Expenses.
- Article 19. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board of Appeals \$300: \$50 for Salaries, and \$250 for Expenses.
- Article 20. The Town voted by majority to raise and appropriate for the Technology Committee \$3,550: \$2,000 for Salaries, and \$1,550 for Expenses.
- Article 21. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$199,05: \$119,057 for Salaries, and \$80,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 22. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$268,772: \$105,878 for Salaries, and \$162,894 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 23. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$88,387: \$8,387 for Salaries, and \$80,000 for Expenses and Equipment.

- Article 24. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$10,000 for Expenses.
- Article 25. The Town voted unanimously to amend the Article to read: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 or any other sum for a new One Ton Pickup Truck and to meet that appropriation transfer \$50,000 or any other sum from Free Cash
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Article 25. The Town voted by majority to appropriate \$50,000 for a new One Ton Pickup Truck and to meet that appropriation transfer \$50,000 from Free Cash.
- Article 26. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$250,000 for the remainder of the New Hartford Road Repair Job and to meet that appropriation transfer \$250,000 from Free Cash.
- Article 27. 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 28. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$1,345,101 for School Operations.
- Article 29. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 for Salaries.
- Article 30. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$46,957 for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 31. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate for the Library Account \$12,855.56: \$10,555.56 for Salaries and \$2,300 for Expenses; and to meet that appropriation raise \$10,504.56, transfer \$1,000 from the revolving Dog Licensing Fees, transfer \$1,189.54 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$134.34 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$27.12 from the Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.
- Article 32. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$900 for the Massachusetts Catalog Library System for our Town Library.
- Article 33. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$3,247.60 for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 34. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$50,000 for Veterans' Benefits.

- Article 35. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$11,188 for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 36. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Maintenance of Town Properties and Cemeteries \$9,000: \$1,000 for Salaries and \$8,000 for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 37. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$57,960: \$41,060 or any other sum for Salaries and \$16,900 for Expenses.
- Article 38. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$8,731.84 for services provided by the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center.
- Article 39. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$33,270 for the Fire & EMS Compensation Salaries and Administrative Duties Salary
- Article 40. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$40,685: \$9,650 for Salaries and \$31,035 for Expenses.
- Article 41. The Town voted unanimously to table this article and not take action for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 42. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$17,810 for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 43. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$4,500 for Expenses.
- Article 44. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,650 for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 45. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$4,500 for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 46. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$6,000 for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- Article 47. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$5,500 for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 48. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,600 for Street Light Expenses.

- Article 49. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$2,349.
- Article 50. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$2,900 for Expenses.
- Article 51. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 for Salaries.
- Article 52. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$3,300: \$1,800 for Salaries and \$1,500 for Expenses.
- Article 53. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$60,000 for Expenses.
- Article 54. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$5,359: \$3,035 for Salaries and \$2,324 for Expenses.
- Article 55. 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 Services of the Berkshires..... | 405.44   |
- Article 56. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$2,100 for Interest for Loans.
- Article 57. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$ 98,736 for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 58. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$61,000: \$60,000 for Expenses and \$1,000 for Salaries.
- Article 59. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$300 for Good Will Gifts.
- Article 60. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the expense accounts of:
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| Memorial Day Parade.....          | \$ 1,500 |
| Council on Aging.....             | 2,933    |
| Elderly Transportation.....       | 2,417    |
| Sandisfield Cultural Council..... | 250      |
| Recreation Commission.....        | 6,000    |

Website.....	200
Strategic Future Planning Committee.....	1,000
Historical Commission.....	500

Article 61. 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.....	\$ 57,205
Town Employee Benefits.....	31,667
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	36,695
Town's Share Medicare.....	10,000
Insurance and Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers...	50,850

Article 62. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$628.65 for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Article 63. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$500 for Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Commission.

Article 64. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate \$10,000 for the Reserve Fund.

Article 65. 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.....	6,921.00 per year
Treasurer.....	9,639.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	5,913.00 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.....	13.97 per hour

Article 66. 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 E1/2 of the Federal Laws, provided however, that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds.

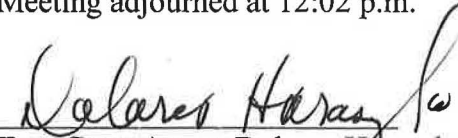
Article 67. The Town voted unanimously to appropriate \$50,000 from Free Cash to pay the first of four payments for the New Hartford Road Loan.

Article 68. The Town voted unanimously to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following land parcels and/or rights in land parcels, or any other necessary land parcels, for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way. This will allow for the construction and roadway safety improvements of the Clark Road Extension Bridge No. S-03-005. As currently designed, the project will consist of five (5) parcels, consisting of one (1) permanent easement consisting of 160 square feet, and four (4) of temporary easements consisting of 22,790 of square feet.

Further, that the Selectmen may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means, including donation, purchase or eminent domain, and further, to acquire said parcels. The subject parcels are currently identified on plans drafted by Massachusetts Department of Transportation Highway Division. Which plans are available for inspection at the Town Clerk's Office.

Article 69. The Town voted unanimously to raise and appropriate for Costs Associated with the Clark Road Bridge Replacement Project \$10,000.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 p.m.

  
 True Copy Attest: Dolores Harsyko, Town Clerk

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN  
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH

Bershire SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Sandisfield

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town of Sandisfield who are qualified to vote in the Special State Election to vote at

One  
(insert precinct numbers)

3 Silverbrook Rd.  
(insert polling locations)

on TUESDAY, THE TWENTY-FIFTH OF JUNE, 2013, from 7:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. for the following purpose:

To cast their votes in the Special State Election for the candidates for the following office:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS. . . . FOR THIS COMMONWEALTH

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said voting.

Given under our hands this 27 day of May, 2013.  
(month)

[Signature]  
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(Selectmen of: Sandisfield)

In person  
(Indicate method of service of warrant.)  
Joseph P. Zella 6-6-13, 2013.  
Constable (month and day)

(Warrant must be posted at least *seven days prior* to June 25, 2013.)