

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 13, 2000

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 Town Hall Saturday, May 13, 2000 at 10:00 am for the transaction of town business and on Monday, May 15, 2000 at 10:00 am until 8:00 pm for election 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 the sum of \$104,584 or any other sum, for Highways & Bridges Maintenance.
- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,700 or any other sum, for repairs to Prock Hill Road.
- Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$114,734 or any other sum, for Snow and Ice Removal to keep roads open in the winter.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$37,000 or any other sum, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$23,000 from Machinery Earnings and \$14,000 from the Stabilization Fund to purchase a 2000 F350 truck for the Highway Department.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$34,000 or any other sum, for Machinery Maintenance.

- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Chapter 127 the sum of \$88,839 or any other sum for projects that have been approved by the Mass Highway Department.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,760 or any other sum, for Mowing and Cemetery Maintenance.
- Article 9. 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 as follows:
Dutch Elm Disease.....\$600
Gypsy Moth.....\$400
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$647,117 or any other sum, for School Operations.
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,371 or any other sum for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,300 or any other sum, for School Committee Salaries.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$50,850 or any other sum, for Solid Waste Disposal.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 or any other sum, for Interest for state Highway Chapter Funding.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,310 or any other sum, for the Treasurer.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,100 or any other sum, for the Tax Collector.

- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 or any other sum, for the Reserve Fund.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,500 or any other sum, for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 or any other sum, for Street Lights.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,110 or any other sum, for the Protection of Persons and Property.
- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$425 or any other sum, for Emergency Management.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500 or any other sum, for Fire House Rental. (Route 8)
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 or any other sum, for Fire House Rental. (Route 57)
- Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 or any other sum, for Forest Fires.
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,407 or any other sum, for Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance.
- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,300 or any other sum, for New Equipment for the Fire Department and Ambulance.

- Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 or any other sum, for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members.
- Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,200 or any other sum, for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center.
- Article 29. 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, General Laws as amended:
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| Moderator..... | \$ 52.50 | per year |
| Town Clerk..... | 5,460.00 | per year |
| Treasurer..... | 4,400.00 | per year |
| Tax Collector..... | 5,000.00 | per year |
| Selectmen..... | 3,600.00 | per year |
| Assessors..... | 1,683.00 | 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..... | 8.50 | per hour |
- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,800 or any other sum, for the Insurance Premiums and Bonds for Town Officers.
- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,860 or any other sum, for the Berkshire County Retirement Fund.
- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,140 or any other sum, for Town Employee Benefits.
- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,156 or any other sum, for the Town's Share-Group Insurance.

- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 or any other sum, for Unemployment Insurance.
- Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,420 or any other sum, for General Government.
- Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$15,000 or any other sum, for the Town Clerk.
- Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,120 or any other sum, for a Fireproof File Cabinet for the Town Clerk.
- Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$400 or any other sum, for the Moderator.
- Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,504 or any other sum, for the Town Secretary.
- Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,361 or any other sum, for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Buildings (Town Hall, Community Center, Library, Town Garage, Town Hall Annex).
- Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,264 or any other sum, for the Custodian of Town Buildings.
- Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$8,823 or any other sum for the Library, and to meet that appropriation raise \$6,685.36 and transfer \$124 from Dog Tax Returns, transfer \$1,865.64 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$124.84 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, transfer \$23.16 from Non-Resident Library Grant to the Library.

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,850 or any other sum, to Paint the Inside of the Library.

Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 or any other sum, for Information Systems Support for the Tax Collector, Town Clerk, Treasurer, Library, and Board of Assessors.

Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 or any other sum, for Emergency Repair of 2 Marble Obelisks in North Beech Plain Cemetery.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$346 or any other sum, for the Berkshire County Regional Planning Commission.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money, or any other sums, for the following accounts:

Finance Committee.....	\$ 400
Board of Health.....	2,825
Building Inspector.....	3,400
Council on Aging.....	3,830
Planning Board.....	450
Conservation Commission...	1,500
Recreation Commission.....	2,500

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 or any other sum, for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue mandated Triennial Recertification.

Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,120 or any other sum, for a Fireproof File Cabinet for the Board of Assessors.

Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,858 or any other sum, for the Board of Assessors Annual Operating Expense.

Article 51. 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 as follows:

Visiting Nurse Association.....	\$ 2,800
Veteran's Service District.....	1,430
Inspector of Animals.....	100
Dog Officer.....	3,700
Children's Health Program.....	1,000
Memorial Day Parade.....	1,500
Mental Health Services of the Berkshires.....	100

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapt. 44, Sec 53E1/2 as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 for the Town Sanitary Inspector Department for Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$5000 and that the receipts of the Town Sanitary Inspector be designated to this account.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapt. 44, Sec 53E1/2 as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 for the Town Plumbing Inspector Department for Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$2,500 and that the receipts of the Town Plumbing Inspector be designated to this account.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapt. 44, Sec 53E1/2 as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 for the Town Building Inspector Department for Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$2,500 and that the receipts of the Town Building Inspector be designated to this account.

- Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapt. 44, Sec 53E1/2 as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 for the Town Wiring Inspector Department for Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$2,500 and that the receipts of the Town Wiring Inspector be designated to this account.
- Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapt. 44, Sec 53E1/2 as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 for the Town Gas Inspector Department for Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$2,500 and that the receipts of the Town Gas Inspector be designated to this account.
- Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen to sell a parcel of real estate situated on Dodd Road (Map 414 Parcel 79), consisting of approximately 5.24 acres of land and recently conveyed to the Town by Irene B. Henry, to the highest bidder at a purchase price of no less than \$5,500.00 or take any other action relative thereto.
- Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 140, Section 147A empowering the Town to enact by-laws relative to regulation of dogs and entitling the town to retain all license fees and fines rather than turning over such license fees and fines to the County.
- Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 22F empowering any municipal board or officer to issue a license, permit, certificate or to render a service and fix reasonable fees for all such licenses, permits or certificates issued pursuant to statutes or regulations wherein the entire proceeds of the fee remain with such issuing town.

- Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund under Massachusetts General Law 44 Sec. 53E1/2 as amended by section 72 and 73 of the acts of 1994 to fund the expenses for the licensing of dogs and related expenses in Fiscal Year 2001 operating budget in the amount of \$2,500 and that the receipts from dog fees be designated to this account.
- Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$30,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to reduce the FY2001 Tax Rate.
- Article 62. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.

To vote by ballot on May 15, 2000 for Town Officers and terms thereof as follows:

- One Moderator for one year
- One Selectman for three years
- One Auditor for one year
- One Assessor for three years
- One School Committee Member for three years
- One Board of Health for three years
- One Planning Board for four years
- One Planning Board for five years

The Town Hall will open at 10 am Saturday, May 13, 2000, for the Town Meeting and the polls will be open on Monday, May 15, 2000, at 10 am at the Town Hall for Town Elections and shall be closed at 8 pm.

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.

Hereof 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

Michael B. Salame
Michael B. Salame, Chairman

Willard R. Platt, Jr.
Willard R. Platt, Jr.

Attest: Dolores Harasyko 4/17/00
Dolores Harasyko, Town Clerk

Constable: Mike J. C.

Date Posted: 4/27/2000