

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 13, 2006

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 (3 Silverbrook Road) Saturday, May 13, 2006 at 10:00 am for the transaction of town business and on Monday, May 15, 2006 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 for the Moderator \$400 or any other sum: \$150 or any other sum for Salaries and \$250 or any other sum for Expenses.

- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$200 or any other sum for Administrative Costs for a Grant Writer.

- Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$28,446 or any other sum: \$22,046 or any other sum for Salaries and \$6,400 or any other sum for Expenses.

- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$12,057 or any other sum for the Board of Selectmen's Secretary Salary.

- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400 or any other sum for Finance Committee Expenses.

- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$30,395 or any other sum: \$21,750 or other sum for Salaries and \$8,645 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 or any other sum for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expenses.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$600 or any other sum to relink the Assessors' database with the Town's digital tax map, current color orthophotos, topo maps and various MA GIS databases (includes wet lands and Title V overlays). The resulting information is used by the Assessors, the Board of Health, the Planning Board and the Conservation Commission.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$19,010 or any other sum: \$13,855 for Salaries and \$5,155 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 or any other sum for the Treasurer Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$12,700 or any other sum: \$5,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$7,700 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 or any other sum for Computer Technical Support for town office computers.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$18,748 or any other sum: \$12,062 or any other sum for Salaries and \$6,686 or any other sum for

Expenses.

- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk Archive Project \$2,400 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700 or any other sum: \$1,500 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$1,200 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 or any other sum for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$600 or any other sum: \$200 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$400 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board \$350 or any other sum: \$100 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 Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$143,540 or any other sum: \$98,540 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$45,000 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$180,111 or any other sum: \$90,111 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$90,000 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$50,134 or any other sum: \$5,982 or any other sum for Salaries and \$44,152 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.

- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$2,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Yanner Park \$5,000 or any other sum: \$1,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$4,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to accept any monies for Chapter 90 that have been approved by the Mass Highway Dept. for projects approved by the Mass Highway Dept.
- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$143,000 or any other sum for a 4-Wheel Drive Truck with four seasons body, approximately 41,000 GVW, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$143,000 from the Stabilization Account.
- Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$834,905 or any other sum for School Operations.
- 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 \$57,749.90 or any other sum for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600 or any other sum for the Farmington River Regional School P.T.O. Ski Program at Otis Ridge.
- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the Library Account \$10,202 or any other sum: \$8,102 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,100 or any other sum for Expenses; and to meet that appropriation raise \$7,100, transfer, \$1,176.84 from the revolving Dog Licensing Fees, transfer \$1,688.82 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$215.18

from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$21.16 from Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.

- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,986 or any other sum for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1 or any other sum for Veteran's Death Benefits.
- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,558 or any other sum for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Maintenance of town properties and cemeteries \$7,803 or any other sum: \$5,253 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,550 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$40,730 or any other sum: \$26,540 or any other sum for Salaries and \$14,190 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center \$6,782 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$33,114 or any other sum: \$6,786 or any other sum for Salaries and \$26,328 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$530 or any other sum for Forest Fire Salaries.

- Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$14,299 or any other sum for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$3,256 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 or any other sum for Fire House Rental Expenses. (Route 8)
- Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 or any other sum for Fire House Rental Expenses. (Route 57)
- Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 or any other sum for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 or any other sum for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,750 or any other sum for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$1.00 or any other sum.
- Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600 or any other sum for Plumbing Inspector Expenses.
- Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$900 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 or any other sum for Salaries.

Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$2,000 or any other sum: \$800 or any other sum for Salaries and \$1,200 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$65,000 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$2,800 or any other sum: \$800 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,000 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 54. 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:

Lee Regional Visiting Nurse Association.....	\$ 2,800
Children's Health Program.....	1,000
Brien Mental Health Services of the Berkshires..	100

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 or any other sum for Interest for Loans.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$80,685 or any other sum for the Stabilization Fund.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$47,280 or any other sum: \$46,280 or any other sum for Expenses and \$1,000 or any other sum for Salaries.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300 or any other sum for Good Will Gifts.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or any other sums, for the expense account of:

Memorial Day Parade.....	1,500
Council on Aging.....	2,500
Elderly Transportation.....	4,749
Sandisfield Cultural Council.....	250
Recreation Commission.....	5,000

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sums of money, or any others sums, as may be necessary to pay the expenses of the following accounts:

Berkshire County Retirement Fund.....	\$ 36,583
Town Employee Benefits.....	23,402
Unemployment Insurance.....	425
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	41,400
Town's Share Medicare.....	5,685
Insurance Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers.....	50,000

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$499 or any other sum for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 or any other sum for the Reserve Fund.

Article 63. 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:

Moderator.....	\$ 150.00	per year
Town Clerk.....	5,969.00	per year
Treasurer.....	5,479.00	per year
Tax Collector.....	5,000.00	per year
Selectmen.....	5,220.00	per year

Assessors.....	2,079.00	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.....	10.00	per hour

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote 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 2,500
- d. Town Wiring Inspector 2,500
- e. Town Gas Inspector 2,500
- f. Dog Licensing Fees 2,500
- g. Dump Sticker Fees 7,500
- h. Legal Ad Fees 2,000

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of twenty-nine thousand five hundred dollars (\$29,500), 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 General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to reduce the FY 2007 Tax Rate.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to sell at a price no less than \$65,000.00 property formerly owned by David and Marie Hecht and described in a deed from Otis Woodlands LTD to the said Hechts dated December 20, 1976 and recorded in the Southern

Berkshire Registry of Deeds in Book 425 at Page 122, said lot being known as Lot #223, or to take any action relative thereto.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Ch. 59 Clause 37A, which provides for a real estate tax exemption of \$500.00 for blind persons, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 68.

Citizens' Petition #1

Proposed Article for Town Warrant

Town of Sandisfield

Submitted by Lauren Paul, 219 Sandisfield Road

Because the citizens of Sandisfield are concerned about the long-term health of our environment; because Genetically Engineered crops have not been proven safe for humans or for the ecosystems with which the crops interact; because Genetically Engineered crops have been found to contaminate other crops and local flora through cross pollination causing unintended and unknown changes to their biology and because the U.S. Congress and Federal regulatory agencies have not adequately responded to these important concerns, We, the people of Sandisfield, would like to follow the lead of those in many New England towns and cities and more than 30 other countries in a **resolution to:**

1. Call upon our state and federal governments, including the Massachusetts Legislature, the U.S. Congress, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Food and Drug Administration, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture, to support the mandatory labeling of all genetically engineered foods and seeds and the full assignment of liability to the commercial developers of genetically engineered foods.

2. Encourage a local moratorium on growing genetically engineered crops until there is credible and scientific evidence that these products are not harmful to our health or our environment.

3. Send copies of this article to the elected representatives for this town, including the Massachusetts State Legislators, the Governor, the commissioner of the Department of Food and Agriculture, and our Congressional Representative and Senators.

Article 69. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.

To vote by ballot on May 15, 2006 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 for three years
- One Board of Health for three years
- One Planning Board for five years
- One Library Trustee for five years

The Town Hall (3 Silverbrook Road) will open at 10 am Saturday, May 13, 2006 for the Town Meeting and the polls will be open on Monday, May 15, 2006 at 10 am at the Town Hall (3 Silverbrook Road) for Town Elections and shall be closed at 8 pm.


You are directed to serve this warrant by posing true and attested copies thereof at three public places with the Town of Sandisfield seven days at least before the time of said Town Meeting.

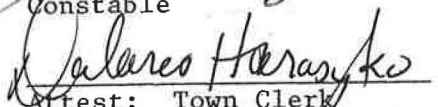
Hereof fail not and make due return of the warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said Town Meeting.


Victor Hryckvich


Richard Campetti


Maybelle Jacqueman


Constable


Attest: Town Clerk

4-27-06
Date

In Person
Method of Service of Warrant: In Person