

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**May 14, 2005**

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 14, 2005 at 10:00 am for the transaction of town business and on Monday, May 16, 2005 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: \$53 or any other sum for Salaries and \$347 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$27,990 or any other sum: \$21,590 or any other sum for Salaries and \$6,400 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,416 or any other sum for the Board of Selectmen's Secretary Salary.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400 or any other sum for Finance Committee Expenses.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$29,163 or any other sum: \$20,893 or other sum for Salaries and \$8,270 or any other sum for Expenses.

- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,500 or any other sum for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expenses.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$18,320 or any other sum: \$13,310 for Salaries and \$5,010 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 or any other sum for the Treasurer Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,000 or any other sum for the Treasurer Audit Expense.
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$12,650 or any other sum: \$5,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$7,650 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 or any other sum for Computer Technical Support for town office computers.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$17,095 or any other sum: \$9,063 or any other sum for Salaries and \$8,032 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 14. 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 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,000 or any other sum for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 16. 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 17. 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 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$140,311 or any other sum: \$95,311 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$45,000 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$163,192 or any other sum: \$78,192 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$85,000 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$50,133 or any other sum: \$5,819 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$44,314 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$2,000 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 22. 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 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Chapter 90 the sum of \$203,869 or any other sum for projects that have been approved by the Mass Highway Department.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$200,000 or any other sum for a Salt Shed, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$200,000 from the Stabilization Account.

- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$66,000 or any other sum for a New 550 Dump Truck with a four seasons body, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$66,000 from the Stabilization Account.
- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$800,311 or any other sum for School Operations.
- Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,592.30 or any other sum for Arbitration Expenses and Design Fees for the school roof repairs.
- 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 \$61,334.30 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 \$4,000 or any other sum for the Farmington River Regional School District Ski Program at Otis Ridge.
- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the Library Account \$9,730 or any other sum: \$7,520 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,100 or any other sum for Expenses; and to meet that appropriation raise \$6,930, transfer, \$872.57 from the revolving Dog Licensing Fees, transfer \$1,617.43 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$217.49 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$92.51 from Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.
- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,005.16 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 \$8,308 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 Cemetery Maintenance \$7,650 or any other sum: \$5,150 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$2,500 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,750 or any other sum for Cemetery Survey, Marking, and Improvements.
- Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$37,877 or any other sum: \$24,100 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$13,777 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center \$3,875.19 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$32,306 or any other sum: \$6,620 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$25,686 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$517 or any other sum for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,950 or any other sum for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,000 or any other sum for the Repair of Engine 3.

- Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$3,177 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 44. 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 45. 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 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 or any other sum for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 or any other sum for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 or any other sum for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$4,423 or any other sum: \$4,173 or any other sum for Salaries and \$250 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600 or any other sum for Plumbing Inspector Expenses.
- Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$900 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 or any other sum for Salaries.

Article 53. 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 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$65,000 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 55. 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 56. 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
Children's Health Program.....	1,000
Mental Health Services of the Berkshires.....	103

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 or any other sum for Interest for Loans.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$62,625 or any other sum for the Stabilization Fund.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$45,500 or any other sum: \$44,500 or any other sum for Expenses and \$1,000 or any other sum for Salaries.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300 or any other sum for Good Will Gifts.

Article 61. 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 62. 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.....	\$ 35,398
Town Employee Benefits.....	22,500
Unemployment Insurance.....	400
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	35,350
Town's Share Medicare.....	5,460
Insurance Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers.....	53,130

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$487 or any other sum for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 or any other sum for the Reserve Fund.

Article 65 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.....	\$ 0 to 53.00	per year
Town Clerk.....	5,795.00	per year
Treasurer.....	5,263.00	per year
Tax Collector.....	5,000.00	per year
Selectmen.....	5,068.00	per year
Assessors.....	1,997.00	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 66. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

- a. Town Sanitary Inspector \$ 5,000
- 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-seven thousand five hundred dollars (27,000), 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 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 67. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to reduce the FY2006 Tax Rate.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Select Board to enter into an Inter-municipal Mutual Aid agreement with other Berkshire County towns for shared Board of Health services, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 69. To see if the Town will approve the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility Municipal Agreement with Recycle America Alliance and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the receipt and processing of

the Town's recyclable materials at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility for ten years. The Town will receive \$15.67 per ton of recyclables plus a share of the revenue generated from the sale of recyclables per the contract.

Article 70. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.

To vote by ballot on May 16, 2005 for Town Officers and terms thereof as follows:

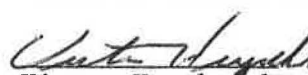
- One Moderator for one year
- One Town Clerk for three years
- One Selectman for three years
- One Treasurer for three years
- One Auditor for one year
- One Assessor for three years
- One School Committee for two years
- One School Committee for three years
- One Board of Health for three years
- One Planning Board for five years
- Two Constables for three years

The Town Hall (3 Silverbrook Road) will open at 10 am Saturday, May 14, 2005 for the Town Meeting and the polls will be open on Monday, May 16, 2005 at 10 am at the Town Hall (3 Silverbrook Road) for Town Elections and shall be closed at 8 pm.

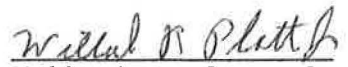
You are directed to serve this warrant by posing true and attested copies thereof at three public places with the Town of Sandisfield seven days at least before the time of said Town Meeting.


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.

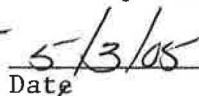
Board of Selectmen

  
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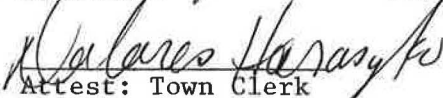
  
Richard Campetti

  
Willard R. Platt, Jr.

  
Constable

  
Date

  
Method of Service of Warrant

  
Attest: Town Clerk