

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 14, 2011

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, 2011 at 10:00 am for the transaction of town business and on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 10:00 am until 8:00 pm for elections 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 \$300 or any other sum: \$150 or any other sum for Salaries and \$150 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 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 \$30,467 or any other sum: \$23,662 or any other sum for Salaries and \$6,805 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$19,793 or any other sum for the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.
- 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 \$48,755 or any other sum: \$38,455 or any other sum for Salaries and \$10,300 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,900 or any other sum for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expense.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$20,944 or any other sum: \$14,386 for Salaries and \$6,558 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 or any other sum for the Treasurer's Tax Lien Expense.

- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500 or any other sum for a Town Audit.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$11,950 or any other sum: \$5,684 or any other sum for Salaries and \$6,266 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,500 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 \$26,629 or any other sum: \$15,866 or any other sum for Salaries and \$10,763 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,700 or any other sum: \$1,700 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$1,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 or any other sum for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$3,000 or any other sum: \$1,460 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$1,540 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board of Appeals \$300 or any other sum: \$50 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$250 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$191,118 or any other sum: \$111,118 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$80,000 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$263,327 or any other sum: \$100,433 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$162,894 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$88,062 any other sum: \$8,062 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$80,000 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$5,000 or any other sum for Expenses.

- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$55,000 or any other sum for a new One Ton Pickup Truck, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$55,000 or any other sum from the Surplus Revenue Account.
- Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$250,000 or any other sum for a New 6 Wheel Town Truck, and to meet that appropriation transfer \$250,000 or any other sum from the Stabilization Account. (this requires a 2/3 vote)
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote 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 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,330,559 or any other sum for School Operations.
- Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$58,085 or any other sum for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the Library Account \$12,064 or any other sum: \$9,464 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,600 or any other sum for Expenses; and to meet that appropriation raise \$8,718.48, transfer \$2,000 from the revolving Dog Licensing Fees, transfer \$1,189.54 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$131.50 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$24.48 from the Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.
- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,650 or any other sum for the Massachusetts Catalog Library System for our Town Library.
- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,282 or any other sum for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$20,332 or any other sum for Veterans' Benefits.
- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1 or any other sum for Veterans' Death Benefits.
- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,752 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 \$9,000 or any other sum:

\$1,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$8,000 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 \$46,835 or any other sum: \$30,255 or any other sum for Salaries and \$16,580 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for services provided by the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center \$7,708 or any other sum.
- Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire & EMS Compensation Salaries \$33,270 or any other sum.
- Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$37,821 or any other sum: \$7,394 or any other sum for Salaries and \$30,427 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500 or any other sum for the purchase of a New Computer and Fire Department Computer Training.
- Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 or any other sum for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$16,964 or any other sum for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$4,022 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,400 or any other sum for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,000 or any other sum for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 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 \$2,500 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 \$2,258 or any other sum.
- Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$2,925 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$2,700 or any other sum: \$1,500 or any other sum for Salaries and \$1,200 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$65,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$5,234 or any other sum: \$2,917 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,317 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 55. 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:
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| Lee Regional Visiting Nurse Association..... | \$ 3,087 |
| Community Health Program..... | 1,000 |
| Brien Mental Health Services of the Berkshires..... | 108 |
- Article 56. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1.00 or any other sum for Interest for Loans.
- Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$104,636 or any other sum for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$58,319 or any other sum: \$57,319 or any other sum for Expenses and \$1,000 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300 or any other sum for Good Will Gifts.
- Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money, or any other sums, for the expense accounts of:
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| Memorial Day Parade..... | \$ 1,400 |
| Council on Aging..... | 3,000 |
| Elderly Transportation..... | 2,417 |
| Sandisfield Cultural Council..... | 250 |
| Recreation Commission..... | 6,000 |

Technology Committee.....	1,950
250 th Anniversary Committee.....	3,000
Website.....	1,000

Article 61. 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 following accounts:

Berkshire County Retirement Fund.....	\$ 43,799
Town Employee Benefits.....	30,807
Unemployment Insurance.....	1,200
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	39,900
Town's Share Medicare.....	7,000
Insurance and Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers...	48,450

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$524 or any other sum for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 or any other sum for Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency 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.....	\$ 150.00 per year
Town Clerk.....	6,652.00 per year
Treasurer.....	6,304.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	5,573.00 per year
Selectmen.....	5,538.00 per year
Assessors.....	2,249.00 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.....	13.40 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	\$ 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, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system and any related services, or to take any other action relative thereto. This requires a 2/3 ballot vote.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to reduce the FY 2012 Tax Rate.

Article 69. To see if the Town will adopt the Non Binding Referendum, We the People of the Town of Sandisfield, Berkshire County, Massachusetts, have the right to produce, process, sell, purchase and consume local foods thus promoting self-reliance, the preservation of family farms and local food traditions, provided that all federal, state, and local laws apply.

To vote by ballot on May 16, 2011 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
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- One School Committee Member for three years
- One School Committee Member for one year
- One Board of Health for two years
- One Board of Health Member for three years
- One Planning Board Member for five years
- One Library Trustee for five years

One Constable for three years
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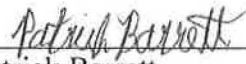
To vote by ballot on the following:

QUESTION 1. Proposition 2 ½ Levy Limit Override (G.L. Ch. 59 sec. 21C (g)).
Shall the Town of Sandisfield be allowed to assess an additional \$200,000
in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the
fiscal year 2012 budget beginning July first, two thousand and eleven?
Yes _____ No _____

The Town Hall (3 Silverbrook Road) will open at 10 am Saturday, May 14, 2011 for the
Town Meeting and the polls will be open on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 10 am at the
Town Hall (3 Silverbrook Road) for Town Elections and shall be closed at 8 pm.

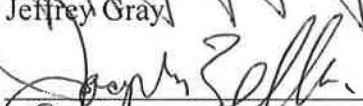
You are directed to serve this warrant by posting true and attested copies thereof at three
public places within the Town of Sandisfield seven days at least before the time of said
Town Meeting. Hereto fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings
thereon to the Town Clerk at or before time of holding said Meeting.


Richard Campetti

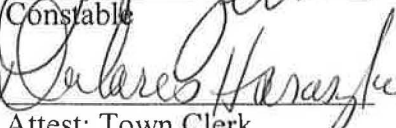

Patrick Barrett


Jeffrey Gray

Selectmen of the Town of Sandisfield


Constable

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Date Method of Service


Attest: Town Clerk