

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 15, 2004

To the Constable of the Town of Sandisfield

Greetings:

In the same 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 15, 2004 at 10:00 am for the transaction of town business and on Monday, May 17, 2004 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 \$27,360 or any other sum: \$20,960 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 \$11,311 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 \$28,114 or any other sum: \$20,344 or other sum for Salaries and \$7,770 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 \$17,976 or any other sum: \$12,966 for Salaries and \$5,010 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 or any other sum for the Treasurer Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 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 \$12,050 or any other sum: \$5,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$7,050 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Computer Technical Support for town office computers \$1,500 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$16,558 or any other sum: \$10,940 or any other sum for Salaries and \$5,618 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,500 or any other sum: \$1,500 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$1,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 15. 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 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$136,046 or any other sum: \$94,546 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$41,500 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$146,593 or any other sum: \$76,178 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$70,415 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$39,975 or any other sum: \$5,661 or any other sum for Salaries and \$34,314 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$1,000 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 20. 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 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Chapter 90 the sum of \$170,000 or any other sum for projects that have been approved by the Mass Highway Department.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$758,416 or any other sum for School Operations.
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$67,039 or any other sum for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the Library Account \$9,100 or any other sum: \$7,200 or any other sum for Salaries and \$1,900 or any other sum for Expenses; and

to meet that appropriation raise \$6,929, transfer, transfer \$611.35 from the revolving Dog Licensing Fees, transfer \$1,405.95 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$141.82 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$11.88 from Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.

- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,146.96 or any other sum for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1 or any other sum for Veteran's Death Benefits.
- Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,066 or any other sum for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Cemetery Maintenance \$7,000 or any other sum: \$5,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,000 or any other sum for expenses .
- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$26,377 or any other sum: \$15,600 or any other sum for Salaries and \$10,777 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center \$3,656 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$31,273 or any other sum: \$5,408 or any other sum for Salaries and \$25,865 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 or any other sum for Forest Fire Salaries.

- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,504 or any other sum for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$3,075 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 36. 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 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 or any other sum for Fire House Rental Expenses. (Route 57)
- Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,500 or any other sum for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 or any other sum for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 40 Sec. 5F pertaining to Ambulance Fees. This will allow 50% of the gross Ambulance fees to be accrued in a Receipt Reserved for the Appropriation Fund for the purchase of a new Ambulance.
- Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 or any other sum for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$4,301 or any other sum: \$4,051 or any other sum for Salaries and \$250 or any other sum for Expenses.

- Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$600 or any other sum for Plumbing Inspector Expenses.
- Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$900 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$200 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 46. 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 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$60,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 48. 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 49. 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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| Visiting Nurse Association..... | \$ 2,800 |
| Children's Health Program..... | 1,000 |
| Mental Health Services of the Berkshires..... | 100 |
- Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 or any other sum for Interest for Loans.
- Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$39,425 or any other sum for the Stabilization Fund.

Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$36,000 or any other sum for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property Expense.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300 or any other sum for Good Will Gifts.

Article 54. 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.....	4,000

Article 55. 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.....	\$ 31,673
Town Employee Benefits.....	20,731
Unemployment Insurance.....	400
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	30,963
Town's Share Medicare.....	4,500
Insurance Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers....	47,865

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$475 or any other sum for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 or any other sum for the Reserve Fund.

Article 58. 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.....	5,625.00	per year
Treasurer.....	5,125.00	per year
Tax Collector.....	5,000.00	per year
Selectmen.....	4,920.00	per year
Assessors.....	1,944.00	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 59. 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

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (25,000), 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 60. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 44 Sec.

53E ½ to set up a revolving fund for payment of legal newspaper ads with a limit of \$2000. The fees generated from users to be dedicated to this fund.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to reduce the Fy2005 Tax Rate.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter V, Section 2 of the Town bylaws as follows:
Delete Chapter V, Section 2 and insert in its place the following:

“Section 2. No contract shall be awarded for any work or service to be performed for the Town, and no purchase of materials, supplies, or equipment shall be made, unless the contract is awarded in compliance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30B.”

Article 63. To see if the Town will amend Article 37 of the Annual Town Meeting held on May 16, 1992 to read as follows:

Voted that the Town adopt the provisions of MGL Chapter 59, Section 5, Clause 41C regarding real estate tax exemption for persons seventy years of age or older to become effective July 1, 1992.

(Clause 41C carries the same exemption as Clauses 41 and 41B, \$500.00 of actual taxes due. Also, the value of the domicile including a two or three family house is not included in the whole estate.

If single, the applicant's gross receipts during the preceding year must have been less than \$19,500.00

If married, the gross receipts of husband and wife must be less than \$22,500. The whole estate may not exceed \$28,000.00, if single, or \$30,000.00, if married.

Applicant must own and occupy property as domicile on July 1 and, in addition, must have owned and so occupied such property or other real property in MA for five years.

Applicant must have been domiciled in MA for Preceding ten years.).

This amendment to become effective July 1, 2004, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 64. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.

To vote by ballot on May 17, 2004 for Town Officers and terms thereof as follows:

- One Moderator for one year
- One Selectman for three years
- One Tax Collector 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 15, 2004 for the Town Meeting and the polls will be open on Monday, May 17, 2004 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

Victor Hryckvich
Richard Campetti
Willard R. Platt, Jr.

Board of Selectmen

Victor Hryckvich



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John D. Gault
Constable

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