

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 17, 2003

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 17, 2003 at 10:00 am for the transaction of town business and on Monday, May 19, 2003 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 \$25,000 or any other sum: \$18,600 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 \$11,130 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 \$27,513 or any other sum: \$19,848 or other sum for Salaries and \$7,665 or any other sum for Expenses.

- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,500 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 \$17,660 or any other sum: \$12,650 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 Salaries.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$15,000 or any other sum: \$9,912 or any other sum for Salaries and \$5,088 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Conservation Commission \$2,000 or any other sum: \$1,500 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$500 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$450 or any other sum: \$50 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 \$117,154 or any other sum: \$75,654 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 \$131,514 or any other sum: \$61,099 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 \$39,000 or any other sum: \$5,466 or any other sum for Salaries and \$33,534 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 and appropriate \$85,000 or any other sum for a new backhoe/loader, and to meet that appropriate transfer \$20,000 from the Machinery Earnings account and \$65,000 from the Stabilization account.
- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Yanner Park \$5,000 or any other sum: \$2,500 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,500 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Chapter 90 the sum of \$173,716.45 or any other sum for projects that have been approved by the Mass Highway Department.
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$714,129 or any other sum for School Operations.
- Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 or any other sum for Salaries.

- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$70,465.63 or any other sum for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 26. 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 \$211.01 from Dog Licensing Fees (Cty), transfer \$311.05 from the revolving Dog Licensing Fees, transfer \$1,483.14 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$153.50 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$12.30 from Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.
- Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,311.88 or any other sum for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1 or any other sum for Veteran's Death Benefits.
- Article 29. 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 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Cemetery Maintenance \$7,000 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$23,852 or any other sum: \$13,338 or any other sum for Salaries and \$10,514 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center \$3,416.37 or any other sum for Expenses.

- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,735 or any other sum for Upgrade of Fire Tone Communications.
- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$30,510 or any other sum: \$5,276 or any other sum for Salaries and \$25,234 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 or any other sum for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$13,175 or any other sum for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$3,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 38. 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 39. 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 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 or any other sum for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- 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 \$4,183 or any other sum: \$3,933 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 \$500 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 \$55,000 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:

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.....	3,500

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.....	\$ 28,465
Town Employee Benefits.....	15,300
Unemployment Insurance.....	400
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	21,988
Town's Share Medicare.....	4,000
Insurance Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers....	40,910

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$464 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 52.50	per year
Town Clerk.....	5,625.00	per year
Treasurer.....	5,000.00	per year
Tax Collector.....	5,000.00	per year
Selectmen.....	4,800.00	per year
Assessors.....	1,897.00	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

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (17,500), 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 60. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to reduce the Fy2004 Tax Rate.

Article 61. Citizens' Petition #1
The Board of Selectmen do not support this article.

PETITION ADDRESSED TO THE SANDISFIELD TOWN COUNCIL.

Our country is engaged in an illegitimate war of aggression, contrary to International Law and the United Nations Charter.

Since the United States is a signatory to the United Nations Charter, our Constitution clearly defines this act of war as illegal.

The vast majority of the nations of this world oppose this war. Consequently, as residents of Sandisfield, MA. we propose the following resolution to be acted upon by the town council:

The Town of Sandisfield opposes the war on Iraq and calls for an immediate cease fire and a peaceful resolution through the offices of the United Nations.

Article 62. Citizens' Petition #2
The Board of Selectmen do not support this article.

We the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Sandisfield, MA are requesting the following article to be included in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting on May 17, 2003.

To see if the Town will vote to direct the Selectmen to form an ad hoc committee to investigate the feasibility of establishing a Town Manager for the Town of Sandisfield. The committee should have 5 members and be requested to provide a preliminary report at the next Town Meeting. Members of the committee should include: 1 representative from the Finance Committee, 1 representative from the Board of Selectmen, 1 representative from the Treasurers

Office, 1 representative from the Fire Department, and 1 representative from the Council on Aging.

Article 63. To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town Meeting.

To vote by ballot on May 19, 2003 for Town Officers and terms thereof as follows:

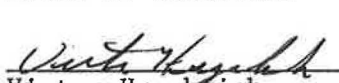
- One Moderator for one year
- One Selectman for three years
- One Auditor for one year
- One Assessor for three years
- One School Committee for three years
- One School Committee for one year
- One Board of Health for three years
- One Planning Board for five years
- One Planning Board for two years
- One Library Trustee for five years
- One Constable for two years

The Town Hall (3 Silverbrook Road) will open at 10 am Saturday, May 17, 2003 for the Town Meeting and the polls will be open on Monday, May 19, 2003 at 10 am at the Town Hall (3 Silverbrook Road) for Town Elections and shall be closed at 8 pm

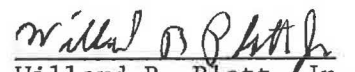
You are directed to serve this warrant by posing true and attested copies thereof at three public places with the Town of Sandisfield seven days at least before the time of said Town Meeting.

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. Given under our hands this 5th day of May, 2003.

Board of Selectmen


Victor Hryckvich


Richard Campetti


Willard R. Platt, Jr.

 04/07 2003
Constable Date


Method of Service of Warrant