

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**  
**May 17, 2014**

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 17, 2014 at 10:00 am for the transaction of town business and on Monday, May 19, 2014 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 Town Administrator \$45,700 or any other sum: \$43,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2700 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$34,369 or any other sum: \$26,614 or any other sum for Salaries and \$7755 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$22,726 or any other sum for salary of the Administrative Assistant to the Board of Selectmen.
- Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$400 or any other sum for Finance Committee Expenses.
- Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$55,599 or any other sum: \$40,557 or any other sum for Salaries and \$15,042 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,000 or any other sum for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue Mandated Triennial Recertification Expense.

- Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$27,331.63 or any other sum: \$16,962 for Salaries and \$10,368.63 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 or any other sum for the Treasurer's Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500 or any other sum for a Town Audit.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$15,400 or any other sum: \$6,031 or any other sum for Salaries and \$9,369 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 14. 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 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$29,679 or any other sum: \$17,485 or any other sum for Salaries and \$12,194 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: \$1,700 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$1,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 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 \$3,140 or any other sum: \$1,519 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$1,621 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 19. 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 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Technology Committee \$4,550 or any other sum: \$2,000 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$2,550 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$780 or any other sum for the Town internet access.

- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$201,264 or any other sum: \$121,264 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$80,000 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$270,869 or any other sum: \$107,975 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$162,894 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$88,557 any other sum: \$8,557 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$80,000 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$10,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 26. 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 27. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$120,000 or any other sum for the fiscal year 2014 Snow & Ice overrun and to meet that appropriation transfer \$ 53,000 or any other sum from Free Cash.
- Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$67,000 or any other sum for the fiscal year 2014 Snow & Ice overrun and to meet that appropriation transfer \$ 67,000 or any other sum from the Overlay Surplus Account.
- Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,384,968 or any other sum for School Operations.
- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$42,993 or any other sum for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the Library Account \$13,282 or any other sum: \$10,707 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,575 or any other sum for Expenses; and to meet that appropriation raise \$11,930.08, transfer \$1,189.54 from State Aid to Libraries, transfer \$135.80 from Municipal Equalization Grant to Libraries, and transfer \$26.58 from the Non-Resident Grant to Libraries.
- Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$900 or any other sum for the Massachusetts Catalog Library System for our Town Library.

- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,321.31 or any other sum for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 or any other sum for Veterans' Benefits.
- Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,416 or any other sum for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 37. 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 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$58,781 or any other sum: \$41,881 or any other sum for Salaries and \$16,900 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$43,950 or any another other sum for a new fully equipped all wheel drive police utility vehicle and to meet that appropriation transfer 43,950 from the stabilization account. Requires a 2/3 vote.
- Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$8,732 or any other sum for services provided by the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center.
- Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$33,935 or any other sum for the Fire & EMS Compensation Salaries and Administrative Duties Salary
- Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$41,499 or any other sum: \$9,843 or any other sum for Salaries and \$31,656 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1.00 or any other sum for Forest Fire Salaries.
- Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$18,166 or any other sum for New Equipment for Fire Department and Ambulance Expenses.
- Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Training of Fire Department and Ambulance Members \$6,000 or any other sum. \$1,000 or any other sum for salaries and \$5000 or any other sum for expenses.

- Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,000 or any other sum for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 or any other sum for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6,000 or any other sum for Ambulance Billing Fee Expenses.
- Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6370 or any other sum for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,750 or any other sum for Street Light Expenses.
- Article 51. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$2,349 or any other sum.
- Article 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$2,900 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Dog Officer \$3,300 or any other sum: \$1,800 or any other sum for Salaries and \$1,500 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$60,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$5,359 or any other sum: \$3,035 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,324 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 57. 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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| Porchlight Visiting Nurse Association.....          | \$ 3,087 |
| Community Health Program.....                       | 1,000    |
| Brien Mental Health Services of the Berkshires..... | 405.44   |
- Article 58. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$975 or any other sum for Interest for Loans.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$52,026 or any other sum for the Stabilization Fund.

Article 60. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$30,900 or any other sum for the stabilization account and to meet the appropriation transfer \$30,900 or any other sum from free cash.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$66,000 or any other sum: \$65,000 or any other sum for Expenses and \$1,000 or any other sum for Salaries.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$300 or any other sum for Good Will Gifts.

Article 63. 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:

Memorial Day Parade.....	\$ 2,000
Council on Aging.....	3,500
Elderly Transportation.....	2,417
Sandisfield Cultural Council.....	250
Recreation Commission.....	6,000
Website.....	200
Strategic Future Planning Committee.....	1,000
Historical Commission.....	5000

Article 64. 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.....	\$ 58,350
Town Employee Benefits.....	32,479
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	37,479
Town's Share Medicare.....	10,000
Insurance and Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers...	50,850

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$644.37 or any other sum for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Article 66. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 or any other sum for Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Commission.

Article 67. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$10,000 or any other sum for the Reserve Fund.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$25,000 or any other sum for Master Plan Consultant's Fee.

Article 69. 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.....	6,921.00 per year
Treasurer.....	10,562.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	6031.00 per year
Selectmen.....	5,538.00 per year
Assessors.....	2,294.00 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.....	14.25 per hour

Article 70. 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 71. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$50,000 or any other sum from Free Cash to pay the second of four payments for the New Hartford Road Loan.

Article 72. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the care, custody, control and management of the parcel of land located at 2 Hammertown Road, Assessor's Map and Parcel #202-0-11, consisting of 25,263 square feet of open space, to the Board of Selectmen to be held for the purpose of sale or lease, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell or lease said parcel of land owned by the Town upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town, and to authorize the Board to enter into any agreements in connection with the above purpose, and to act fully thereon or to take any other action thereon.



**RESOLUTION TO BAN GAS PIPELINE EXPANSION IN SANDISFIELD**

*Whereas* a proposed High-Pressure Pipeline, also known as a “loop,” carrying natural gas including gas obtained by hydraulic fracturing, may come through Sandisfield transporting said fuel to Connecticut or to overseas destinations; and

*Whereas* said pipeline may undermine current Massachusetts commitments to renewable energies and combating global climate change; and

*Whereas* said pipeline expansion would at least double the width of the existing 4-mile route and obliterate for all time major tracts of precious forest, conservation and farm lands and would threaten wetlands as well as streams, rivers and ground water, and

*Whereas* said pipeline expansion would be ruinous to the scenic beauty and tranquility of this Town and the Berkshire Mountains including the Otis State Forest in Sandisfield; and

*Whereas* a high-pressure 36-inch gas pipeline loop designed to store and concentrate vast amounts of gas a mere 24 inches below ground in order to boost the velocity of gas through adjacent existing very old pipelines which by its nature carries the potential for leak, rupture, as has in fact already happened in this town, or potential devastating explosion causing untold damage to property and lives and the local economy; and

*Whereas* such pipelines are notorious for leaks and escape of the highly environmentally damaging methane gas at every point in the process including extraction, transmission and storage; and

*Whereas* the cost of said pipeline expansion would require Massachusetts citizens to pay a utility bill tariff as well as environmental costs not required by law for Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, (“TGP”, a subsidiary of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, L.P.), forcing ratepayers to bear financial risk for the benefit of a wealthy private corporation; and

*Whereas*, we the citizens of Sandisfield, Massachusetts choose not to participate in such encumbrances to the life, vibrancy, economic stability wherever hydraulic fracturing is occurring and the pressurized pipeline is running; now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, that the people of Sandisfield, Massachusetts:

1. Hereby call on our Select Board to stand in opposition to TGP’s pipeline expansion and not allow it within our Town borders;
2. Oppose said pipeline expansion, and any new pipeline carrying natural gas whether obtained by hydraulic fracturing or otherwise, within the borders of our Commonwealth or our Nation; and
3. Hereby instruct our state and federal legislators and executive branch officials to enact legislation and take such other actions as are necessary to disallow such projects that go against our commitments to life, the environment, our economic well-being and our bodily safety, and, instead, to promote more stringent energy efficiency and further exploration of renewable energy sources.

To vote by ballot on May 19, 2014 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 Member for three years
- One Board of Health Member for three years
- One Board of Health Member for one year
- One Planning Board Member for one year
- One Planning Board Member for two years
- One Planning Board Member for three years
- One Planning Board Member for five years
- One Library Trustee Member for five years
- One Constable for three years
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The Town Hall (3 Silverbrook Road) will open at 10 am Saturday, May 17, 2014 for the Town Meeting and the polls will be open on Monday, May 19, 2014 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.

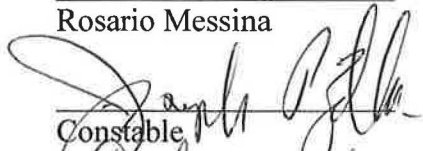
Hereof fail not and make due return of the warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said Town Meeting.

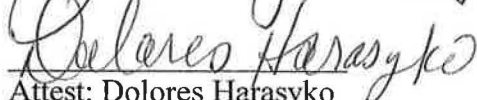
Board of Selectmen

  
Jeffrey Gray

  
Patrick Barrett

Rosario Messina

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Constable                      Date                      Method of Service

  
Attest: Dolores Harasyko  
Town Clerk