

THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE FIRE STATION #2, 207 SANDISFIELD ROAD, ROUTE 57. THE ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT THE OLD TOWN HALL, 3 SILVERBROOK ROAD.

**WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
May 14, 2016**

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Berkshire, ss.
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 **Fire Station #2, 207 Sandisfield Rd., Route 57**, Saturday, May 14, 2016 at 10:00 am for the transaction of town business and on Monday, May 16, 2016 at the Old Town Hall, 3 Silverbrook Rd .from 10:00 am until 8:00 pm for annual town election.

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 for the Town Administrator \$39,700 or any other sum: \$37,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2700 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the General Government \$21,255 or any other sum: \$12,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$9,255 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Legal Services \$10,000 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Accountant \$13,232 or any other sum: \$11,232 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,000 or any other sum for Expenses.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,002 or any other sum for salary of the Executive Secretary to the Board of Selectmen.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$350 or any other sum for Finance Committee Expenses.

- Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Assessors \$53,977 or any other sum: \$40,235 or any other sum for Salaries and \$13,742 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 10. 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 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Treasurer's Office \$29,831 or any other sum: \$18,130 for Salaries and \$11,701 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$15,000 or any other sum for the Treasurer's Tax Lien Expense.
- Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,500 or any other sum for a Town Audit.
- Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tax Collector \$26,133 or any other sum: \$17,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$9,133 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,400 or any other sum for Info Systems Technical Support for Town Office Computers.
- Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Town Clerk \$30,008 or any other sum: \$20,529 or any other sum for Salaries and \$9,479 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 17. 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 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$2,000 or any other sum for Conservation Consultation Fees.
- Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Planning Board \$2,519 or any other sum: \$1,519 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$1,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Zoning Board of Appeals \$2.00 or any other sum: \$1.00 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$1.00 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Technology Committee \$2,250 or any other sum for Expenses.

- Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Pre Construction Engineering Fees for Town Projects \$12,500 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Highways & Bridges Maintenance \$232,086 or any other sum: \$168,286 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$63,800 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Snow and Ice Removal \$174,175 or any other sum: \$33,581 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$140,594 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Machinery Maintenance \$94,110 any other sum: \$9,110 or any other sum for Salaries, and \$85,000 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Tree Account \$10,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 27. 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 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,429,822 or any other sum for School Operations.
- Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the School Committee \$1,300 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,636 or any other sum for Debt Service on the School Building Bonds.
- Article 31. To see if the Town will vote appropriate for the Library Account \$13,920 or any other sum: \$11,145 or any other sum for Salaries and \$2,775 or any other sum for Expenses and to meet that appropriation raise \$12,018.10 and transfer \$1,660.70 from the Library Incentive Grant, \$220.42 from the Municipal Equalization Grant and \$20.78 from the Non-Resident Grant.
- Article 32. 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 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,585 or any other sum for the Veteran's Service District.
- Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50,000 or any other sum for Veterans' Benefits.

- Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$11,883 or any other sum for the Custodian of Town Buildings Salary.
- Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Mowing and Maintenance of town properties and cemeteries \$10,000 or any other sum: \$1,000 or any other sum for Salaries and \$9,000 or any other sum for Expenses and Equipment.
- Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Protection of Persons and Property \$59,491 or any other sum: \$43,591 or any other sum for Salaries and \$15,900 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,264 or any other sum for services provided by the Berkshire County Sheriffs' Communication Center.
- Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$32,285 or any other sum for the Fire & EMS Compensation Salaries and Administrative Duties Salary
- Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Fire Department and Ambulance Maintenance \$40,136 or any other sum: \$10,546 or any other sum for Salaries and \$29,590 or any other sum for Expenses.
- 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 \$18,529 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 \$8,000 or any other sum for expenses.
- Article 44. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$3,250 or any other sum for Route 8 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 45. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,500 or any other sum for Route 57 Fire House Rental Expenses.
- Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$6370 or any other sum for ALSS Paramedic Intercept Expenses.
- Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$4,285 or any other sum for Street Light Expenses.

- Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Building Inspector \$2,396 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 49. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Emergency Management \$2,800 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 50. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Inspector of Animals \$500 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 51. 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 52. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Solid Waste Disposal \$60,000 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Board of Health \$3,000 or any other sum: \$1,500 or any other sum for Salaries and \$1,500 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 54. 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..... | 406 |
- Article 55. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$400 or any other sum for Interest for Loans.
- Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$63,926 or any other sum for the Stabilization Fund.
- Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Operation and Maintenance of Town Property \$72,000 or any other sum: \$71,500 or any other sum for Expenses and \$500 or any other sum for Salaries.
- Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Repair of Town Buildings \$7,500 or any other sum for Expenses.
- Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Gas And Diesel Fuel Account \$48,000 or any other sum.
- 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 accounts of:

Memorial Day Parade.....	\$ 2,000
Council on Aging.....	3,150
Elderly Transportation.....	2,466
Sandisfield Cultural Council.....	250
Recreation Commission.....	6,000
Website.....	2,700
Strategic Future Planning Committee.....	800
Historical Commission.....	5,750
Cemetery Committee.....	3,000

Article 62. 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.....	\$ 70,231
Town Employee Benefits.....	34,180
Town's Share Group Insurance.....	34,692
Town's Share Medicare.....	10,000
Insurance and Premiums & Bonds for Town Officers...	58,016
Unemployment Fund	2,500

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$677 or any other sum for the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$500 or any other sum for Southern Berkshire Regional Emergency Planning Commission.

Article 65. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$9,000 or any other sum for the Reserve Fund.

Article 66. 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.....	7,060.00 per year
Treasurer.....	10,773.00 per year
Tax Collector.....	10,000.00 per year
Selectmen.....	4,000.00 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.....	14.83 per hour

Article 67. To see if the Town will pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. chapter 44, section 53E ½ to establish or reestablish revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

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| a. | Town Sanitary Inspector Fees | \$ 7,500 |
| b. | Town Plumbing Inspector Fees | 2,500 |
| c. | Town Building Inspector Fees | 4,500 |
| d. | Town Wiring Inspector Fees | 2,500 |
| e. | Town Gas Inspector Fees | 2,500 |
| f. | Dog Licensing Fees | 2,500 |
| g. | Dump Sticker Fees | 25,000 |
| h. | Legal Ad Fees | 2,000 |

which specified revolving funds shall each 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 as specified above, with such funds to be expended by the Town Treasurer to the limits set forth therein for purposes of paying costs associated with the particular programs supported by the specified fees; provided however, that consistent with law expenditures from any revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts maintained in such funds, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 68. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Free Cash \$50,000 or any other sum to pay the last of four payments for the New Hartford Road Loan.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$19,800 or any other sum for Technology Upgrades and to meet that appropriation transfer \$19,800 or any other sum from the Stabilization Account.
This requires a 2/3 vote

Article 70. To see if the Town will vote to delete the existing Town of Sandisfield's Zoning Bylaws (Chapter IX) adopted on November 9, 1963, as it may have thereafter from time to time been amended, in its entirety and replace it with the new Town of Sandisfield's Zoning Bylaws (Chapter IX) dated May 2016, as proposed by the Planning Board, all as set forth in a document with the same name on file and available for public review in the Office of the Town Clerk and on the Town's website and made available at the annual Town Meeting or to take any other action thereto.
This article requires a 2/3 vote

Summary from the Planning Board: The primary purpose of this warrant article is to reorganize the zoning bylaws in a logical and orderly manner making it easier to read and understand without making a large number of changes that alter the substance of the zoning bylaws. A secondary purpose of this warrant article is to clarify the permitting processes and the administration of the zoning bylaws.

To help explain the changes the Planning board has prepared an annotated version of the proposed zoning bylaws which identifies and explains each of the proposed changes between the existing bylaw and the proposed bylaw. A copy of the Town of Sandisfield's Zoning Bylaws (Chapter IX) dated May 2016 as proposed by the Planning Board and the annotated version of the same are both on file in the Office of the Town Clerk.

Article 73. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to the provisions of G. L. c.41, section 55, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Town Accountant, who shall perform the duties and possess the powers of Town Auditors as defined in G.L. c.41, sections 50 to 53, inclusive, or take any other action relative thereto.

And further, bring in their votes May 16, 2016 from 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. at the Old Town Hall, 3 Silverbrook Rd. for Town Officers and terms thereof, and to answer the following questions, all as set forth below:

- 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 Member for three years
- One Board of Health Member for three years
- One Planning Board Member for five years
- One Library Trustee for five years

Shall the Town vote to have its elected Treasurer become an appointed Treasurer of the town?

Yes _____ No _____

Shall the Town vote to have its elected Tax Collector become an appointed Tax Collector of the Town?

Yes _____ No _____

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

Alice Boyd

Jeffrey Gray

John Skrip

Constable

Date

Method of Service