

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
May 3, 2014**

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Turners Falls High School Theater on Saturday, May 3, 2014, at 9:00 A.M. and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to receive and act upon the reports of the Officers of the Town and to receive the report of any committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or other Town departments with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, as amended, to reauthorize a revolving fund for the Hazardous Materials Response Planning Committee (a.k.a. the SARA Title III Committee) into which fund will be placed the fees collected from individuals responsible for oil and hazardous material spills, and to further authorize the SARA Title III Committee to expend up to a maximum of \$7,500 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014 from the Revolving Fund for the purpose of cleaning up oil and hazardous material spills, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Emergency Manager Request)

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all appointed officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$8,136,058, or any other amount, for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town and for any other necessary changes, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,122,370, or any other amount, for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Water Pollution Control Facility Request)

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$86,738, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the operations, maintenance, and debt service of the Colle Building, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$45,512, or any other amount, for the purpose of operating the Turners Falls Airport, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. (Airport Commission Request)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$682,601, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the Franklin County Technical School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Franklin County Technical School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Franklin County Technical School Request)

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$49,058, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Franklin County Technical School Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$8,293,458, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the Gill-Montague Regional School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Gill-Montague Regional Schools, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District Request)

ARTICLE 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$9,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of upgrading Assessing software to AssessPro 5.0., or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Assessors Request)

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$8,200, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding information technology equipment, parts, accessories, software and installations, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Computer Administrator Request)

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$75,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of inspecting and cleaning sewer lines and sand removal from the Canal Street sewer lines, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$175,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of lining sewer lines on Industrial Boulevard, Millers Falls Road, Crescent Street, and other roads in need of lining, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, including borrow from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust, or otherwise provide the sum of \$3,000,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of financing the engineering, design, construction, and any other costs pertinent thereto, associated with the replacement of two sewer pump stations located at First Street in Turners Falls and Poplar Street in Montague City, including without limitation all costs thereof as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the Massachusetts General Laws; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow said sum and issue bonds or notes therefore under Chapter 44 of the General Laws, Chapter 29C of the General Laws, or any other enabling authority, that such bonds or notes shall be general obligations of the Town unless the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen determines that they should be issued as limited obligations and may be secured by local system revenues as defined in Section 1 of Chapter 29C of the General Laws; that the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow all or a portion of such amount from the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust established pursuant to said Chapter 29C and in connection therewith to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the Trust and otherwise to contract with the Trust and the Department of Environmental Protection with respect to such loan and/or any federal or state aid available for the project or for the financing thereof; and that the Board of Selectmen, the Sewer Commissioners or other appropriate local body or official is authorized to enter into a project regulatory agreement with the Department of Environmental Protection, to expend all funds available for the project, and to take any other action necessary to carry out the project, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$15,000 or any other amount for the purpose of funding purchases of Police equipment such as firearms and accessories, computers and accessories, police cruiser equipment, department furniture, bullet-proof vests, tasers, radios or any similar items as well as extraordinary repairs to same, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Police Department Request)

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$75,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding purchases and major repairs of DPW vehicles and equipment, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$43,325, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the lease payment for a Six Wheel Dump Truck, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$15,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the operation and maintenance of the Montague Center School building or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$38,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of security improvements at various school buildings, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Gill Montague Regional School District Request)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 71, Section 14 to create a special, unpaid, committee to be known as a regional school district planning committee, to consist of 3 members, including one member of the Gill-Montague Regional School District School Committee, to be appointed by the Moderator, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(GMRSD Request)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to approve the 2014 Update to the Montague Economic Development and Industrial Corporation's Economic Development Plan developed in accordance with Mass General Laws Chapter 121 Section C, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Montague Economic Development & Industrial Corporation Request)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 40 Section 15A to transfer the care, custody, management and control of the former Montague Landfill site on Turnpike Road, consisting of Assessors Map 13, Lot 68, Assessors Map 20, Lot 27 and Assessors Map 21, Lots 6, 7 and 24, from the Board of Selectmen for landfill development, landfill closure and industrial development purposes to the Board of Selectmen for final landfill closure, industrial development, and general municipal purposes including but not limited to a highway facility; and further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to sell or lease any portion or all of the aforesaid property, to be known as the Turnpike Road Industrial Area, upon such terms and conditions and for such amounts as the Board of Selectmen shall deem fit, subject to the approval of the Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, and further, that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to sign, execute and deliver any deed or deeds, leases, contracts, or other instruments that may be necessary to carry out the purposes of this vote, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.
(Planning and Conservation Department Request)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds or borrow the sum of \$400,000, or any other sum, for the purpose of constructing and for the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto, a skate park on the Town's property located at Unity Park, Map 4, Lot 0012, which property is held by, managed and controlled by the Parks and Recreation Commission of the Town of Montague for public playground and recreation center purposes, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 45, section 14 and other laws relating to playgrounds and recreation; provided, however, that such funds shall not be expended unless the Town is approved for a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities ("PARC") Grant from the Massachusetts Division of Conservation Services for reimbursement of all or a percentage of the project cost, and to authorize the Parks and Recreation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to file on behalf of the Town any and all applications deemed necessary for grants and/or reimbursements from any federal, state or other funds, and to enter into such grant agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary to accomplish the foregoing; and to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to borrow said amount pursuant to Chapter 44, section 7(25) of the Massachusetts General Laws, or any other authority; or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Parks & Recreation Request)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of funding consulting fees to evaluate the records preservation and storage needs and options of town departments, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Town Clerk Request)

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept a deed from Beverly J. Sadler pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 77C, to a parcel of land located on Dry Hill Road in Montague Center and identified in Assessor's Map 44 Lot 30, said parcel to be acquired for general municipal purposes and to be held in the care, custody, and management and control of the Board of Selectmen, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to record said deed, provided that the Board of Selectmen determine that the parcel is subject to no other liens or encumbrances other than the liens of the Town, as required by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 77C, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Chapter 138, Section 33B, which will allow the Board of Selectmen to authorize on-premises liquor license holders to sell alcoholic beverages between the hours of 10:00 am and 12:00 noon on Sundays, the last Monday in May and on Christmas Day or on the day following when said day occurs on a Sunday, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

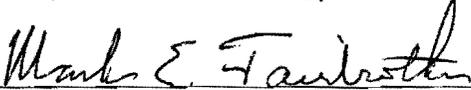
ARTICLE 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$62,724, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the Town of Montague Employee Association for Fiscal Year 2015, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2014, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$44,469, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the implementation of a collective bargaining agreement with the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers or America, Local 274 for Fiscal Year 2015, with increases to be paid retroactively to July 1, 2014, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

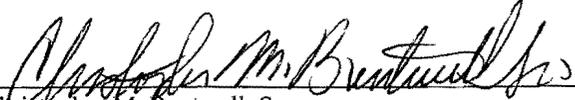
ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement with Allied Waste Services of Massachusetts, LLC d/b/a Allied Waste Services of Springfield/Republic Services of Springfield for the collection and disposal of curbside trash and recycling waste for a period of up to five years, commencing on July 1st, 2014, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

Given under our hands this 14 day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Fourteen.



Mark Fairbrother, Chairman



Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.



Michael Nelson
Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA April 16, 2014

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least seven days before said meeting as within directed.



Constable of Montague