

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
June 5, 2010**

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, June 5, 2010, 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 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, 2010, 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, 2010, 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 \$7,164,447, 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 \$1,845,654, 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 \$91,725, 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 \$36,540, 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 \$627,663, 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 \$7,602,878, 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 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$113,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of making repairs to the Sheffield School Roof, 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 \$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 Liaison 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 \$35,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding a police cruiser and related expenses, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Police 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 funding purchases and major repairs of DPW vehicles and equipment, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(DPW 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 \$54,055, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding lease payments for 2 Six Wheel Dump Trucks, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(DPW Request)

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$3,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of replacing swing sets at Highland Park in Millers Falls, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Parks & Recreation Request)

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Board of Selectmen/Highway Commissioners the custody of a parcel of land formerly known as "Williams Way" to the Parks and Recreation Commission for use as part of the Unity Park, or take any other vote or votes in relation thereto.

(A copy of the plan and legal description of the former Williams Way is on file with the Town Clerk)

(Parks & Recreation 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 \$4,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the purchase and installation of an outdoor public bulletin board for the Town Hall, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen 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 \$24,459, or any other amount, to be transferred into the Franklin County Technical School Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Finance Committee 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 \$100,000, or any other amount, to be transferred from free cash into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Finance Committee 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 \$65,000, or any other amount, and that this sum be transferred from an existing special article balance into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$3,345, or any other amount, and that this sum be transferred from an existing special article balance into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,925, or any other amount, and that this sum be transferred from an existing special article balance into the Town of Montague Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining \$760.19 in spending authority for the Pavement Management Study as voted under Article 25 of the May 7, 2005 Town Meeting, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to petition the State Legislature for an all alcohol license for the Carroll's Market Convenience Store, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Requested by Carroll's Market)

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to pass the following Resolution:

Bring the War \$ Home – Stop the Killing
Montague, Massachusetts

“Whereas, the financial resources available for use by governments at the local, county, state, and federal levels in the United States are limited.

Whereas, an inordinate level of military expenditure is being made by the U.S. federal government for warfare in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan:

Whereas, the people of Montague are collectively paying or becoming indebted for \$7.5 million since military operations began in 2001 (National Priorities Project estimate, does not include funds requested in FY2010.)

Whereas, this warfare creates great and unnecessary harm to the people of the nations of Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan and to U.S. military personnel and their families; and

Whereas, the education services, other essential public services, infrastructure repair and private sector financing in Montague and throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have been substantially reduced in order for an excessive portion of available financial resources to be diverted from revenue sharing to unnecessary warfare,

Therefore be it resolved that:

1. A public discussion in Montague about the cost of the Wars in Iraq and Afghanistan/Pakistan to our community to education, transportation, security and basic citizen needs be initiated.
2. We ask our Board of Selectmen to call on Representative John Olver and Senators John Kerry and Scott Brown
 - a. to oppose all legislation brought before the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate that provides further funding of the U.S. warfare and U.S. military occupation in Iraq, Afghanistan and Pakistan and
 - b. to take strong and forceful action to influence the full U.S. House of Representatives to terminate funding of these military operations.
 - c. to sign onto and support resolutions that prohibit any increase in the number of troops in Afghanistan (House Resolution 3699).”
(Petitioned Article)

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and Town Hall of the Town, at least seven days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this document with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk seven days before said meeting.

Given under our hands this _____ day of May in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Ten.

Patricia A. Allen

Mark Fairbrother

Patricia L. Pruitt
Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA May , 2010

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