

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF MONTAGUE  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
October 1, 2015**



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 Thursday, October 1, 2015 at 6:30 P.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 raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$7,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the amount appropriated under Article 23 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, which appropriation was for Information Technology, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *IT Department Request*

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$63,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of utility appraisals, the state mandated triennial revaluation or interim year valuation of real and personal property by the Assessing Department, and Appellate Tax Board appeal defense, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Board of Assessors Request*

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$22,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the amount appropriated under Article 23 of the September 12, 2013 Town Meeting, which appropriation was for repairing or replacing a boiler at the Sheffield School, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *GMRSD Request*

**ARTICLE 4.** 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, for the purpose of reducing the Fiscal Year 2016 sewer rates, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *WPCF Request*

**ARTICLE 5.** 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, for the purpose of increasing the WPCF Capital Stabilization Fund, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *WPCF Request*

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$4,856, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the amount appropriated under Article 4 of the May 3, 2014 Special Town Meeting, which appropriation was for the Town's share of Airport Improvement Project 3-25-0032-17, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Airport Commission Request*

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$1,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2016 Shared budget (Department #159) for additional e-mails for town board and committee members, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Board of Selectmen 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 \$18,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2016 Veterans' Benefits budget, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Town Accountant 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 \$5,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding legal expenses associated with the negotiation of the Town's cable contract with Comcast, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Board of Selectmen 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 \$15,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of library repairs, including but not limited to repairs to the handicapped ramp and exterior stairs at the Carnegie Library and exterior stairs at the Montague Center Library, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Library 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 \$6,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of repairing brickwork at the Montague Center Library, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Library 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 \$15,000, or any other amount, for the development of preliminary design and engineering work for a Department of Public Works Facility, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Planning Department Request, Approved by CIC*

**ARTICLE 13.** To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$20,000, or any other amount, for legal representation and technical assistance related to the proposed Tennessee Gas Pipeline's application before the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Planning Department 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 \$10,000, or any other amount, to fund legal representation in cases before the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (DPU), and in related legal proceedings, concerning the proposed Kinder Morgan/Tennessee Gas pipeline, also known as "NED" (Northeast Energy Direct), or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Requested by Ariel Elan*

**ARTICLE 15.** To see if the town will vote to amend the Montague Zoning Map to redistrict Assessors Map 29 Lot 122 in the village of Millers Falls (5-7 Church St., known as St. Mark's Church and rectory) from Public-Semi Public to Neighborhood Business, said area to total +/- 0.7 acres, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Planning Department Request*

**ARTICLE 16.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B Section 20, which authorizes the Town to establish an Other Post Retirement Benefit Trust to reduce the unfunded liability of health care and other post employment benefits for which the Town of Montague is obligated, as set forth in Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement #45, and further to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$250,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding said Other Post Employment Benefit Trust Fund, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

*Board of Selectmen, Finance Committee Request*

**ARTICLE 17.** To see if the town will vote to rescind the unused borrowing authority of \$26,647.63 as authorized under Article #14 of the September 12, 2013 Special Town Meeting, which funded emergency repairs to the sanitary sewer collection system on Millers Falls Road and Industrial Boulevard, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Town Accountant Request*

**ARTICLE 18.** To see if the town will vote to rescind the unused balance of \$12,849.30 as appropriated under Article # 21 of the May 2, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, which funded maintenance of the Montague Center School Building, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Town Accountant Request*

**ARTICLE 19.** To see if the town will amend Article II Section 2 of the Town Bylaws, relating to the town's appropriation committee, by changing the words "no less than 5" to "no fewer than 3", or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Finance Committee Request*

**ARTICLE 20.** To see if the town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease not to exceed ten (10) years for the purpose of permitting construction and maintenance of a regional dog shelter on up to 2 acres of Town-owned land located on Assessor Map 21 Lot 5 (Turnpike Road), on such terms and conditions and for such consideration as the Board of Selectmen deem in the best interests of the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Board of Selectmen Request*

**ARTICLE 21.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take all necessary and appropriate action to establish and to maintain, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 164 of the General Laws and in accordance with the rules, regulations and orders of the Department of Public Utilities and the Department of Telecommunications & Cable, a municipal lighting plant for all purposes allowable under the laws of the Commonwealth, including without limitation the operation of a telecommunications system, construction of a fiber optic network, and any related services, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto. *Broadband Committee Request*

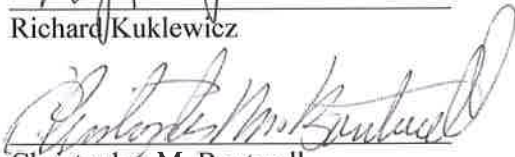
And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, Website, and Town Hall of the Town, at least fourteen days before said meeting.

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

Given under our hands this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen.

  
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Michael Nelson, Chairman

  
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Richard Kuklewicz

  
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Christopher M. Boutwell  
Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss      Montague, MA      September 16, 2015

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, Website, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least fourteen days before said meeting as within directed.

  
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Constable of Montague