

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
May 7, 2016**

Franklin, ss.

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

GREETINGS:

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 7, 2016 at 8:30 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 amend the vote taken under Article #20 of the October 1, 2015 special town meeting, which authorized the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease for the regional dog shelter, by replacing the words “not to exceed ten (10) years” with the words “not to exceed thirty (30) years”, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Board of Selectmen 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 \$8,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2016 Reserve Fund, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Finance Committee Request

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 44 Section 53F3/4, for the purpose of establishing a special revenue account known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services or oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement, the fund to begin operation for fiscal year 2017, which begins on July 1, 2016, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Town Accountant 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 \$12,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing a compactor for cardboard and paper recyclables at the Town’s transfer station, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

DPW 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 \$6,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing a software and database package for the Selectmen’s and the Town Clerk’s offices, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Town Clerk 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 \$26,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Fiscal Year 2016 Police Department budget, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Police Department Request

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will conduct the second 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 6th Day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Michael Nelson, Chairman

Richard Kuklewicz

Christopher M. Boutwell
Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA April _____, 2016

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.

Constable of Montague