

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
SOUTH HADLEY, MASSACHUSETTS

WARRANT
Hampshire, ss.

TO: Either of the Constables of the Town of South Hadley

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of South Hadley that the ANNUAL TOWN MEETING will be held in the TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM on Saturday May 9, 2015 at 9:20 AM or as soon thereafter as the subject matter of this warrant can then and there be reached, and the Town Clerk is required to notify and warn the Town Meeting Members then and there to meet and act on the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 4 and to renew any note or notes as may be given in accordance with the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectboard, to enter into compensating balance agreements with bank offices having their principal offices in the Commonwealth during Fiscal Year 2016, as permitted by Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53 (F), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to defend all suits that may be brought against the Town during Fiscal Year 2016 and to prosecute all suits on behalf of the Town, to engage counsel for same, and to settle such suits as they deem advisable, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to apply for and accept such federal or state grants or monies as may be available and to authorize the Selectboard to expend any funds received there from in accordance with the terms of said grants, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money for highway improvements under the authority of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 and other applicable law; determine whether the money shall be provided by the tax levy, by transfer from available funds, or by borrowing, or by any combination of these methods; authorize the Selectboard to apply for, accept, expend and borrow in anticipation of state aid for such projects, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$43,527,890 or a greater or lesser sum, to constitute the Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2016 all as more specifically set forth in Appendix A attached hereto and made a part here of, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of the following elective officers of the Town of South Hadley as provided by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended: Moderator, Selectboard Members, Assessors, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer Unreserved Free Cash the sum of \$160,000 to fulfill a court directed, negotiated settlement in regards to a wrongful termination claim, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to Multi-Family and Multiple Dwellings by amending: **Section 7, SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS**, Subpart (Z) **Multi-Family and Multiple Dwellings**, to clarify that the provisions of this Subpart (Z) do not apply to development of a single building with no more than two dwellings located therein on a single lot as detailed in the Planning Board's Report to Town Meeting or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the town will amend By-Law Section 1007 Nuisance by adding subsection 1007.3 Property Care All property owners will be responsible to keep their property in a reasonable state of repair. Grass will be kept no higher than six (6) inches, leaves, excessive grass clippings will be removed, composted or otherwise properly disposed of, damage branches will be addressed and other debris or litter will be eliminated from the property. Violation of this by-law may result in a fine of \$100 per day, enforcement authority of this bylaw, South Hadley Police Department or South Hadley Health Department. , or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will amend Section 1007 Nuisance by adding subsection Section 1007.4 Discarded furniture, mattresses, building material, appliances, electronic equipment or other surplus home goods will not be left on the curb or tree belt unless allowed or approved by the DPW for pick up. Violation of this by-law may result in a fine of \$100 per day, enforcement authority of this bylaw, South Hadley Police Department or South Hadley Health Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 12: Change 905.2 Removal of Snow from Sidewalk, by striking, the following "a tenant or occupant (and if no tenant or occupant, the owner)" and replacing with "owner". Furthermore adding "The South Hadley Police Department may assess a fine of \$100 for each 24 hour period the walk remains impassable to pedestrians or the sidewalk is otherwise not treated, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will amend Section 302.2 Delivery of Warrants to allow electronic transmission via ECAC or personal email of warrants, revision, updates and necessary material. All Town Meeting members would have to choose their electronic mail delivery

address upon election by notifying the Town Clerk via electronic mail, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to amend section 300 of the By-laws by deleting second Saturday in May and inserting second Wednesday in May, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to delete Section 419 of the By-laws. (Town Meeting Ad hoc Committee), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to place the care custody and management parcel Map 15 Parcel 15 shown as Parcel 1 at the Hampshire County Register of Deed Plan Book 233 Page 63. This land would be dedicated to the Conservation Commission under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40 section 8C and consistent with Article 97. The parcel is general recognized as a greater portion of the "Black Stevens Property" near or along Granby Road and behind the Plains School. , or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will accept Red Bridge and East Red Bridge Lanes as public ways and as presented in a Public Hearing to be held April 21, 2015 by the South Hadley Selectboard all or as more particularly shown on a plan incorporated herein and made a part here of as Appendix B, or take any other action relative thereto,

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Massachusetts General law Chapter 60 section 15B which would allow the creation of one or more tax title revolving funds for use of the Treasurer/Collector. The funds can be used solely for satisfying cost associated with tax title taking or foreclosure expenses through money generated by the sale of property, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Unreserved Free Cash the sum of \$120,000 to the Other Post Employment Benefit Trust, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Unreserved Free Cash the \$30,000 to act as grant match for the Ferry Street Trail Project through the Pioneer Valley Planning Authority, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53E ½ , to establish in the Town Treasury a revolving fund, which shall be kept separate and apart from all other monies by the Treasurer, and in which shall be deposited the receipts received that may be spent by the Selectboard or its designee, without further appropriation during FY 2016 for the continued support and maintenance of Buttery Brook Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

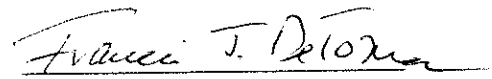
ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will consider a citizens petition to reimburse petitioner for damages, all as more particularly set forth in attached marked Appendix C.

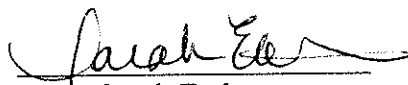
Town Meeting may consider nominations from the body to serve on the South Hadley Redevelopment Authority under the direction of the Town Moderator. There is one vacancy.


Town Meeting will be presented and informed by the Selectboard of the list of capital projects for fiscal year 2016, as caused by the recommendation of the Capital Planning Committee. There is no vote required and this is informational only, as required by the conditions of the bond. (Appendix D)

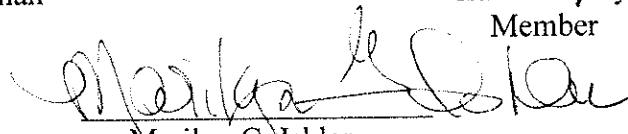
Given under our hands this 7th day of April 2015:


John R. Hine
Chair


Francis J. DeToma
Vice-Chair


Sarah Etelman
Clerk


Ira Brezinsky
Member


Marilyn G. Ishler
Member

**SELECTBOARD
TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY**

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:


Carlene C. Hamlin, Town Clerk