

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 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING will be held in the TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM on Wednesday January 11, 2017 at 6:00 PM 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 raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Unreserved Free Cash or other available funds the sum of \$97,500 for the purpose of Phase I improvements to Bicentennial Canal Park with the intent of dedicating a portion of the park as the Ted Belsky Outlook, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Unreserved Free Cash the sum of \$48,000 to purchase and outfit a police cruiser as part a of previously agreed upon capital replacement strategy for police vehicles, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Unreserved Free Cash the sum of \$8,000 Ledges #686684-54840 Pro Shop Supplies to purchase wearables and relative retail material for the 2017 Ledges Golf Course season., or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Unreserved Free Cash or other available funds the sum of \$38,000 to Public Building Repair/Maintenance Buildings #11922-53410 to address costs related to unexpected repairs and emergency projects necessary in the first two quarters of fiscal year 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Unreserved Free Cash or other available funds the sum of \$44,235 to #12101 51113 Police/Comp Time Buyout to fund related retirement costs, or to take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Unreserved Free Cash or other available funds the sum of \$82,000 to Department of Public Works #14212 52170 to fund cost related to redesign of Main Street to qualify as a regional Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and other engineering needs, or to take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Unreserved Free Cash or other available funds the sum of the following \$1,200 to Human Resources/ Advertising #11372-52237 as costs for advertising open positions have been greater than expected , or to take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from Unreserved Free Cash or other available funds the sum of the following \$1,100 to Public Building Maintenance Other Purchased Services #11922-52239 for the purpose of developing a records retention assessment for the Police Department (similar to the Town Hall project), or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will transfer the sum of \$20,000 from Public Building Maintenance 11922 52236 "Postage" to Treasurer/Collector "Professional Services" #11462-52140, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 44 53F3/4 to create a separate revenue account to be known as PEG Access and Cable Related Fund as recommended by the Massachusetts Department of Revenue, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 40 section 13D to establish a reserve fund for the future payment of accrued liabilities for compensated absences due any employee or fulltime officer upon termination of employment (\$1,306,000 estimate liability as of June 2016 excluding Electric Light) ,or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 40 section 57 as amended, as expressed in sections 37 and 38 of the Acts of 2016 Chapters 218 "An Act to Modernized Municipal Financing and Government" relative to the non-issuance of permits, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 40 section 58 to accept this Massachusetts General Law relative to outstanding charges or fees owed to the municipality which may be liened against real property within one year, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town shall accept the renumbering and revision of the various bylaws of the Town from their original numbering or their numbering in the General Bylaws, as amended through May 11, 2016, to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the General Bylaws as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of South Hadley, dated October 2016, said codification having been done under the direction of the Selectboard and Town Counsel, and said Code being a compilation and comprehensive revision of the present bylaws of the Town. All bylaws of a general and permanent nature, as amended, heretofore in force and not included in the Code shall be repealed, except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law, and such repeal shall not apply to or affect any bylaw, order or article heretofore adopted accepting or

adopting the provisions of any statute of the Commonwealth. These bylaws shall be referred to as the "Code of the Town of South Hadley, Massachusetts."

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town shall accept the renumbering and revision of the Zoning Bylaw of the Town from its original numbering, as amended through May 11, 2016, to the numbering or codification, arrangement, sequence and captions and the comprehensive revisions to the text of the Zoning Bylaw as set forth in the Final Draft of the Code of the Town of South Hadley, dated October 2016, said codification of the Zoning Bylaw having been done under the direction of the Planning Board, and being a compilation and comprehensive revision of the present Zoning Bylaw, including amendments thereto. All Zoning Bylaws, as amended, heretofore in force, shall be repealed, except that such repeal shall not affect any suit or proceeding pending as the result of an existing law. The Zoning Bylaw shall be codified as Chapter 255 of the Code of the Town of South Hadley, Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 6 section 172 B ½ to allow fingerprinting as required for ice cream vendors and consistent with Massachusetts General Law, or take any other action relative thereto

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will accept Lawrence Avenue from Granby Road to the boundary of Hillcrest Park Condominiums (as depicted in Appendix "A") and as described in a previous Selectboard Public Hearing, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if Town Meeting will vote to accept Apple Road, as described in a draft deed provided by the owner's attorney, as a Town Road, or take any other action relative thereto. (see Appendix "B")

ARTICLE 19. To see if Town Meeting will vote to accept Stewart Street Extension, as described in a draft deed provided by the owner's attorney, as a Town Road, or take any other action relative thereto. (see Appendix "C")

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will strike the language from Section 412.1 as stated; *412.1 Duties, The Canal Park Committee shall ensure the maintenance and safety of the Bicentennial Canal Park as well as report to the Selectboard on the maintenance and safety of the Gatehouse and Riverfront Parks. The Committee shall also document and publicize the historical importance of the South Hadley Canal and shall advocate for the protection of the entire remains of the old canal and gatehouses and develop the site's potential to attract residents and tourists to these areas.* and replace as follows 412.1 with; *412.1 Duties, The Canal Park Committee will:*

- *Monitor the maintenance and safety of the Bicentennial Canal Park and periodically report conditions as such to the Selectboard.*
- *Document and publicize the historical importance of the South Hadley Canal.*
- *Advocate for the protection, conservation, and preservation of the remains of the old canal bed, locks, and gatehouses along its entire length.*

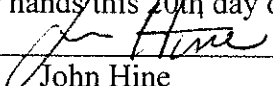
- *Develop the park's potential as a recreational and significantly unique educational attraction for residents and visitors.*

If applicable this change will be incorporated appropriately into any re-codification which may have been considered at the Special Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will accept a General By-law to ban the use of plastic bags in certain categories and situations beginning July 1, 2018, this acceptance includes common retail plastic bags with die-cut handles, it does not include bio-degradable bags, re-usable bags, small item bags (i.e. newspaper, small item bags, thin film bags for raw fish, meat poultry etc.), or take any other action relative thereto. (see Appendix "D")

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to endorse the Gaylord Library Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the Town Moderator to sign on behalf of Town Meeting, or take any other action relative thereto. (see Appendix "E")


Given under our hands this 20th day of December 2016:




John Hine
Chair



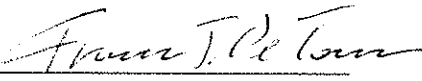
Sarah Etelman
Vice-Chair



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Clerk




Ira Brezinsky
Member



Francis DeToma
Member

**SELECTBOARD
TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY**

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:



Carlene C. Hamlin, Town Clerk