

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, the 8th day of May, 2010, at 9:15 a.m. 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, 2010, 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 2011, 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 2011 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.

## FISCAL YEAR 2011 OPERATING BUDGET

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$42,500.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to constitute a Reserve Fund, transfers from which may be voted by the Appropriations Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

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, Clerk/Treasurer, Assessors, Collector, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$19,139,853.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the support and maintenance of its schools, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends a School budget of \$18,939,853, a decrease of \$200,000 from the Selectboard's proposal and a 1.9% increase over fiscal year 2010.]

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,628,084.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Personal Services and Expenses of General Government for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends \$20,000 less in the Selectboard budget to eliminate funding for Economic Development and \$3,145 less in the Clerk/Treasurer budget to level-fund from FY 2010.)

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$2,353,979.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Protection of Persons and Property for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,088.00, or a greater or lesser sum, from Cable Studio Account to the General Fund for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3,364,283.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Department of Public Works for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$100,004.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of providing for the removal of snow and ice from town streets, sidewalks and public ways in FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 14 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$295,134.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Council on Aging for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$120,000.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Veterans and Soldiers Benefits in FY 2011 under Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$514,155.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the South Hadley Library for FY 2011 or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$11,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Gaylord Library in FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends an additional \$1,350.00 for this article. This will result in a reduction of \$650 rather than \$2,000 as proposed by the Selectboard.]

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$26,000.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of auditing the Town's accounts for Fiscal Year 2010 and for engaging a consultant to perform an actuarial study for compliance with the federally mandated Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB) for health insurance for retirees, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Cable Studio Account the sum of \$80,306.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Cable Studio Personal Services and Expenses for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$6,721,157.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding FY 2011 Unclassified Accounts, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$65,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Worker's Compensation Self-Insured Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$115,636.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Health and Sanitation for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.  
[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3,700,589.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding its Maturing Debt and Interest Account for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$5,500.00 or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Connecticut River Channel Marking and Safety Committee for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Treasury, and/or appropriate from the Golf Enterprise Fund Receipts, the sum of \$931,859.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Ledges Golf Club for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends reducing this amount by \$9,150 to level fund from FY 2010.]

ARTICLE 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$1,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Canal Park Committee for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$5,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Conservation Land Acquisition Account for FY 2011, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$10,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the revaluation of real property.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

### **FISCAL YEAR 2011 CAPITAL BUDGET**

ARTICLE 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Cable Studio Account, the sum of \$39,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to replace cable studio control room equipment or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Sewer Fund, the sum of \$75,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to repair aerator tank concrete, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$50,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for zoning bylaw review and revisions, or take any other action relative thereto.

[The Appropriations Committee does not recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$40,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to replace dishwasher and hot water booster in Mosier School, or take any other action relative thereto. [The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$75,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for repair of the Lincoln Street parking lot, or take any other action relative thereto. [The Appropriations Committee recommends this article.]

ARTICLE 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$36,000.00, or a greater or lesser amount to replace the freezer/cooler at Mosier School, or take any other action relative thereto. [The Appropriations Committee does not recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$150,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of purchasing a six-wheel dump truck with plow and sand spreader, or take any other action relative thereto. [The Appropriations Committee does not recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and /or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$30,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to construct a diverter wall at the Ledges Golf Course, or take any other action relative thereto. [The Appropriations Committee does not recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$25,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to replace floor tiles at the high school, or take any other action relative thereto. [The Appropriations Committee does not recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$23,000.00, or a greater or lesser sum, to replace toilet partitions at Middle and Mosier Schools, or take any other action relative thereto. [The Appropriations Committee does not recommend this article.]

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to reauthorize the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, Section 53 1/2, 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 2011 for the continued support and maintenance of Buttery Brook Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 40. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to screening of Parking Areas by amending: Section 8, **GENERAL PROVISIONS**, Subpart (G) **Off-Street Parking**, by clarifying and expanding the requirements for screening of parking areas associated with industrial and commercial uses abutting residential areas and clarifying the meaning of "abutting residential areas" (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law in regard to Commercial Kennels by amending: Section 3, **DEFINITIONS**, Subpart (B) **Definitions** to define a commercial kennel, Section 5, **USE REGULATIONS**, Subpart (D) **Use Regulations Schedule**, and Section 7, **SUPPLEMENTAL DISTRICT REGULATIONS** to define "Commercial Kennels," specify in which districts Commercial Kennels may be located, and provide some supplemental regulations regarding the location and operation of such facilities (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws in regard to Article IV, Boards and Committees by adding a new Section 420 "Master Plan Implementation Committee" to provide for the creation, appointment, duties, and operation of a Master Plan Implementation Committee (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 43. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws in regard to Article IV, Boards and Committees by adding a new Section 421 "Community and Economic Development Commission" to provide for the creation, appointment, duties, and operation of a Community and Economic Development Commission (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 44. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws in regard to Article IV, Boards and Committees by adding a new Section 422 "Open Space Committee" to provide for the creation, appointment, duties, and operation of an Open Space Committee (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 45. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws in regard to Article IV, Boards and Committees by adding a new Section 423 "Sustainability and Energy Commission" to provide for the creation, appointment, duties, and operation of a Sustainability and Energy Commission (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 46. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws in regard to Article IV, Boards and Committees by amending Section 414 South Hadley Cultural Council, Subsection 414.1 Duties by providing that the South Hadley Cultural Council, in addition to its existing duties, is to identify and promote cultural activities, communicate awareness of art and cultural activities, and work with other entities and individuals to establish a plan and framework for further development and promotion of cultural opportunities (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 47. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws in regard to Article IV, Boards and Committees by amending Section 410 Historical Commission, Subsection 410.1 Duties by providing that the Historical Commission is to, in addition to its existing duties, provide the Planning Board, Conservation Commission, and other municipal boards and committees with an assessment as to the impact of proposed developments on places of historical and/or archaeological significance (as detailed in the Planning Board Report to Town Meeting dated April 26, 2010) or take any other action thereto.

ARTICLE 48. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard and South Hadley Public Library Board of Library Trustees to apply for any state or federal funds which might be available to defray all or part of the cost of the design, construction and equipping of the South

Hadley Public Library building project and to authorize the Selectboard and Board of Library Trustees to accept and expend any such funds when received without further appropriation.

ARTICLE 49. To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Law by adding the following:

Article V

**Section 504 Town Meeting Electronic Advisory Committee**

504.1 Duties

The Town Meeting Electronic Advisory Committee is established for the purpose of implementing ways and means to ensure that electronic communications to Town Meeting Members is effective and efficient and in general to assist in preparing Town Meeting Members with information that will aid them in carrying out their duties as elected Town Meeting Members.

504.2 Membership and Term

The Town Meeting Electronic Advisory Committee shall consist of five (5) Town Meeting Members each of whom shall be appointed for a term of three years, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 50. To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by adding the following:

Article X Miscellaneous By-laws

**Section 1013 Posting Minutes of Meeting**

Each board, committee or commission as defined under M.G.L. Chapter 39, Section 23B (The Open Meeting Law) shall post its meeting minutes as soon as practicable next following the adjournment of their meeting on the Town's website, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 51. To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-Laws by deleting Section 300 and in its place and stead inserting the following:

**Section 300 Annual Town Meeting**

The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the evenings of the second Tuesday in May and the second Tuesday in June of each year at an hour and location designated by the Selectboard and continue the business of same on any subsequent day or days thereafter until the business of the meeting is completed or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 52. To see if the Town will vote to amend its General By-laws by adding the following:

Article IV Committee and Boards Appointed by the Selectboard

**Section 419 Town Meeting Ad-hoc Review Committee**

419.1 A Town Meeting Review Committee shall be appointed every five (5) years beginning in 2015. Said committee shall include the Town Moderator, one representative each from the

Selectboard, School Committee, Appropriations Committee, Planning Board, three (3) Town Meeting Members and up to four (4) registered voters who are not Town Meeting Members to be appointed by the Selectboard. Said Committee shall report their findings and recommendations regarding ways and means to improve the effectiveness and efficiencies of Town Meeting to the Selectboard within six (6) months of their appointment or such further time as the Selectboard may grant, or take any other action relative thereto.


ARTICLE 53. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court to amend Chapter 45 of the Acts of 1933, Section 3 and subsequent amendments thereto by eliminating the designation and office of all Town Meeting members ex officii with the exception of the Town Moderator, or take any other action relative thereto.

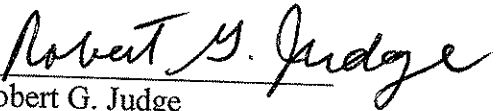
ARTICLE 54. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectboard to petition the General Court to amend Chapter 45 of the Acts of 1933 and subsequent amendments thereto by deleting the words at the end of Section 4 namely "provided that an elected Town meeting Member may become a candidate for re-election by giving written notice thereof to the Town Clerk at least thirty days before the election", or take any other action relative thereto.

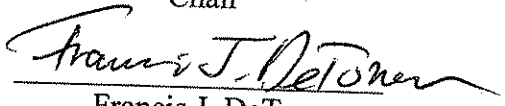
ARTICLE 55. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8E, allowing the town to create a Youth Commission or to take any other action thereto.

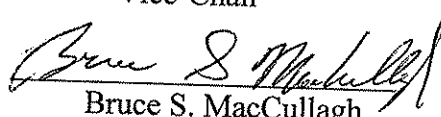
HEREOF fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.

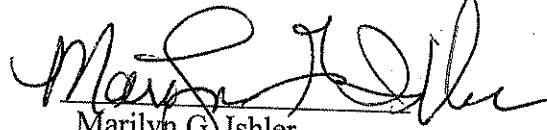
Given under our hands this 23rd day of April 2010:

  
John R. Hine  
Chair

  
Robert G. Judge  
Vice-Chair

  
Francis J. DeToma  
Clerk

  
Bruce S. MacCullagh  
Member

  
Marilyn G. Ishler  
Member

**SELECTBOARD  
TOWN OF SOUTH HADLEY**

2010 ATM Warrant