

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 11th day of May, 2013, 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, 2014, 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 2014, 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 2014 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.

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ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,500, 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.

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 from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$19,850,438, or a greater or lesser sum, for the support and maintenance of its schools, for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds in the Landfill Enterprise Fund, Waste Water Treatment Plant Enterprise Fund, Ledges Golf Club Enterprise and Cable Studio Account, the sum of \$32,400, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding wage and merit increases for non-unit employees for Fiscal Year 2014, and to reflect and implement said wage and merit increases in Personal Services for covered employees and the Stipend Administration Plan, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$1,829,008, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Personal Services and Expenses of General Government for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$2,560,820, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Protection of Persons and Property for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$7,500, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the police Line of Duty Self-Insurance trust Fund Account for FY2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,214, or a greater or lesser sum, from Cable Studio Account to the General Fund for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$3,882,942, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Department of Public Works for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$100,007, 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 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$317,907, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Council on Aging for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$215,300, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Veterans and Soldiers Benefits in FY 2014 under Chapter 115 of the Massachusetts General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$521,655, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the South Hadley Library for FY 2014 or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$31,753, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Gaylord Library in FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$29,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of auditing the Town's accounts for Fiscal Year 2013 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.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds in the Cable Studio Account the sum of \$121,282, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Cable Studio Personal Services and Expenses for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$6,933,262, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding FY 2014 Unclassified Accounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$65,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Worker's Compensation Self-Insured Trust Fund for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$93,191, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding Health and Sanitation for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$3,192,696, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding its Maturing Debt and Interest Account for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$5,500, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of

funding the Connecticut River Channel Marking and Safety Committee for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. 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 \$1,297,460, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Ledges Golf Club for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$900, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Canal Park Committee for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29. 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, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of funding the Conservation Land Acquisition Account for FY 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury, the sum of \$15,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for the revaluation of real property, or take any other action relative thereto.

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 \$89,214, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purpose of establishing an Energy Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

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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 \$50,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purchase of a new minibus for the Council on Aging, or take any other action relative thereto:

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 \$30,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purchase of 2 mowers for the DPW Parks Division, or take any other action relative thereto:

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 \$50,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purchase of a 1-ton Dump truck for the DPW Highway Division, or take any other action relative thereto:

ARTICLE 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$81,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for the purchase of a permit tracking system, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the WWTP Enterprise Fund the sum of \$300,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for a new sewer main on Newton St, or take any other action relative thereto:

ARTICLE 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the WWTP Enterprise Fund the sum of \$20,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for a paint gravity thickener tank for the WWTP, or take any other action relative thereto:

ARTICLE 38. 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 \$40,000, or a greater or lesser sum, for an upgrade of the Audio/Video for the Town Hall Auditorium, or take any other action relative thereto:

ARTICLE 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds in the Treasury the sum of \$100,000, for the purpose of funding the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto:

ARTICLE 40. 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 2014 for the continued support and maintenance of Buttery Brook Park, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 41. To see if the Town will vote to allow five (5) residents of South Hadley under the age of 18, as nominated by the Youth Commission with an effort to represent all five (5) precincts, to participate as youth liaisons with speaking privileges at Town Meeting; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 42. To see if the Town will vote to declare the South Hadley Public Library building located at 27 Bardwell Street surplus property on the date that the building is no longer used to house the Library services; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 43.

The purpose of this warrant is to conserve the remainder of Map 1 Parcel 10 and dedicate it to the Conservation Commission.

Warrant

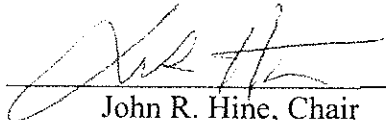
In 1978, a parcel of land connected to the Bynan Conservation area was purchased by the town. The property was acquired with a self-help grant from the state of Massachusetts. This is recorded at the registry of deeds (Map 10 parcel 1). The land is a total of 62 acres minus 40 acres designated to the landfill. At the November 2012 town meeting, a decision by town meeting members determined that the town would allow Advanced Disposal to set the boundaries of the Bynan land. This was completed in January 2013 and is recorded at the registry of deeds (PB 228 page 112 & 113). This town meeting decision has left an additional 16 (plus or minus) acres undesignated.

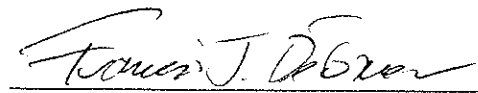
We move that the Town vote, that the care, custody, management and control of the following land known as the Bynan Conservation Area, being the remainder of Map 10 Parcel 1, also the PB 228 pg 112 less the land designated to the landfill as per PB 207 pg 40 that this undesignated land is hereby dedicated to the Conservation Commission for the conservation purposes set out under G.L. Ch. 40 8C.

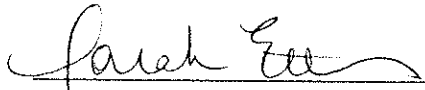
This vote will preserve the entire Bynan Conservation area 162 acres, less the 40 acres used for the landfill.

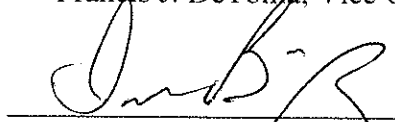
HEREOF fail not and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk, on or before the time of holding said meeting.


Given under our hands this 16th day of April 2013:


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