WARRANT

JANUARY 10, 2012 SPECIAL TOWN ELECTION COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS TOWN OF SHUTESBURY

FRANKLIN SS.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Shutesbury

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town, who are qualified to vote in elections to vote at the SHUTESBURY TOWN HALL at 1 COOLEYVILLE ROAD in said SHUTESBURY ON TUESDAY, THE TENTH DAY OF JANUARY TWO THOUSAND AND TWELVE from seven o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock in the evening, then and there to vote on the following:

Shall the Town of Shutesbury be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so-called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to design, construct, originally furnish and equip the new Shutesbury library?

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said election.

Given under our hands this 6th day of December 2011. Selectmen

Jaine M. Puleo, Chairman

Albert & Jonenge Albert E. Springer Selectmer

of

Shutesbury



J. April-Stein

A true copy. Attest: Visle Biteselendes , Town Clerk

I, the undersigned Constable for the Town of Shutesbury, certify that I posted attested copies of the warrant for the Annual Town Election at the Locks Pond Rd. Bulletin Board, the Shutesbury Town Hall, and the Shutesbury Post Office in said Town 14 (fourteen) days at least before the time of holding said election.

Marilyn E. Tibbetts Date: 12/7/11 Marilyn E. Tibbetts, Consta



Town Clerk P.O. Box 264 Shutesbury, MA 01072 (413) 259-1204 Fax (413) 259-1107 E-mail townclerk@shutesbury.org

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE

SPECIAL PROPOSITION 2½ DEBT-EXCLUDED OVERRIDE REFERENDUM ELECTION **Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the Shutesbury Town Hall Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.**

One can register to vote or check to make sure one's voter registration is up to date through this office anytime. This office will remain open for voter registration until 8 P.M. on the last day to register to vote for this election: Wednesday, December 21, 2011.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS are available through the Town Clerk's Office for voters who will either be absent from Shutesbury, or who have a physical disability, or a religious belief that prevents them from being present during polling hours. Requests for absentee ballots must be made in writing, include the voter's name, the voter's residential address, the address to which the ballot should be mailed, and the voter's signature. A family member may apply for a ballot for another family member in the same manner. <u>Please allow plenty of time for mail delivery of</u> <u>an application and the ballot back and forth.</u> A voter may also absentee vote in person at the Town Clerk's office until noon on Monday, January 9.

Though it does not appear in print at the website of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, I have received verbal guidance from the staff of that office that I may send an absentee ballot on its way before I receive an actual signature, only if I receive a request with a <u>legible signature</u> (not typed name) by fax or email. I still must receive the <u>actual</u> signed request before the close of polls on election-day in order for the corresponding ballot to be counted.

The initial election results will be posted on the town's website: <u>www.shutesbury.org</u>, on the Town Clerk's telephone answering machine: 259-1204, and on the front door of Town Hall as soon as the results are available

A court order is necessary to change the date of an election; so a date change due to snow is not likely. Were there to be an emergency change, messages would be left both on the town clerk's answering machine and on the town's official website: www.shutesbury.org. If you have any procedural questions about voting, please feel welcome to call or email this office or visit the Secretary of the Commonwealth's website: www.sec.state.ma.us/index.

Sincerely,

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Shutesbury Town Clerk