

Please Bring This to Town Meeting

2013 Annual Town Meeting Warrant Town of Shutesbury Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To one of the Constables of the Town of Shutesbury in the County of Franklin, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs, to meet at **9:00** a.m. on Saturday the **fourth** day of May, at the Shutesbury Elementary School at 23 West Pelham Road in said Shutesbury, in the year Two Thousand and Thirteen, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town of Shutesbury will vote to act on the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2014 budget to transfer the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues: **\$5,000.00** to Open Space (excluding recreational purposes); **\$5,000.00** to Historic Resources; **\$5,000.00** to Community Housing; and **\$29,750.00** to the FY14 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee) Finance Committee Recommends

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate **\$ 2,350.00** from fiscal year 2014 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for necessary and proper administrative and operation expenses of the Shutesbury Community Preservation Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

(Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee) Finance Committee Recommends

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of **\$21,650.00, \$4,500.00 from the CPA Historic Resources Fund and \$17,150.00 from the CPA Fund Balance** to rehabilitate the West Cemetery Hearse House as detailed in the Shutesbury Building Committee's Cemetery Hearse House Project proposal, with all the work to comply with the Standards for Rehabilitation stated in the United States Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Treatment of Historic Properties, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Shutesbury Building Committee, or take any action thereto.

(Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee) Finance Committee Recommends

Article 4. To hear, and act, on reports of town officers, committees, and boards, or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Select Board)**

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money to meet town expenses including operations, capital, salaries and school **expenses of \$5,661,798.00 by raising the sum of \$5,645,158.00 and transferring \$16,640.00 from the Septic Betterment Fund**, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Sponsor: Select Board and Finance Committee)

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate **\$116,306.00** to move into the Capital Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Select Board and Finance Committee) Finance Committee Recommends**

Requires a 2/3 ballot vote

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to accept and expend funds available from the State for Highway reimbursement programs, such as the Chapter 90 program, without further appropriation, or take any other action thereto. **(Sponsor: Select Board) Finance Committee Recommends**

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to set the salary compensation for all elected officials of the town (Select Board, Town Clerk, Moderator and Constable) as provided by MGL Chapter 41, Section 108, to be made effective from July 1, 2013, as contained in the budget, or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Personnel Board and Select Board) Finance Committee Recommends**

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Select Board, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenues for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 in accordance with the MGL Chapter 44, Section 4 and to issue a note or notes therefore, payable within one year, to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with the provisions of the MGL Chapter 44, Section 17, or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Select Board) Finance Committee Recommends**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Select Board to apply for, accept and expend state, federal and other grants, which do not require a town appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Select Board) Finance Committee Recommends**

Article 11. To see if the Town will approve the appointment pursuant to MGL Chapter 268A, Section 21A of Catherine Hilton as a Board of Health Administrative Consultant while also serving as an elected official on the Board of Health, or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Personnel Board) Finance Committee Recommends**

Article 12. To see if the Town will approve the existing Amherst-Pelham Regional School District Agreement for allocating the total amount to be contributed by each member town of the District for Fiscal Year 2013 as required by Section VI of the Regional Agreement.

"The School Committee has voted to continue using the formula put forth in the Regional Agreement to determine the apportionment of the FY14 budget to each member town. Approval to use this apportionment method must be granted each year."
(Sponsor: Select Board) Finance Committee Recommends

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$30,000** from the Free Cash, to fund OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits), or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Selectboard) Finance Committee Recommends**

Requires majority vote

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$140,000** to fund a front end loader for the Highway Dept., or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Capital Planning) Finance Committee Recommends**

Requires majority vote

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of **\$20,000.00** to fund the Building Renovations account, or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Capital Planning) Finance Committee Recommends**

Requires majority vote

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the following revolving funds for certain town departments under MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, and to further authorize that any surplus in said accounts exceeding the amounts reflected below in the surplus column will be directed to the general fund at the end of the fiscal year, or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Select Board) Finance Committee Recommends**

Revolving fund	Authorized to spend	Revenue source	Use of fund	FY2013 spending limit	Surplus column cap
Dog license and control	Town Clerk and Dog Officer	Licenses, fines and donations	Supplies and animal care	\$1,000	\$1,000
Recycling	Recycling Coordinator and Town Administrator	MIRF, grants, bulky waste, garbage bags, recycling containers	Expenses, outreach, educ. stipend and equipment	\$25,000	\$5,000
Fire Inspections	Select Board	Fire inspection fees	Pay Fire Inspector or assistant	\$3,000	\$1,000
Electrical Inspections	Select Board	Electrical Inspection fees	Pay Electrical Inspector or assistant	\$4,000	\$1,000
Plumbing Inspection	Select Board	Plumbing Inspection fees	Pay Plumbing Inspector	\$5,000	\$1,000
Swimming Exercise	Select Board	Swimming Exercise fees	Pay instructor	\$3,000	\$1,000
Library & Dog	Library Board of Trustees	Grants, fines, sales, dog licenses, bequests	Library expenses	\$10,000	\$7,500
Conservation	Commissioners	Local Wetland Protection Permit Fees	Education, outreach, and maintenance of property	\$1,000	\$1,000
Flu Vaccine	Board of Health	Reimbursements for Flu shots & grants	Flu Clinic Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500

SRECs Solar Renewable Energy Credits	Selectboard	Contract payments for Solar PV Production	Renewable & Conservation Energy Projects	\$30,000	\$40,000
Total Spending				\$83,500	

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings thereon, at the time and place of the meeting. Given under our hands this Friday, the **19** th day of April two thousand and thirteen.

Shutesbury Select Board


Elaine Puleo, Chair


Al Springer


April Stein



A true copy. Attest: Debbie Brackbridge, Town Clerk

I, the undersigned Constable for the Town of Shutesbury, certify that I posted attested copies of the Warrant for the above mentioned meeting at the Locks Pond Bulletin Board, the Shutesbury Post Office, and the Town Hall in said town seven (7) days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Constable Marilyn E. Tibbitts

Date 4/22/13

PLEASE ATTEND FRAGRANCE FREE