

**2017 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 **sixth** day of May, at the Shutesbury Elementary School at 23 West Pelham Road in said Shutesbury, in the year Two Thousand and Seventeen, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Amherst Pelham Regional School District Agreement such that, notwithstanding Section VI, for Fiscal Year 2018 only, 10% of the operating budget assessment shall be allocated to each town based on proportionate shares of a five year average of statutory minimum contributions (FY14-18) and the other 90% will be allocated to the member towns in accordance with the per-pupil method found in the Amherst Pelham Regional School District Agreement. Since FY18 minimum contributions will not be finalized at the time of this vote, the District will use the state's preliminary figures with estimated corrections provided by the state **(Sponsor: Select Board) Finance Committee Recommends**
Requires majority vote

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, Section 13E, which allows the establishment of, and appropriation or transfer of money to, a reserve fund to be utilized in the upcoming fiscal years, to pay, without further appropriation, unanticipated or unbudgeted costs of special education, out-of-district tuition or transportation.
Finance Committee Recommends
Requires majority vote

Article 3. To see if the Town of Shutesbury will vote to act on the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2018 budget to transfer the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues: \$5,100 to Open Space; \$5,100 to Historic Resources; \$5,100 to Community Housing; and \$32,000 to the FY18 Community Preservation Fund budgeted reserve, or take any action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee) Finance Committee Recommends**
Requires majority vote

Article 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate \$2,500 from fiscal year 2018 Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues for necessary and

proper administrative and operation expenses of the Shutesbury Community Preservation Committee, or to take any action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee) Finance Committee Recommends Requires majority vote**

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following bylaw: Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 41 section 110A, Town Offices will be closed on Saturdays as provided therein. **(Sponsor: Town Clerk) Requires majority vote**

Article 6. To hear, and receive reports of town officers, committees, and boards. **(Sponsor: Select Board)**

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to approve the Shutesbury Right to Farm By-Law text as provided. **(Sponsor: Farm and Forestry Committee) Requires majority vote**

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, 2017, as contained in the budget, or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Personnel Board and Select Board) Finance Committee Recommends Requires majority vote**

Article 9. 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 \$6,247,051.00 by raising the sum of \$6,226,626.00 and transferring \$20,425.00 from the Septic Betterment Fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Finance Committee) Finance Committee Recommends Requires majority vote**

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to approve a transfer from Free Cash of \$25,020, for flooring at the Shutesbury Elementary of 4 classrooms. **Finance Committee Recommends Requires majority vote**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to approve a transfer from Free Cash of \$35,000, for sidewalk repair at the Shutesbury Elementary School. **Finance Committee Recommends Requires majority vote**

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to approve a transfer from Free Cash of \$25,000, for Town Building Repair and Maintenance.

Finance Committee Recommends

Requires majority vote

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to approve a transfer from Free Cash of \$25,000, for paving of the fire station parking lot.

Finance Committee Recommends

Requires majority vote

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$125,000 from Free Cash to the OPEB Trust fund.

Requires majority vote

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 15. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to file the following special legislation (or similar legislation as amended or modified by the legislature or counsel) and if so passed to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the land described as B-22, Oak Knoll; B-27, and B-28 located on Great Pines Drive, located in the Town of Shutesbury and accept a deed of land (description of land to be acquired) as a land swap for the purpose of establishing a well necessary for the highway garage and abutting properties.

Notwithstanding Chapter 30 B of the General Laws or any other laws applicable, the Town of Shutesbury, acting by and through its board of selectmen, may transfer or convey, by lot or otherwise, the property described as B-22, Oak Knoll; B-27, and B-28 located on Great Pines Drive, located in the Town of Shutesbury, containing approximately one third in total acres in exchange for acquiring a portion of the property described as ZH-12 (includes H-12, H-13, and H-30), known as the Mary Clark lot, located in the Town of Shutesbury, containing approximately ten acres and an easement to access the remaining land of the grantor. Said acquisition parcel to be used for a well for certain abutting properties in the Town of Shutesbury, including the highway garage.

Requires 2/3rds vote

Finance Committee Recommends

Article 16. 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

Requires majority vote

Article 17. 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, 2017 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

Requires 2/3rds vote

Article 18. 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

Requires majority vote

Article 19. 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**

Requires majority vote

Article 20. To See if the Town will vote to authorize the following revolving funds for certain town departments under MGL Chapter 44, Section 53 E1/2 for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017, 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

Requires majority vote

Revolving fund	Authorized to spend	Revenue source	Use of fund	FY2018 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, stipend and equipment	\$25,000	\$5,000
Fire Inspections	Selectboard	Fire inspection fees	Pay Fire Inspector or assistant	\$3,000	\$1,000
Electrical Inspection	Selectboard	Electrical Inspection fees	Pay Electrical Inspector or assistant	\$4,000	\$1,000
Plumbing Inspection	Selectboard	Plumbing Inspection fees	Pay Plumbing Inspector	\$5,000	\$1,000
Swimming Exercise	Selectboard	Swimming Exercise fees	Pay instructor	\$3,000	\$1,000
Library	Library Board of Trustees	Grants, fines, sales, dog Licenses, bequests	Materials & Expense	\$10,000	\$7,500

Conservation	Commissioners	Local Wetland Protection Permit Fees	Education, outreach maintenance of property	\$3,000	\$3,000
Flu Vaccine	Board of Health	Reimbursements for Flu shots & grants	Flu Clinic Expenses	\$1,500	\$1,500
SRECS Solar Renewable Energy Certificates	Selectboard	Contract payments for Solar PV Production	Renewable & Conservation Energy Projects	\$30,000	\$40,000
Total Spending				\$85,500	\$60,000

Article 21. To see if the town will approve a zoning bylaw petition for the Lake Wyola Zoning Bylaw Amendment-Height. **(Sponsor: Citizen Petition)**
Requires 2/3 vote

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to approve a resolution to Preserve Native American Historical Sites and Ceremonial Stone Landscapes as provided.
(Sponsor: Citizen Petition)
Requires majority vote

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Resolution Supporting State and Federal Legislation to Provide Greater Transparency in Political Donations and Limit the Influence of Money in Politics
(Sponsor: Citizen Petition)
Requires majority vote

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Resolution for Federal and State Carbon Fee and Dividend
(Sponsor: Citizen Petition)
Requires majority vote

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to adopt the Resolution Honoring Our Differences in a Safe Community
Sponsor: Citizen Petition)
Requires majority vote