

**2015 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 **second** day of May, at the Shutesbury Elementary School at 23 West Pelham Road in said Shutesbury, in the year Two Thousand and Fifteen, then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money *not to exceed* \$1,693,200.00 for the Town's share of the costs of the construction, installation and start-up of a regional broadband network, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, such project to be carried out by the Town's Municipal Light Plant acting as a member of a cooperative of such Plants formed under Chapter 164, Section 47C of the General Laws; to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing contingent on a debt excluded override or otherwise; or to take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Selectboard and Broadband Committee) Capital Planning and Finance Committee Recommends**

**Requires 2/3rds vote**

**Article 2.** 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 2016 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 FY16 budget to each member town. Approval to use this apportionment method must be granted each year." **(Sponsor: Select Board) Finance Committee Recommends**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 3.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the amount of \$10,000 for the purpose of hiring a consultant to advise and assist the town in conducting a visioning/goals/objectives/policies process as a first step in updating the town's existing master plan. **(Sponsor: Planning Board) Finance Committee Does Not Recommend**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 4.** 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, 2015, 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 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 \$5,979,441.00 by raising the sum of \$5,959,027.00 and transferring \$20,414.00 from the Septic Betterment Fund, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2015, or take any other action relative thereto.

**(Sponsor: Select Board and Finance Committee) Finance Committee Recommends**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 6.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 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 7.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$300,000 from Free Cash to 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 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$27,336 to transfer to 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 9.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from free cash the sum of \$25,000 to fund installation of rubber tile flooring in 2 halls in the elementary school, or take any other action relative thereto.

**(Sponsor: School committee) Capital Planning and Finance Committee Recommends**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 10.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow or transfer from free cash or capital stabilization the sum of \$17,500 to fund a mower for the highway department, or take any other action relative thereto.

**(Sponsor: Highway Dept.) Capital Planning and Finance Committee Finance Committee Recommends**

**Requires majority vote for free cash, 2/3 vote for borrowing or transfer from stabilization**

**Article 11.** To see if the Town will vote to borrow or transfer from free cash or capital stabilization the sum of \$36,000 to fund a new police SUV cruiser for the police department, or take any other action relative thereto.

**(Sponsor: Police Dept.) Capital Planning and Finance Committee Finance Committee Recommends**

**Requires majority vote for free cash, 2/3 vote for borrowing or transfer from stabilization**

**Article 12.** 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**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 13.** 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, 2015 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**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 14.** 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**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 15.** 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**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 16.** To hear, and act, on reports of town officers, committees, and boards, or take any other action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Select Board)**

**Article 17.** To see if the Town of Shutesbury will vote to act on the recommendation of the Community Preservation Committee on the fiscal year 2016 budget to transfer the following sums of money from the Community Preservation Fund estimated annual revenues: \$5,000 to Open Space (excluding recreational purposes); \$5,000 to Historic Resources; \$5,000 to Community Housing; and \$29,600 to the FY16 Community

Preservation Fund budgeted reserve, or take any action relative thereto. **(Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee) Finance Committee Recommends**

**Article 18.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 2,200 from fiscal year 2016 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**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 19.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$25,000 from the Community Preservation Fund; and to meet this appropriation, transfer \$5,000 from the Historic Resources account and transfer the sum of \$20,000 appropriated from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, to preserve, rehabilitate and restore the historic grave stones of Shutesbury's West Cemetery, as detailed in the Shutesbury Cemetery Commission's 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 Cemetery Commission, or take any action thereto. **(Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee) Finance Committee Recommends**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 20.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Fund; and to meet this appropriation, transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, to create a waterfront park at the former Town Beach, as detailed in the Old Town Beach Improvement Project proposal, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Old Town Beach Improvement Committee, or to take any action thereto. **(Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee) Finance Committee Recommends**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 21.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$4,100 from the Community Preservation Fund; and to meet this appropriation, transfer \$4,100 from the Community Preservation Fund Balance, **to create a recreation area with a canoe/kayak launch on Town owned land with Lake Wyola frontage**, as detailed in the Conservation Commission's project proposal, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Conservation Commission, or to take any action thereto. **(Sponsor: Community Preservation Committee) Finance Committee Recommends**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 22.** To see if the Town will vote to name a portion of the former Town Beach the William G. Elliott Waterfront Park. **(Sponsor: Selectboard and Board of Health)**

**Requires majority vote**

**Article 23.** 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, 2015, 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	FY2015 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 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 & Dog	Library Board of Trustees	Grants, fines, sales, dog licenses, bequests		\$10,000	\$7,500
Conservation	Commissioners	Local Wetland Protection Permit Fees	Education, outreach, 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 Certificates	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 14th day of April two thousand and fifteen.

**Shutesbury Selectboard**

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Elaine Puleo, Chairman

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April Stein

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Mike Vinskey

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.

(TOWN SEAL)

Constable \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_