

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
October 20, 2011**

Franklin, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Montague in the County of Franklin:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet in the Turners Falls High School Theater on Thursday, October 20, 2011, at 6:30 P.M. and to act on the following articles and any motions which may be presented.

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$20,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of making repairs to the Montague Center Town Hall Building including but not limited to: (1) removing a chimney (down to roof level), (2) capping the same chimney, (3) providing power venting for the furnace, (4) making necessary repairs to the roof and slates, (5) repairing damage to the ceiling from leaks on the 2nd floor, and (6) making any other necessary masonry repairs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to negotiate the extension of the existing three year agreement for property values for the First Light Hydro Generating Company, to include a fourth year (FY 2013) due to the reallocation of certification years, or pass any vote or vote in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$6,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the appropriation voted under Article 18 of the May 7, 2011 Annual Town Meeting for Information Technology, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use the sum of \$90,000, or any other amount, from the Sewer Enterprise retained earnings for the purpose of stabilizing and/or reducing the sewer rates for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2011, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to amend the funding source of Article #15 (WPCF Operations Building Roof) of the May 7, 2011 Annual Town Meeting from \$50,000 to be appropriated from Sewer Retained Earnings” to “\$42,959.29 to be appropriated from Sewer Retained Earnings and \$7,040.71 to be appropriated from Sewer Enterprise Fund Balance Reserved for Unspent Bonds”, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,114.04, or any other amount, for the purpose of closing the borrowing deficit for Article 16 of May 5, 2001 (CSO/Facilities Plan), or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the \$400,000 in appropriation and borrowing authority for Article 19, voted at the May 6, 2000 Annual Town Meeting to purchase and install a belt filter press at the Water Pollution Control Facility, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,850, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the first-year (FY 2011) costs of a three year arbitration settlement with the IBPO union, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$6,300, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the second-year (FY 2012) costs of a three year arbitration settlement with the IBPO union, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$2,700, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying costs associated with the settlement of the FY 2011 collective bargaining agreement with the TOMEA union, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$10,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the appropriation of Article 16 voted at the May 7, 2011 Annual Town Meeting to perform a Pump Station Survey, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$15,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding operation and maintenance costs associated with the Montague Center School Building, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$21,910.52, or any other amount, for the purpose of reimbursing the Gill Montague Regional School District for expenses incurred in the emergency repair of the Sheffield School boiler, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$600.00, or any other amount, for the purpose of paying a prior year longevity payment to a police officer, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the \$150,000 in appropriation and borrowing authority for Article 32, voted at the May 1, 1999 Annual Town Meeting to correct inflow and infiltration problems in the Unity Street, High Street, and L Street areas, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 16. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the \$150,000 in appropriation and borrowing authority for Article 28 voted at the May 6, 2000 Annual Town Meeting to correct inflow and infiltration problems in the Unity Street, Millers Falls Road, Seventh Street, High Street, Marshall Street, Avenue B, L Street, and Montague Street areas, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$130,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of remediating and removing debris from a 2007 fire at the Strathmore Mill, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease of up to 30 years for the Turnpike Road Landfill, for the purpose of allowing a private party to develop a solar energy generation facility on the capped landfill(s), or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws to include regulations for Solar Facilities and installations as proposed by the Planning Board, which proposal is on file with the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 20. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws to dissolve the Limited Business District by rezoning the two remaining Limited Business District lots to be consistent with the abutting zoning district, as proposed by the Planning Board, which proposal is on file with the Town Clerk, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote in accordance with MGL Chapter 40, section 15 to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey on terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen, an interest in the parcel of land identified on the Town Assessor's Maps as Map 29, Lot 116, but also known as 26-28 East Main St, 30 East Main St., and 34 East Main Street, including all land and buildings thereon, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$400,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Town Stabilization Fund, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$157,895, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding a Planning Project consisting of archeological investigation for the completion of Phase Two of two phases of the Runway Reconstruction Project at the Turners Falls Airport, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof in some conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and Town Hall of the Town, at least fourteen days before said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this document with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk fourteen days before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 19th day of September in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eleven.

Mark Fairbrother

Patricia A. Allen

Christopher Boutwell

Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA September , 2011

Pursuant to the within warrant, I have warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Montague by posting attested copies of the same in a conspicuous place in each of the Post Offices, Libraries, and the Town Hall of the Town of Montague at least fourteen days before said meeting as within directed.

Constable of Montague