

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
September 10, 2012**

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 Monday, September 10, 2012, at 7:00 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 \$160,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of reducing sewer user rates for fiscal year 2013, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to change the funding source from sewer borrowing to retained earnings for Article #12 of the May 5, 2012 Annual Town Meeting which appropriated the sum of \$60,000 for the purpose of purchasing and installing a fourth dewatering zone on the Fournier Rotary Press, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the remaining \$849,500 in borrowing authority on Article #6, voted at the June 9, 2005 Annual Town Meeting to fund the Combined Sewer Overflow Project, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to ratify a one year agreement between First Light Hydro Generating Company and the Town for the fiscal year 2013 valuations for electric generation facilities, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$4,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of modifying, repairing or replacing a backstop at Unity Park, 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 \$2,190, or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Police Dispatch Budget for fiscal year 2013, in anticipation of a need for additional funds between January 1, 2013 and June 30, 2013, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7. 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 replacing the current Police Chief's vehicle, and to authorize the Police Chief to enter into agreements and take any other actions necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote, including but not limited to authorizing the disposal of the existing vehicle to be replaced by sale or trade, 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 \$6,600, or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the Police Chief Assessment Center to be conducted with Badgequest, Inc., 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 \$35,000, or any other amount, for the purpose of demolition, abatement, and removal of collapsed former Strathmore Mill Building #10, 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 \$1,500, or any other amount, for the purpose of providing Board of Directors Insurance to the Montague Economic Development and Industrial Corporation, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Bylaws Article II, Section 2, relating to the Town's appropriation committee by replacing "consisting of 9 residents" with "consisting of at least 5 residents" in the first sentence and inserting "A quorum of this committee shall be a majority of those then in office" after the second sentence, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will approve the filing of an application with the Interagency Permitting Board for the designation of a parcel of land comprising of 183 acres of municipal property off Turnpike Road (Map 13, Lot 68; Map 20, Lot 27; Map 21, Lots 6, 7, and 24) as a Priority Development Site under the provisions of Chapter 43D of Massachusetts General Laws as adopted by Town Meeting on October 11, 2007, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 13. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey all or any portion of the parcel owned or to be acquired by the Town shown as "A Portion of Book 452 Page 248 (1896)" on a plan entitled "Land in Montague (Franklin Co.), MA Surveyed for St. Anne's Parochial School," dated March 2, 1999, recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 128, Page 10, also known as the Rectory property or 25 Sixth Street in Turners Falls and identified on town assessors Map 03, Lot 022, acquired for general municipal purposes pursuant to the vote under Article 2 of the May 5, 2012 Special Town Meeting, by one or more conveyances, on such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate by the Board of Selectmen, which consideration may include acquisition of all or any portion of property shown as "Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield," "St. Anne's Parochial School" or an alley called "A Portion of Book 452 Page 249 (1896)," and to authorize the Board of Select men to acquire all or any portion of said Roman Catholic Bishop of Springfield, St. Anne's Parochial School or alley property for general municipal purposes and for the purpose of conveyance, and to authorize the Selectmen to convey any or all of the property to be acquired pursuant to this vote, on such terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem appropriate, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 30B, Section 16 to the extent applicable, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 14. To see if the Town will vote to establish a revolving fund for the remainder of fiscal year 2013 in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 for the receipts related to the Town's recycling program and expenditures for the operation of the Town's solid waste and recycling programs, membership in and services of the Franklin County Solid Waste Management District, and the purchase of recycled content or environmentally preferable products, to be under the authority of the Board of Selectmen and not to exceed \$15,000 in expenditures in fiscal year 2013 or to 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 day of August in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Twelve.

Mark E. Fairbrother

Patricia A. Allen

Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.

Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA August , 2012

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