

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

County of Hampden

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TO:                   Either of the Constables of the said Town of Hampden in said County:

Greeting:       In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet at Thornton W. Burgess Middle School, Wilbraham Road, Hampden, on Monday, April 25, 2016 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

**Article 1.       TOWN REPORTS**

To hear the Annual Town Reports of all officers of the Town and any committee whose duty it may be to report at said meeting, and act thereon, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 2.       BUDGET**

To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws and to raise and appropriate the necessary sums to cover same, and to raise money and make appropriations to defray the expenses of the Town for the period July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 3.       PREVIOUS BILLS**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the payment of any departmental bills of Fiscal Year 2015 or previous years, and will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 4.       REVOLVING FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2017**

To see if the town will vote to establish the following revolving funds, in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2, separate from the general fund and deposited with the Town Treasurer for the Town departments, sources of receipts, purposes of payment and in the maximum amounts as set forth below, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Board of Assessor's:** Monies from charges collected to defray the costs of equipment, supplies and other expenses. \$2,500

**Board of Health:** Fees collected for issuance of licenses, permits and inspections to defray salaries of part-time employees. \$40,000

**Building Department:** Fees collected for issuance of building permits, inspection fees, including weights and measures to defray salaries and expenses of part-time employees of the Building Department and consultants. \$90,000

**Library Trustees:** Fines collected for overdue, lost and/or damaged materials to defray the costs of repairs and supplies, to purchase books and library materials and to pay wages for part time employees. \$6,000

**Council on Aging:** Proceeds from classes, programs and other fees to defray the costs of classes, supplies and other necessary expenses. \$30,000

**Tax Collector:** Monies from charges collected to defray the costs of equipment and supplies connected to public documents. \$2,500

**Fire Department:** Monies from charges collected to defray operational/training expenses and the costs of the permitting and inspection program and to defray salaries of part-time employees. \$10,000

**Cemetery Commission:** Monies from charges collected to defray the costs for grave maintenance. \$24,000

**Article 5. REVOLVING FUND REPORTS**

To see if the Town will vote to receive from each of those boards, departments and officers having charge of a revolving fund a report showing the total amount of receipts and expenditures for each revolving fund for Fiscal Year 2015 and for Fiscal Year 2016 through December 31, 2015 and also showing the amount of any increase, if any, in spending authority granted by the Selectmen and the Advisory Committee with respect to such revolving fund during Fiscal Year 2015 and Fiscal Year 2016 to date, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 6. ENTERPRISE FUND TRANSFER STATION**

To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from anticipated transfer station revenues and/or raise and appropriate from available funds for the purpose of funding the Transfer Station Enterprise Fund for Fiscal Year 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 7. COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE**

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative expenses, community preservation projects and other expenses in Fiscal Year 2017 with each item to be considered a separate appropriation, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 8. CONSERVATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Conservation Fund, said fund to be used for the purpose of acquiring available land for the Town for conservation purposes, if said purchase is voted upon and approved at an Annual or Special Town Meeting prior to such purchase, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 9. HIGHWAY STATE AID**

To see if the Town will vote to accept a sum of money from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of local aid fund distribution, in accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 90 Section 34 and the Massachusetts Department of Transportation's Chapter 90 Guidelines and be allowed to borrow in anticipation of reimbursement, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 10. HIGHWAY DUMP BODY REPLACEMENT**

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or allow the Treasurer to borrow a sum of money to replace the 1996 Mack dump body with a stainless steel body, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 11. LIBRARY ADDITIONAL STATE AID**

To see if the Town will vote that in Fiscal Year 2017, if State Aid for the Library is received, this money will be made available for Library Trustees to use at their discretion, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 12. ASSESSORS**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds to the Assessor's Stabilization fund, to meet all Department of Revenue mandated programs, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 13. ASSESSORS**

To see if the Town will transfer from the Assessor's Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the FY2017 Department of Revenue mandated programs, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 14. GENERAL BYLAW**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General Bylaws of the Town of Hampden, Chapter II, Section 1, first paragraph in following way:

**Section 1**, by deleting "The Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of business shall be held on the last Monday in April at 7:00 pm (Amended April 26, 1999) and inserting, "The Annual Town Meeting for the transaction of business will be conducted on the second Monday in May at 7:00 pm.

**Section 2**, by deleting "The Annual Town Meeting to elect town officers and to vote on such other matters as may be voted on the official ballot, shall be held on the first Monday in May and inserting, "The Annual Town Meeting to elect town officers and to vote on such other matters as may be voted on the official ballot, shall be held on the third Monday of May", or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 15. MAIN STREET WATER RESOLUTION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to cover the cost to settle with landowners and remediate the salt infiltration at 593-595 and 601 Main Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 16. WATER RESOLUTION AT FEDERATED CHURCH**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum or money to cover the cost to settle with the landowner and remediate the salt infiltration at the Federated Church and Parsonage on Main Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 17. AMENDMENT TO THE SOLAR ZONING BYLAWS**

To see if the Town will vote to amend the Solar Zoning Bylaw, Section 7.16 by adding the following:

A Solar Energy System shall be considered Abandoned, if the Solar Energy System has not been removed from the property within 150 days of its deemed Decommission. The Town may enter the property and physically remove and dispose of an Abandoned Solar Energy System and perform landscape remediation to stabilize and re-vegetate the site as necessary to minimize erosion. As a condition of approval, the applicant and landowner shall agree to allow such entry.

Proponents of Solar Energy System may be required to provide a form of surety, either through escrow account, bond or otherwise, to cover the cost of removal and disposal of the Solar Energy System and landscape remediation to stabilize and re-vegetate the site as necessary to minimize erosion, in the event the town must remove the System. The project proponent shall submit a fully inclusive estimate of the costs associated with removal, disposal and landscape remediation, prepared by a qualified engineer. The amount shall include a mechanism for calculating increased removal, disposal and landscape remediation, costs due to inflation. The Planning Board shall make the final determination of a reasonable amount and form of the surety which may be reviewed and adjusted every three (3) years, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 18. LAND PURCHASE WITH GRANT ON MT. VISION**

To see if the Town will vote to purchase the parcel of land on North Road known as Mt Vision for the sum of \$49,850, consisting of 39 acres, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled Plan of Property by C. E. Anderson Associates dated August 8, 1979, and identified in the records of the Board of Assessors as Parcel 28-018-000, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, that said land will be conveyed under provisions of MGL Ch. 44B, The Community Preservation Act, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44 Section 8C and that certain conservation restrictions in favor of the Minnechaug Land Trust will be recorded and remain in place after conveyance to the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 19. SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money to fund the School Resource Officer for FY16 at Minnechaug Regional High School, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 20. RESERVE FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 21. GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to the General Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 22. REDUCING TAX RATE**

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the General Stabilization Fund a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are further required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden qualified to vote in elections of Town Officers to meet at the Hampden Town House, 625 Main Street, Hampden, on Monday, May 2, 2016 AD at seven o' clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to the election officers of said Town for the following officers, to wit:

*To choose for the term of one year the following:*

*1 Moderator*

*To choose for the term of two years the following:*

*1 Park Commissioner*

*To choose for the term of three years the following:*

*1 Board of Selectmen*

*1 Town Clerk*

*1 Collector of Taxes*

*1 Town Treasurer*

*1 Assessor*

*1 Library Trustee*

*3 Constables*

*1 Cemetery Commissioner*

*1 Park Commissioner*

*To choose for the term of five years the following:*

*1 Housing Authority member*

*1 Planning Board member*

Also, to choose all other necessary Town Officers.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting and attested copy thereof at each of the five places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Vincent J. Villamaino, Chairman

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John D. Flynn

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Norman Charest

Board of Selectmen

I, Constable for the Town of Hampden, have on this date posted copies of the warrant for the Town Meeting to be held on April 25, 2016 at 7:00 pm in all five places as designated by the Town of Hampden.

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Constable, Town of Hampden

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Date