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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

County of Hampden

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

Greetings: 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, October 30, 2017 at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. Board of Assessors Department Upgrade

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money to purchase necessary hardware, software and technical support to upgrade Vision Appraisal Software, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 2. School Deregionalization

To see if the town will vote to hear the report of the School Deregionalization Study Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 3. School Deregionalization

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money for legal and/or professional fees for the purpose of modifying the regional school agreement or resolving other outstanding regional school issues, or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. Regional Dispatch Facility

To see if the Town will vote to be allowed to discontinue its use of our own new local emergency police and fire dispatch facility and its associated personnel and be allowed to contract with an independent autonomous remote dispatch facility to be located in the City of Chicopee, or take any other action relative thereof.

Article 5. Senior Center

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase an air conditioning unit for the Senior Center kitchen, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 6. Town Treasurer – Dump Truck Payoff

To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to line item 015705 to pay off the outstanding debt on the Highway Department dump truck, or take any other action thereof.

Article 7. District Improvement Financing

To see if the Town will vote to create a District Improvement Financing (DIF) District authorized under Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40Q and that such District be known as the Allen Street/Wilbraham Road Improvement District. The Allen Street/Wilbraham Road DIF Program will encompass the Allen Street/Wilbraham Road Improvement District as part of a public-private collaborative process to promote redevelopment in Hampden, as described and bounded on the map as presented to the Town or take any action relative thereto.

Explanation: A District Improvement Financing (DIF) program enables the Town to allocate future incremental property tax revenues from the established district within the program to pay for public infrastructure improvements. Improvements within this defined district would include the water and sewer extension in the areas of Allen Street and Wilbraham Road and outlying roadways (see map attached). Financing of the improvements would be made through the issuance of debt with the repayment of such debt made from incremental property tax revenues realized from the developed properties within the district.

Article 8. Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote to accept the recommendations made by the Community Preservation Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 9. RESERVE FUND

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds into the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 10. REDUCING TAX RATE

To see if the Town will vote to transfer from unappropriated available funds a sum of money for the purpose of reducing the tax rate for Fiscal Year 2018, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 11. GENERAL STABILIZATION ACCOUNT

To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds into the General Stabilization Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an 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 the meeting aforesaid. Given under our hands this ____ of October 2017.

John D Flynn

Norman Charest

Vincent J Villamaino

Board of Selectmen

I _____, Constable for the Town of Hampden, have on this date, October ____ 2017 posted copies of the warrant for the Town Meeting to be held on October 30th at 7:00 pm in all five places as designated by the Town of Hampden.

Constable, Town of Hampden