

**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF MONTAGUE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
May 5, 2018**

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 Saturday, May 5, 2018, at 9:00 A.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 receive and act upon the reports of the Officers of the Town and to receive the report of any committees and act thereon.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, or other Town departments with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to apply for and accept grants from the Federal Government, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any other source, and to expend the same for purposes received without further appropriation, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to establish the revolving fund set forth below for the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017 and to amend Article II of the Town of Montague General Bylaws by inserting a new section 7, pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½ as most recently amended by Section 86 of Chapter 218 of the Acts of 2016, establishing various revolving funds of the Town, specifying the departmental receipts to be credited to each fund, the departmental purposes or programs for which each fund may be expended, and the entity authorized to expend each fund, such bylaw to provide as follows or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Section 7: Revolving Funds

(a) There are hereby established in the Town of Montague pursuant to the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½, the following revolving funds:

| <u>Revolving Fund</u> | <u>Spending Authority</u> | <u>Revenue Source</u> | <u>Allowed Expenses</u> |
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| Hazardous Materials Response Planning Committee (a.k.a. SARA Title III Committee) | SARA Title III Comm | Fees collected from individuals responsible for oil and hazardous material spills | For the purpose of cleaning up oil and hazardous material spills |

(b) Expenditures from each revolving fund shall be subject to the limitations established by Town Meeting, and to any additional limitations as otherwise set forth in Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53E½.
(Emergency Management Director Request)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 44 §53E1/2 as most recently amended, to establish an annual spending limit of \$7,500 for the Town's Hazardous Materials Response Planning Committee (a.k.a. SARA Title III Committee) revolving fund, as listed in Article II, Section 7 of the Town's General Bylaws, entitled "Revolving Funds", which funds may be expended without further appropriation for the purposes defined therein, with such expenditure limits to be applicable for each fiscal year until such time as Town Meeting votes, prior to July 1 for the ensuing fiscal year, to increase the same; provided, however, that in accordance with state law, the Board of Selectmen, with the approval of the Finance Committee, may increase the limit for that fiscal year only, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all elected officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, as set forth in Schedule I, Elected Officials, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries of all appointed officials as required by law for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, as set forth in Schedule II, Appointed Officials, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to amend the classification plan to add the position of Cultural Coordinator at Grade C as per a Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Montague and the National Association of Government Employees (NAGE), or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Planning Department Request)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$9,400,018 or any other amount, for the maintenance of the several departments of the Town, said sums to be allocated in accordance with Schedule III, Budget, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, and for any other necessary changes, or 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 \$2,017,231 or any other amount, for the purpose of operating the Water Pollution Control Facility and associated pumping stations, said sums to be allocated in accordance with Schedule IV, WPCF Budget, a copy of which is on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or 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 \$97,375 or any other amount, for the purpose of funding the operations, maintenance, and debt service of the Colle Building, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$51,039 or any other amount, for the purpose of operating the Turners Falls Airport, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Airport Commission Request)

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ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$974,338 or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the Franklin County Technical School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Franklin County Technical School, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Franklin County Technical School Request)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$9,811,160 or any other amount, for the purpose of paying the Gill-Montague Regional School District for Montague's share of the assessment for the yearly operation of the Gill-Montague Regional Schools, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District Request)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$12,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing a double door security entrance with window and/or camera system at Hillcrest Elementary School, including any and all incidental and related costs, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District Request)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$72,000 or any other amount, for Montague's share of purchasing and installing network controllers and related components that manage the HVAC and related systems to upgrade the Building Management Systems at the Great Falls Middle School and Turners Falls High School, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation to.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District Request)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$30,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing an intercom system at the Sheffield Elementary School, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District Request)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$25,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing an intercom system at the Hillcrest Elementary School, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Gill-Montague Regional School District Request)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease with the Gill Montague Regional School District not to exceed fifteen (15) years and on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate to allow the District to use the following described property, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

The land together with the buildings presently known as the Hillcrest School (shown generally on Montague Assessor's Map 10, Lot 49), and the Sheffield School (shown generally on Montague Assessor's Map 6, Lots 323, 324 and 325, and Map 10, Lot 22), along with the current and future improvements thereon, including, but not limited to, all buildings, fixtures, recreational areas, athletic fields, sidewalks and parking areas.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 19: 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 purchasing, equipping and making major repairs to WPCF vehicles and equipment, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$25,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing new control panels and alarms at the Denton Street and Montague Center Pump Stations, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$521,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing and installing a solar array at the Water Pollution Control Facility at 34 Greenfield Road, including any and all incidental and related costs, that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow such sum under G.L. c. 44 §7, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds and notes therefor, provided that any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved hereunder in accordance with G.L. c. 44 §20, thereby reducing by a like amount the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept any State, Federal or private grant monies available for the project and to enter into any agreements and execute all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this vote, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(WPCF Request)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$30,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of designing and constructing exterior renovations to the Senior Center building at 62 Fifth Street, including but not limited to replacing the steps and landing, constructing side rails for same, and constructing a roof over the new landing, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Council on Aging Request)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$100,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing, equipping, and making major repairs to DPW vehicles and equipment, including any and all incidental and related costs, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Department of Public Works Request)

ARTICLE 24: 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 information technology equipment, parts, accessories, software and installations, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(IT Administrator Request)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$7,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of developing a master plan for Montague Center Park improvements, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Parks & Recreation Commission Request)

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$30,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of purchasing services, materials, equipment and supplies to retain, preserve, manage and store Town maps, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$150,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of repairs to and maintenance of the Colle building, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$37,811 or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the GMRSD Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$121,726 or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Town General Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$76,294 or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Town Capital Stabilization Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow or otherwise provide the sum of \$50,000 or any other amount, for the purpose of increasing the Town OPEB Trust Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Finance Committee Request)

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of G.L. c. 64L, §2, authorizing the Town to impose a local sales tax at the statutory rate of three-quarters of a percent (0.75%), on the sale of restaurant meals originating within the Town, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey a permanent Historic Preservation Restriction, under the provisions of G.L. c.184 §§31-33 on the Colle Opera House Building located at 85 Avenue A in Turners Falls, shown on Montague Assessor's Maps as Map 04, Lot 0062, to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by and through the Massachusetts Historical Commission, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems appropriate; provided, however, that the authorization granted hereunder shall not be exercised unless and until the Town of Montague is awarded a grant from the Massachusetts Preservation Projects Fund, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 34: To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Laws of the Town of Montague to change the title of the "Board of Selectmen" to the "Select Board" as follows, or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

1. Amend Article III, Section 4, by changing the title from "Selectmen" to "Select Board" and by adding the following clause to the beginning of the section: "There shall be a Select Board of three members elected for three-year overlapping terms. Such Select Board shall have all the powers and duties of a Board of Selectmen for purposes of any and all federal, state and local laws referring to Board of Selectmen or Selectmen, including but not limited to the Massachusetts General Laws, Code of Massachusetts Regulations and any bylaws and special acts applicable to the Town of Montague"; and
2. Delete the words "Board of Selectmen" and "Selectmen" in each place in which they appear and insert in their place the words "Select Board".

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote in accordance with MGL c. 40, § 15A to transfer from the board or commission having the care, custody, and control of a parcel of land containing 2.91 acres of land, more or less, located on Federal Street and identified on the Town Assessor's Maps as Map 48, Lot 0148, further described in a deed recorded with the Franklin Registry of Deeds in Book 3733, Page 177, and being "Lot 2" on a plan recorded with said Registry in Plan Book 105, Page 57 to the Board of Selectmen for the purpose of conveyance, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey all or a portion of said parcel on such terms and conditions as determined by the Board of Selectmen to be in the best interest of the Town, or to pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Board of Selectmen Request)

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to adopt a Resolution relative to energy policy: A resolution calling on the Massachusetts Legislature to Establish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Pricing to Curb Climate Change

**A Resolution Calling on the Massachusetts Legislature to
Establish Greenhouse Gas Emissions Pricing to Curb Climate Change**

WHEREAS, the scientific consensus firmly holds that catastrophic climate change is taking place and the burning of fossil fuels, with its resultant greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions, is among the chief contributing factors; and

WHEREAS, the climate crisis is a serious threat to current and future generations here in the Town of Montague, and all over the world; and

WHEREAS, free markets operate most efficiently when individuals and corporations are responsible for the costs of their actions, and these markets offer a fertile environment for creation of economical services and products in the areas of conservation, efficiency, and renewable energy, to allow us to wean ourselves off fossil fuels; and

WHEREAS, price changes shift behavior by establishing GHG pricing that can spur innovation of more climate-friendly ways to provide and consume goods and services; and

WHEREAS, prices for fossil fuels do not reflect the cost of health impacts, climate change, and other environmental degradations that are associated with pervasive fossil fuel use and GHG emissions; and

WHEREAS, state and federal policies have differentially subsidized renewable and non-

renewable energy; and

WHEREAS, Massachusetts is one of nine New England and mid-Atlantic states which in 2014 implemented a market-based policy, the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative, to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the electric sector, which has successfully contributed to substantial decreases in greenhouse gas emissions in the electric sector; and

WHEREAS, in June 2017, the Massachusetts legislature's Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy held a hearing on GHG emissions pricing proposals at which the testimony was strongly in favor of adding a form of GHG emissions pricing for all other (non-electric) energy sectors; and

WHEREAS, British Columbia implemented GHG pricing in 2008 and, according to a 2014 report in the *Economist*, British Columbia's economy is as strong as, and arguably better than, the rest of Canada while the GHG pricing is successfully driving environmental gains; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Montague, Massachusetts strongly urges the Massachusetts Legislature to pass legislation that puts a gradually increasing fee on GHG emissions from fossil fuels to:

- Increase market incentives for non-electric energy sectors to lower greenhouse gas emissions;
- Make individuals and corporations accountable for the costs of their actions when they choose to use fossil fuels;
- Level the economic playing field between fossil fuels and conservation, efficiency, and renewable energy sources; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we strongly support a provision in the GHG pricing legislation that ensures that the most economically vulnerable residents of Massachusetts are not caused any undue financial hardship because of the law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administrative Assistant to the Town of Montague shall cause a copy of this resolution to be sent to MA Governor Charles Baker; State Treasurer Deborah B. Goldberg; MA Senate President Stanley C. Rosenberg; MA Speaker of the House Robert A. DeLeo; MA State Representative Stephen Kulik; MA Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy (TUE), Senator Michael J. Barrett; House Chair of the TUE Committee, Representative Thomas A. Golden, Jr.; Senate Vice Chair of the TUE Committee, Michael Brady; House Vice Chair of TUE Committee, Frank A. Moran; all members of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy:

Senators Marc R. Pacheco, Anne M. Gobi, Joan B. Lovely, Bruce E. Tarr; and
Representatives James M. Cantwell, Carolyn C. Dykema, Nick Collins, Josh S. Cutler,
Adrian Madaro, Daniel Cahill, Joan Meschino, Leonard Mirra, and Randy Hunt; U.S.
Senator Elizabeth Warren; and U.S. Senator Ed Markey,

or pass any vote or votes in relation thereto.

(Energy Committee Request)

Given under our hands this 9th day of April in the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand and Eighteen.

Michael Nelson

Christopher M. Boutwell, Sr.

Richard Kuklewicz, Chairman
Selectmen, Town of Montague

Franklin, ss Montague, MA April ____, 2018

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 seven days before said meeting as within directed.

Constable of Montague