

*2016 Annual Town Meeting Warrant
Board of Selectmen
Town of Hatfield
Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

Hampshire, ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Hatfield in said Hampshire County.

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet in the Smith Academy Gymnasium in said Hatfield on Tuesday the 10th day of May 2016 at seven o'clock in the evening to take action on all articles except Article 1 and to meet on Tuesday the 17th day of May 2016 in Memorial Town Hall at seven o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to take action under Article 1.

ARTICLE 1.

Submitted by: The Town Clerk

To choose all necessary Town Officers for the following years: one Selectman for a term of three years; one Assessor for a term of three years; two members of the School Committee, one for a term of three years and one for a term of two years; one Library Trustee, for a term of three years; one Elector under the Will of Oliver Smith for a term of one year; one Cemetery Commissioner for a term of three years; one member of the Board of Health, for a term of three years; one member for the Planning Board, for a term of five years; one member of the Housing Authority for a term of 5 years; and one Hampshire Council of Governments Councilor for a term of 3 years.

To vote on the following Question:

QUESTION 1

Shall the Town of Hatfield be allowed to exempt from the provision of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the Town Hall Renovation Phase II (Code Compliant Ramps, Elevator and Fire Suppression).

Yes _____ No _____

The polls will be open at seven o'clock in the forenoon on Tuesday, May 17, 2016, and kept open until eight o'clock in the evening.

ARTICLE 2

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money for the purpose of funding a Fiscal Year 2016 Water & Sewer Enterprise Fund deficit; and to meet said appropriation by taxation and/or transfer from available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for, accept, and expend without appropriation any State or Federal grants and gifts and awards from any public or private source that become available in Fiscal Year 2017, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4.

Submitted by: Town Treasurer

To see if the Town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to enter into a compensating balance agreement or agreements for Fiscal Year 2017 pursuant to Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$ 243,808.00 as may be the Town's Transportation Bond Issue apportionment and to authorize signing of a Memorandum of Agreement with the State Department of Public Works in that regard, all pursuant to Chapter 90 of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6.

Submitted by: Town Clerk

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to Massachusetts General Law, Chapter 39, Section 15, that whenever a two-thirds vote is required by statute, such vote may be declared as such by the moderator without a count and be recorded as such by the clerk upon such declaration, provided, however that seven or more members of a town meeting may challenge such declaration, all as provided by Massachusetts General Law Chapter 39, Section 15, at which time a count shall be held. Before considering another warrant article the Moderator shall ask if the two-thirds vote is questioned; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7.

Submitted by: Town Clerk

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 110A, that any public office in the Town of Hatfield (i.e. Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Board of Selectmen) may remain closed on all Saturdays and the provisions of Section 9 of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 4, shall apply in the closing of any such office to the same extent as if such Saturday were a legal holiday in that any act authorized or required by statute to be performed on such day may be performed on the next succeeding business day; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Laws Ch. 44, §53F ½ for the purpose of establishing an Enterprise Fund for cable television public educational and government (PEG) access operations, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016; and, further, that the Town Accountant transfer any balance to the accepted fund at the beginning of July 1, 2016; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen or any other municipal board to enter into a Payment-in-Lieu of Taxes Agreement ("PILOT") with Hatfield Renewables, LLC; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or borrow a sum of money not to exceed \$850,000; and further; in the event of a borrowing, such borrowing shall be subject to adoption of Question 1 on May 17, 2016 to exempt from the provisions of Proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the bond issued in order to fund the Town Hall Renovation Phase II (Code Compliant Ramps, Elevator and Fire Suppression); or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a donation of one (1) acre of land abutting the Town Hall property from the Trustees of Smith Academy to be used for park purposes under M.G. L. Chapter 45, Section 3, with the conditions that the Town maintain the property in good order; maintain a place within the park for the Smith Academy corner stone and maintain a place within the park for the monument to Sophia Smith, founder of Smith Academy, both of which are currently located on the premises; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from the Community Preservation open space resources reserve account the sum of \$97,315 and from the Community Preservation budgeted reserve account \$97,318 for a total sum of up to \$194,633, to rehabilitate and restore the public park area on the site of the former Smith Academy at the corner of Main and School Streets under the direction of the Hatfield Open Space Committee, said funds to be expended under the direction of the Community Preservation Committee, or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13.

Submitted by: Open Space Committee

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for renovating Smith Academy Park, for park purposes under M.G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3; and to meet said appropriation by taxation and/or transfer from available funds, and/or to meet that appropriation authorize the Treasurer to borrow pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 44, Sections 7, 8C and 12(a), the total project cost of \$244,633, less \$194,633 contribution from Community Preservation, the amount of \$50,000; and further, authorize the Town to enter into any contracts in anticipation of applying for \$50,000 state funding reimbursement from a Parkland Acquisitions and Renovations for Communities Grant Program; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14.

Submitted by: Redevelopment Authority

To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L Chapter 40, Section 15A to declare the town-owned building (known as the Center School) and a portion of the land thereon at 58 Main Street, more particularly described as Assessor's parcel Map 221, Lot 179, as surplus to the needs of the Town and authorize the Board of Selectmen to begin the sale process within 90 days of Town Meeting, with the purpose of the sale being to maximize the long range financial benefit to the Town considering sale price, projections as to assessed value and real estate tax receipts, and to preferably preserve this historically significant building; sale will be subject to the following restrictions: 1) that a portion of the parcel approximately 33,400 square feet with frontage on Main Street be sold with the building (proposed plan on file in the Town Clerk's office) and the building reuse be limited to age fifty-five and older housing condominiums; 2) that the remaining Town-owned playing fields behind the building and any other part of the real estate not be included in this proposed sale; 3) that any future use be compatible with the historic setting of the Town Center district; and 4) that the current building not be demolished and the historical façade features of the building not be substantially altered on north, south and west (street) sides; and further that the sum of \$200,000 be raised and appropriated, transferred from available funds, borrowed or otherwise appropriated for asbestos, lead paint removal and any other necessary environmental clean up of said building to make ready for sale, and any other costs related thereto or to the sale; and further, to meet said appropriation by taxation and/or from available funds; and/or to meet that appropriation authorize the Treasurer to borrow under and consistent with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sections 7 (34) or 8 and/or any other source of authority. Should the sale of the property as described fail to occur within 180 days from the May 10, 2016 Annual Town Meeting, the Board of Selectmen is hereby authorized to demolish the building as voted by Town Meeting on October 21, 2014 and, to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for abatement and demolition of the former Center School, and to meet said appropriation by taxation and/or transfer from available funds; and/or to meet that appropriation authorize the Treasurer to borrow under and consistent with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sections 7 (34) or 8 and/or any other source of authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to amend the authorization to the Board of Selectmen to demolish the Center School which was voted under Article 1 of the October 21, 2014 Special Town Meeting, and further to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money for abatement and demolition of the former Center School, and to meet said appropriation by taxation and/or transfer from available funds; and/or to meet that appropriation authorize the Treasurer to borrow under and consistent with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sections 7 (34) or 8 and/or any other source of authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16.

Submitted by: Planning Board

To see if the Town will vote to amend the official Zoning Map of the Town of Hatfield, Map 206 to rezone a portion of Parcels 109 and 110 encompassing an area of approximately five acres from Rural Residential Zone to Light Industrial Zone as shown on the plan attached hereto as Appendix A; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17.

Submitted by: Open Space Committee

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take appropriate action such that, at least two-thirds of the parcel of land known as the Center School property, Map 221, Lot 179 of approximately 6.28 acres, on the eastern side fronting the Connecticut River, be protected in perpetuity with the addition of a conservation restriction on the deed, as open space with public access from Main Street, for recreation use by the citizens of the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18.

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to develop a Master Plan for wastewater maintenance and expansion, and to meet said appropriation by taxation and/or transfer from available funds; and/or to meet that appropriation authorize the Treasurer to borrow under and consistent with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sections 7 or 8 and/or any other source of authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19.

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer a sum of money to complete 500 feet of sewer repairs on North Street, and to meet said appropriation by taxation and/or transfer from available funds; and/or to meet that appropriation authorize the Treasurer to borrow under and consistent with M.G.L. Ch. 44, Sections 7 or 8 and/or any other source of authority; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20.

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to make water service repairs on Valley and South Streets; and to meet said appropriation by taxation and/or transfer from available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21.

Submitted by: Capital Planning / Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer a sum of money to purchase replacement fire protection clothing for the Fire Department; and to meet said appropriation by taxation and/or transfer from available funds; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22.

Submitted by: Community Preservation Committee

To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken at Annual Town Meeting 2015 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 2016, as follows with each item to be considered a separate appropriation:

Appropriations:

To leave unchanged Committee Administrative Expenses at \$ 8,250

Reserves:

To change Historic Resources Reserve from \$ 16,500 to \$26,575

To change Community Housing Reserve from \$ 16,500 to \$26,575

To change Open Space Reserve from \$ 16,500 to \$26,575

To change Budgeted Reserve from \$ 107,250 to \$177,775

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23.

Submitted by: 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:

Appropriations:

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Committee Administrative Expenses \$ 8,250

Reserves:

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Historic Resources Reserve \$ 16,500

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserve \$ 16,500

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserve \$ 16,500

From FY 2017 estimated revenues for Budgeted Reserve \$107,250

or take any other action relative thereto .

ARTICLE 24.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for certain town departments, under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, §53 E ½ , for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2016 as follows:

REVOLVING FUND	AUTHORIZED TO SPEND FUND	REVENUE SOURCE	USE OF FUND	FY 2017 SPENDING LIMIT
Building Inspection	Building Inspector	Inspection Fees	Salaries of Inspectors	\$6,500.00
Electrical Inspection	Building Inspector	Inspection Fees	Salaries of Inspectors	\$6,500.00
Plumbing Inspection	Building Inspector	Inspection Fees	Salaries of Inspectors	\$5,000.00
Gas Inspection	Building Inspector	Inspection Fees	Salaries of Inspectors	\$5,000.00
DPW Motor Grader	DPW Director	Rental Fees	Maintenance and Salaries	\$5,000.00
Hazardous Materials	Fire Chief	Departmental Receipts	Expenditures Regarding Hazardous Materials	\$20,000.00
TOTAL SPENDING AUTHORIZED \$48,000.00				

or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25.

Submitted by: Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee

To see if the Town will vote to determine what sums of money the Town will raise and appropriate, including appropriations from the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund, Ambulance Revenue, Septic Betterment, Cemetery Perpetual Care Interest, Overlay Surplus, Free Cash, and from available funds, including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, funds in the Water Retained Earnings and Sewer Retained Earnings, to defray the charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, to set the salaries of all elected officials in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws of the Commonwealth, and to provide a Reserve Fund for the ensuing year, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26.


Submitted by: Board of Selectmen

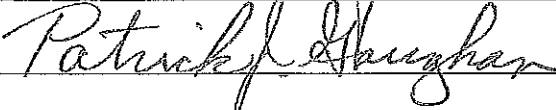
To see if the Town will vote to hear any and all reports which have to do with the welfare of the Town, or take any other action relative thereto.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in five (5) places in the Town of Hatfield, at least eight days before the time of said meeting. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands and seals this 26th day of April two thousand sixteen.

 Marcus J. Boyle, Chairman

 Brian F. Moriarty

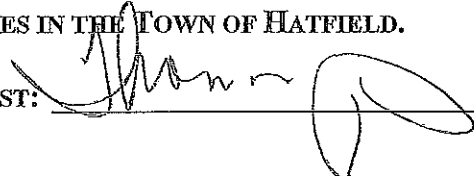
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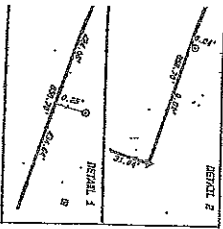
THE HONORABLE BOARD OF SELECTMEN OF THE TOWN OF HATFIELD IN THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

APRIL 27, 2016

I HAVE THIS DAY POSTED TRUE AND ATTESTED COPIES OF THE ABOVE WARRANT IN FIVE PUBLIC
PLACES IN THE TOWN OF HATFIELD.

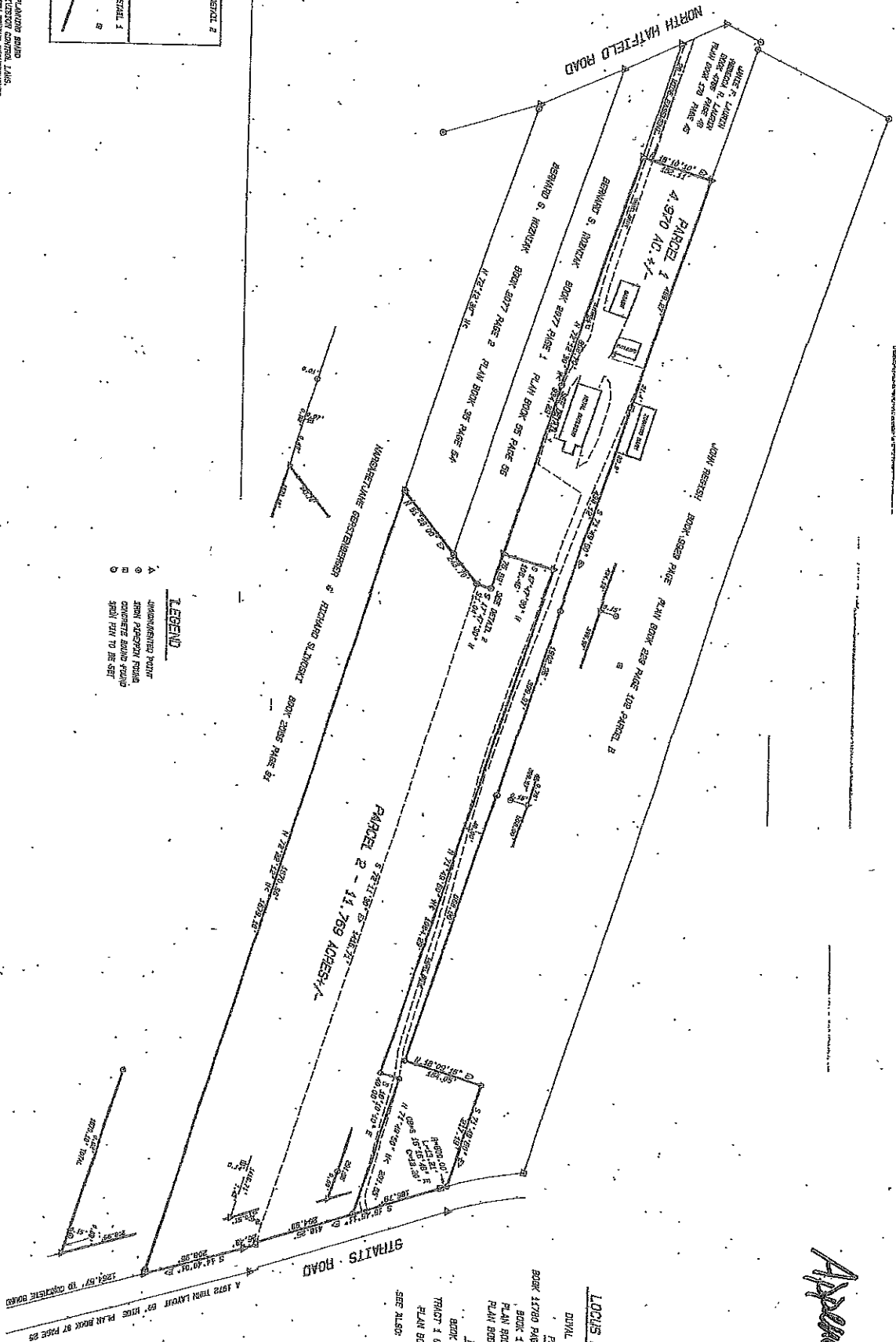
ATTEST:

 THOMAS OSLEY, CONSTABLE



THESE PLANS HAVE BEEN PREPARED BY THE ENGINEER AND ARCHITECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PLANNING BOARD AND THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

DATE: 11-18-16
BY: [Signature]
FOR: [Signature]



LEGEND
A. UNDEVELOPED WOOD
B. OPEN PASTURE FIELDS
C. CONCRETE DRIVE PAVEMENT
D. SPILL PAVEMENT TO BE SET

Appendix A

LOCUS REFERENCE

DUVAL LOGGING, LLC
PARCEL 1
BOOK 11700 PAGE 45 TRACT 2 (PORTION)
BOOK 11899 PAGE 240
PLAN BOOK 179 PAGE 45
PLAN BOOK 229 PAGE 102
PARCEL 2
BOOK 11700 PAGE 45
TRACT 1 & TRACT 2 (PORTION)
PLAN BOOK 179 PAGE 45
SEE ALSO: PLAN BOOK 114 PAGE 20

1. REPORT THAT THIS PLAN AND SURVEY CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PLANNING BOARD AND THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. 2. REPORT THAT THIS PLAN AND SURVEY CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PLANNING BOARD AND THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION. 3. REPORT THAT THIS PLAN AND SURVEY CONFORM TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS PLANNING BOARD AND THE MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

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FOR: [Signature]

HAFFIELD, MASSACHUSETTS
PREPARED FOR:
DUVAL LOGGING, LLC

MARCH 12, 2015
SHEET 1 OF 1