

**TOWN OF BUCKLAND  
ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
FRANKLIN SS.**

**MAY 5, 2014**

To either of the Constables of the Town of Buckland in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn said inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to **meet at the Town Hall, 1 William Street, in said Town on Monday May 5, 2014 next at ten o'clock in the forenoon** then and there to act on the following article:

**ARTICLE 1:** To see if the Town will instruct the Town Clerk to report on the election of officers and ballot questions as follows:

<b>Moderator</b>	<b>for one year</b>
<b>Board of Selectmen</b>	<b>for three years</b>
<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>for three years</b>
<b>Board of Assessors</b>	<b>for three years</b>
<b>Constable</b>	<b>for three years</b>
<b>Board of Health</b>	<b>for three years</b>
<b>Buckland Library Trustee</b>	<b>for three years</b>
<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>for three years</b>
<b>Mohawk Regional School Committee</b>	<b>for three years</b>

**Question One:** Shall the Town of Buckland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the town's assessed share of the bonds issued in order to pay for repair work to the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle and High School, to include drainage upgrades, parking lot resurfacing, re-pointing/re-caulking work, floor replacements, heating, ventilation and air conditioning upgrades, auditorium lighting equipment upgrades and installation of a second means of egress from main electrical switchgear room?

YES – or – NO

**Question Two:** Shall the Town of Buckland be allowed to exempt from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, so called, the amounts required to pay for the town's assessed share of the bonds issued in order to pay for repair work to the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School, to include parking lot and sidewalk replacement, re-pointing/re-caulking and masonry repairs, replacement of fogged thermo pane windows, floor replacement, condensing unit and PTEC unit replacements?

YES – or – NO

For this purpose the polls will be opened at **ten o'clock AM** and will be closed at **eight o'clock PM**.

You are further directed to notify and warn said inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in town affairs, to **meet at the Mohawk Trail Regional High School at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 7, 2014, then and there to act on the following articles:**

**ARTICLE 2: (CONSENT VOTE)** To see if the Town will vote to **take Articles 3, 18, 19, 22, 36, 37, 38 AND 39 out of order in this warrant and take action to approve all of them as one vote without debate on any such articles**, provided that upon request of any voter at this meeting made before the vote is taken, an article shall be dropped from the list of consent articles and shall be acted upon in the ordinary course and order of business at this meeting, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 3: (Consent)** To see if the Town will vote to **ACCEPT THE REPORTS OF THE TOWN OFFICERS**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for **ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES** for FY2014, as line item appropriation, as recommended by the Finance Committee, in the Town of Buckland Fiscal 2015 Budget detail report dated April 28, 2014, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of funding the **TOWN OPERATING BUDGETS** for FY2015, as line item appropriation, as recommended by the Finance Committee, in the Town of Buckland Fiscal 2015 Budget detail report dated April 28, 2014, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of funding **SEVERAL SPECIAL LINE ITEMS** in the **Town Operating Budgets** for FY2015, as line item appropriation, as recommended by the Finance Committee, in the Town of Buckland Fiscal 2015 Budget detail report dated April 28, 2014, and, further to authorize that unspent amounts in said line items may be carried forward for use in following fiscal years without further appropriation, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the **MOHAWK K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICT OPERATING ASSESSMENT for FY2015**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the **MOHAWK K-12 SCHOOL DISTRICT CAPITAL ASSESSMENT for FY2015**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 9:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Mohawk K-12 School District to borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$542,778 to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the Mohawk Trail Regional Middle & High School located at 26 Ashfield Road in Buckland, Massachusetts, to include drainage upgrades, parking lot resurfacing, re-pointing/re-caulking work, floor replacements, heating, ventilation and air condition upgrades, auditorium lighting equipment upgrades and installation of a second means of egress from main electrical switchgear room. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required education program. This vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½). Or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 10:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Mohawk K-12 School District to borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$783,900 to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School located at 75 Mechanic Street, Shelburne, Massachusetts, to include parking lot and sidewalk replacement, re-pointing/re-caulking and masonry repairs, replacement of fogged thermo pane windows, floor replacement, condensing unit and PTEC unit replacements. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required education program. This vote shall be subject to and contingent upon an affirmative vote of the Town to exempt its allocable share of the amounts required for the payment of interest and principal on said borrowing from the limitations on taxes imposed by M.G.L. 59, Section 21C (Proposition 2 ½). Or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 11:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Mohawk K-12 School District to borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$228,850 to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the Sanderson Academy located at 808 Cape Street, Ashfield, Massachusetts, to include drainage upgrades, sidewalk replacement, snow bar installation on roof, window caulking and

replacement, major service to Bioclere sanitary water treatment, condenser unit replacement totaling \$228,850. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required education program.

**ARTICLE 12:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Mohawk K-12 School District to borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$42,400 to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the Colrain Central School located at 22 Jacksonville Road, Colrain, Massachusetts, to include sidewalk and exterior stair replacement, floor replacement and window caulking, totaling \$42,400. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required education program.

**ARTICLE 13:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Mohawk K-12 School District to borrow a sum of money, not to exceed \$88,500 to be expended under the direction of the School Building Committee for repair work to the Heath Elementary School located at 18 Jacobs Road, Massachusetts, to include drainage upgrades, sidewalk replacement, attic insulation and floor replacement totaling \$88,500. The proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required education program.

**ARTICLE 14:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the **FRANKLIN COUNTY TECHNICAL SCHOOL OPERATING ASSESSMENT for FY2015**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 15:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money, which is the estimated cost of **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF THE SHELBURNE FALLS WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (ENTERPRISE FUND)** for which a sum of money will be raised from anticipated receipts from the Buckland user assessment as line item appropriation, and for which a sum of money will be raised from anticipated receipts from the Town of Shelburne (pursuant to the operation agreement), as recommended by the Finance Committee in the Town of Buckland Fiscal 2015 Budget detail report dated April 28, 2014, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 16:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money, which is the estimated cost of **CAPITAL and/or DEBT EXPENSES FOR THE SHELBURNE FALLS WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY (ENTERPRISE FUND)** for which a sum of money will be raised from anticipated receipts from the Town of Buckland user assessment as line item appropriation, and/or the Buckland Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings as recommended by the Finance Committee in the Town of Buckland Fiscal 2015 Budget detail report dated April 28, 2014, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 17:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of paying the **WIREDWEST COMMUNICATIONS COOPERATIVE** Fiscal Year 2015 Assessment, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 18: (Consent)** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of funding the **SHELBURNE FALLS AREA PARTNERSHIP**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 19: (Consent)** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purpose of funding the **PRESERVATION OF TOWN RECORD BOOKS**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 20:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money to fund **ROAD REPAIR AND REPAVING**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 21:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for legal, consulting/engineering, purchasing or renovation/construction costs related to a **HIGHWAY FACILITY**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 22: (Consent)** To see if the Town will vote to **AUTHORIZE, PURSUANT TO M.G.L. CHAPTER 44, SECTION 53E½, THE FOLLOWING REVOLVING FUNDS:**

NAME of ACCOUNT	PURPOSE	SOURCE OF FUND	MAXIMUM FY2014 EXPENDITURE	BOARD
Board of Health	Paying costs associated with Board of Health Inspections	Board of Health Fees	Up to \$20,000	Board of Health
Town Hall Maintenance	Paying costs associated with Town Hall Maintenance	Town Hall Rental Janitorial Fees	Up to \$2,000	Selectmen
Parking Tickets	Paying costs associated with payment and collection of Parking Tickets and Fees	Parking Ticket Fees	Up to \$1,000	Parking Clerk

**ARTICLE 23:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for the **POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT STABILIZATION FUND**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 24:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for the **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT STABILIZATION FUND**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 25:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for a **STEEL DRUM ROLLER AND TRAILER** for the Highway Department, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 26:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for the purchase of **NEW VOTING EQUIPMENT**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 27:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for the **TECHNOLOGY STABILIZATION FUND**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 28:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for **UPGRADES TO THE PHONE SYSTEMS AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE TOWN HALL AND THE POLICE STATION**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 29:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for the **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT STABILIZATION FUND**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 30:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or otherwise provide a sum of money for **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT IMPROVEMENTS** to the Town Hall, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 31:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money to the **GENERAL STABILIZATION FUND**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 32: BY CITIZEN PETITION** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to petition the General Court, pursuant to the Home Rule Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, to enact legislation authorizing the Town to acquire certain real property located in the Town of Charlemont, provided, however, that the General Court may make clerical or editorial changes of form only to the bill, unless the Board of Selectmen approves amendments to the bill before enactment by the General Court which are within the scope of the general public objectives of the petition and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to approve such amendments; or take any other action in relation thereto.

The petition for special legislation shall take the following form:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding the provisions of section 14 of chapter 40 of the general laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the town of Buckland is hereby authorized to acquire by gift, purchase, eminent domain or otherwise the fee ownership or any lesser interest in all or any portion of the real property having an address of 2231 Mohawk Trail (Route 2) and located upon North River Road in the town of Charlemont, consisting of approximately 5.81 acres of land described in the deed recorded with the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 2942, Page 69, and shown as Parcel 6 on the plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Charlemont, Franklin County, Massachusetts, Surveyed for Allyn W. Coombs," dated November 3, 1988, recorded with said Franklin Deeds in Plan Book 72, Page 83 and/or the real property located on Mohawk Trail (Route 2) in said Charlemont, consisting of approximately 12.23 acres of land described in the deed recorded with said Franklin Deeds in Book 2857, Page 327, and shown as Parcel 2 on said plan, with improvements, if any, on said parcel or parcels of land, together with such easements located in the town of Charlemont, whether now appurtenant to said real property or not, and subject to easements and restrictions of record or such other easements and restrictions as the town of Buckland may reasonably require, suffer, take subject to or grant for access to said real property or to provide utility service to or for said real property at the time of acquisition or in the future, said real property and interests in real property to be acquired for general municipal purposes, which purposes may include a highway department garage.

**SECTION 2.** This act shall take effect upon its passage.

**ARTICLE 33: BY CITIZEN PETITION** To authorize the Selectmen to purchase all or any portion of the real property having an address of 2231 Mohawk Trail (Route 2) and located upon North River Road in the town of Charlemont, consisting of approximately 5.81 acres of land described in the deed recorded with the Franklin County Registry of Deeds in Book 2942, Page 69, and shown as Parcel 6 on the plan entitled, "Plan of Land in Charlemont, Franklin County, Massachusetts, Surveyed for Allyn W. Coombs," dated November 3, 1988, recorded with said Franklin Deeds in Plan Book 72, Page 83 and/or the real property located on Mohawk Trail (Route 2) in said Charlemont, consisting of approximately 12.23 acres of land described in the deed recorded with said Franklin Deeds in Book 2857, Page 327, and shown as Parcel 2 on said plan, with improvements, if any, on said parcel or parcels of land, together with such easements located in the town of Charlemont, whether now appurtenant to said real property or not, and subject to easements and restrictions of record or such other easements and restrictions as the town of Buckland may reasonably require, suffer, take subject to or grant for access to said real property or to provide utility service to or for said real property at the time of acquisition or in the future, said real property and interests in real property to be acquired for general municipal purposes, which purposes may include a highway department garage and to appropriate a sum of money to pay costs of purchasing

all or any portion of the above described real property including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether some amount should be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 34: BY CITIZEN PETITION** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provided a sum of money to pay for improvements to any portion of the real property having an address of 2231 Mohawk Trail (Route 2) and located upon North River Road in the town of Charlemont, and to determine whether some amount should be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or take any action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 35: BY CITIZEN PETITION** To see if the town will by the authority the General Laws of Massachusetts, Chapter 40, Section 9, vote to raise and appropriate, borrow, or otherwise provide the sum of \$10,000 for The Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States Post 8503 located at 10 Water St., Shelburne Falls, Ma., to be used for the operation and maintenance of their Post Headquarters.

**ARTICLE 36: (Consent)** To see if the Town will vote to **AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO PURCHASE AND/OR DISPOSE OF ANY TOWN EQUIPMENT**, or take any action relating thereto.

**ARTICLE 37: (Consent)** To see if the Town will vote to **AUTHORIZE THE SELECTMEN TO ACCEPT AND EXPEND, AS AN AVAILABLE FUND, ANY OF THE BOND ISSUE OR OPERATING BUDGET MONIES** (also called “Chapter” monies) from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts through the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or take any action relating thereto.

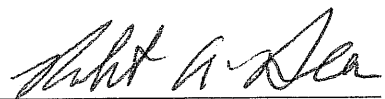
**ARTICLE 38: (Consent)** To see if the Town will vote to **AUTHORIZE THE SEWER COMMISSIONERS AND BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT ANY GRANTS FOR SEWER LINE REPLACEMENT AND IMPROVEMENTS AT THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY**, or take any action relating thereto.


**ARTICLE 39: (Consent)** To see if the Town will vote to **AUTHORIZE 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 take any action relating thereto.


You are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Post Office and Public Library, Buckland Center and Buckland Town Hall, 17 State Street, in said town, seven days at least, before the time of holding said election and meeting.

Thereof fail not, and make due return of this warrant, with your doings, thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of the meeting as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 16th day of April, in the year two thousand fourteen

  
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 ROBERT A. DEAN

  
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 CHERYL L. DUKES

  
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 KEVIN P. FOX

CONSTABLE'S RETURN

FRANKLIN, SS

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Buckland by posting attested copies of same at three public places and at least seven days before the day hereof, as within directed.

CONSTABLE: 

DATE: 4/17/14

