

# Town of Southwick, Massachusetts

454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077

## Special Town Meeting Warrant, January 10, 2012

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Tuesday, January 10, 2012  
6:30 p.m.**

Special Town Meeting, Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 6:30 p.m. at the Southwick Tolland Regional High School, Feedings Hills Road, in the Gymnasium .

**HAMPDEN SS.** To either of the Constables of the Town of Southwick in the County of Hampden:

### GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet and assemble at the SOUTHWICK-TOLLAND REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL GYMNASIUM ON Tuesday, January 10, 2012, 6:30 p.m. then and there for the Special Town Meeting and to act on the following articles:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will approve the \$71,814,344 borrowing authorized by the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School District, for the purposes of paying costs of three projects on the Southwick-Tolland-Granville school campus: \$41,719,810 for **the middle school/high school addition/renovation project**, which includes updating and renovating all existing space and adding additional science and general purpose classrooms for the high school section of the school and adding science and general purpose classrooms to the middle school section of the building in the southeastern corner of the regional school district campus at 93 Feeding Hills Rd., Southwick, MA, which school facility shall have an anticipated useful life as an educational facility for the instruction of school children of at least 50 years; \$10,920,051 for the **repair project at the Woodland School**, which includes updating code requirements, building systems, building envelope and interior finishes, at the school which is located in the south central section of the regional school campus at 80 Powder Mill Rd., Southwick MA, which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that is otherwise capable of supporting the required educational program; and \$19,174,483 for **the repair project at the Powder Mill School**, which includes updating code requirements, building systems, building envelope and interior finishes at the school which is located in the western corner of the regional school campus at 94 Powder Mill Rd., Southwick, MA, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program, and for which the District may be eligible for a school construction grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Southwick-Tolland-Granville Regional School Building Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that the District may receive on account of each project shall not exceed the lesser of (1) 66.53 percent of eligible, approved Middle School/High School Project costs, (2) 55.63 percent of eligible, approved Woodland School Repair Project costs, and (3) 55.63 percent of eligible approved Powder Mill Repair Project costs, as determined by the MSBA, or the total maximum grant amount determined by the MSBA, provided that the approval of the District's borrowing by 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 →); and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant

amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA with respect to each project.

Requested by the Southwick Tolland  
Granville Regional School District

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will authorize and approve the borrowing of \$2,300,000.00 in accordance with General Laws Chapter 44, Sec 8(9) to pay emergency expenditures associated with the Town's response to the October 29, 2011 snow storm, which are removal and extinguishment of debris, overtime associated with storm and other storm related expenses.

Requested by the Finance Committee  
and Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Available Funds the sum of \$40,000.00 for lightning suppression expenses for the Police Station, Fire Station and Town Hall, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Police Department,  
Fire Department and Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000.00 from the Salary Reserve account to the Town Complex Overtime account or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Finance Committee

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from FY2012 State Local Aid Receipts the sum of \$77,144.00 for the DPW Road Paving Account, or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the DPW and Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$14,000.00 from the Sale of Lots fund to the Cemetery Salary Account to take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by the Cemetery Commission

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from Water Retained Earnings the sum of \$10,000.00 to supplement funds in the Water Division Line Item for contracted equipment to cover a current deficit in that line item and to provide funds for contracted equipment needs for the remainder of the fiscal year.

Requested by the Water Commissioners

Given under our hands at said Southwick this 21st day of December the year of the Lord two thousand and eleven.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\_\_\_\_\_ Fred B. Arnold, II

\_\_\_\_\_ Arthur G. Pinell, Vice-Chairman

\_\_\_\_\_ Russell S. Fox, Clerk

HAMPDEN SS.,

Pursuant to the within warrant I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Southwick by posting up attested copies of the same three (3) public places in said Town fourteen (14) days before the date thereof, as within directed.

Constable of Southwick, MA

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Kelly A. Magni

A TRUE COPY  
ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK, SOUTHWICK, MA

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Michelle L. Hill, Town Clerk

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