

# Town of Southwick, Massachusetts

454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077

## STM Warrant, May 18, 2010 Explanations

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**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
Tuesday, May 18, 2009  
6:30 p.m.**

Special Town Meeting, Tuesday, May 18, 2010, 6:30 p.m. at the Southwick Tolland Regional High School, Feedings Hills Road, in the Auditorium.

**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 AUDITORIUM ON Tuesday, May 18, 2009 at 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 vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$151,042.00 for the following operations accounts, or take any other action relative thereto.

DPW Building Utilities & Maintenance                      \$ 18,000.00

**Article 1 Explanation:**

***For DPW Building Utilities and Maintenance. These are funds for year end expenses through June 30<sup>th</sup> to operate the new DPW site. The acquisition did not happen until November 2009. Well after the last May 2009 Town Meeting set departmental budgets. Other funds covered expenses through the winter.***

Snow/Ice Removal    \$115,000.00

***For the Town experiencing approximately 33 inches snow and many icing events, some of which required overtime and the use of outside hired vendors. The cost of road salt to treat roads contributed heavily to these expenses. This will allow the Town to close out its books in balance without a snow/ice deficit as of June 30<sup>th</sup>. Otherwise the deficit would be added to next fall's tax bill.***

Unemployment Trust Fund                                      \$ 15,042.00

***For the Unemployment Trust Fund. These are year end available funds to supplement the Unemployment Trust Fund established at an earlier Town Meeting. The Town pays into the State Unemployment System as a reimbursement basis. The transfer will replenish the account that has had some drawn downs over the past 2 years and is recommended by the Treasurer/Collector and Town Accountant.***

Town Clerk Message Board                                      \$ 3,000.00

***For an outside message board at Town Hall. The State is mandating that messages and open meeting postings be available for viewing when municipal buildings are closed. The proposed adequate sized***

***board will be placed outside Town Hall, be able to properly secure the postings and be weatherproof.***

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$150,000.00 from available funds for the purpose of making building code and other related improvements, including building construction activities and outfitting of the DPW Garage located at 661 College Highway, or to take any other action relative thereto.

***Article 2 Explanation: \$150,000.00 for DPW garage rehabilitation. These funds supplement the initial funds voted for the rehab/outfit during the acquisition vote. A design firm is under contract preparing plans and specification and bids will be released this summer to address, in order of importance, required Mass State Building Code upgrades and Planning Board Special Permit requirements***

Requested by the Board of Selectmen

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer the sum of \$114,000.00 from the Community Preservation Unreserved Funds for a 20% local match towards the purchase of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction ("APR") of 55 acres of farmland along the southerly side of Davis Road. The APR is valued at \$570,000.00. The State of Massachusetts APR program is paying \$456,000.00. Project Site Hampden County Registry of Deeds, Book 15685, Page 59, formally known as part of Assessors Map 127, Parcel 19 owned by Russell Fox recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, or take any other action relative thereto.

"MOTION: To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$114,000.00 from the Community Preservation Unreserved Funds for a 20% local match towards the purchase of an Agricultural Preservation Restriction ("APR") over 55 acres of farmland along the southerly side of Davis Road."

***Article 3 Explanation: The Community Preservation Committee is asking the voters of Southwick to transfer \$114,000.00 from Community Preservation money that has been collected and put into a fund exclusively for Community Preservation purposes to preserve 55 acres of farmland on Davis Road. The \$114,000.00 is the Town's 20% match that is required to take advantage of Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources "Agricultural Preservation Restriction" Program. This "APR" will preserve and ensure that this land remains as farmland in perpetuity.***

Requested by the Community Preservation Committee

Given under our hands at said Southwick this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of May the year of the Lord two thousand and ten.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Arthur G. Pinell, Chairman

David A. St. Pierre, Vice-Chairman

Nicholas Boldyga, 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

Kelly Magni

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

Michelle L. Hill, Town Clerk

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