

Town of Southwick, Massachusetts

454 College Highway, Southwick, MA 01077

Warrant Article Explanations

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
ARTICLE EXPLANATIONS
Tuesday, March 15, 2016
6:30 p.m.**

Special Town Meeting, Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at the Southwick Regional School, 93 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 REGIONAL SCHOOL AUDITORIUM on Tuesday, March 15, 2016 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 \$10,485 for the following salary accounts:

Library Part Time	\$2,800.00
Library Full Time	\$ 500.00
Full Time FF/EMT	\$6,785.00
FF/EMT Overtime	\$ 400.00

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by
the Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 1 Warrant Article Explanation:

This Article funds the FY16 costs for Union Settlement Agreements with the FF/EMT and Library Units. The monies come from existing Salary Reserve Accounting put aside for these purposes.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$50,000 for the Whalley Park irrigation wells or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by
Park and Recreation Commission
Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate and transfer from available funds the sum of \$48,000 for the following Capital Item or take any other action relative thereto.

Library Building Fire Sprinkler System	\$48,000.00
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Requested by
Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 3 Warrant Article Explanation:

This Article for \$48,000.00 supplements an earlier vote at Town Meeting last May to replace the failing Library Fire Sprinkler Protection System. The bids came in higher than anticipated by the engineer. Once the funds are approved the project will be bid again this spring.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to petition the General Court for the passage of a Special Act reading substantially as follows:

Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law to the contrary, David A. Ricardi, Chief of the Police Department of the Town of Southwick, may continue in such position, subject to approval by the Board of Selectmen, until June 30, 2018, unless otherwise extended by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with all applicable law, but in no event later than September 19, 2018; provided however, that he is mentally and physically capable of performing the duties of such position. If requested, David A. Ricardi shall, at his own expense, be examined by an impartial physician designated by said Town to determine such capability. Deductions shall continue to be made from the regular compensation of David A. Ricardi under chapter 32 of the General Laws for any service performed until June 30, 2018 unless otherwise extended by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with all applicable law, but in no event later than September 19, 2018. Upon retirement, David A. Ricardi shall receive a superannuation retirement allowance including such actual service until June 30, 2018 unless otherwise extended by the Board of Selectmen in accordance with all applicable law, but in no event later than September 19, 2018 or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by
Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 4 Warrant Article Explanation:

This Article allows the Chief of Police to continue service to the Town and Police Department beyond the age of 65 until age 67. The Chief is committed to serving a little while longer to accomplish goals set for the department to position it for the future. The Board of Selectmen believes this is an important time for the Town as a new Fire Chief comes on board and settles in. They did not want the Town to experience turnover in both public safety chiefs in such short order and felt sometime between these changes was beneficial.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire the following land parcels and or rights in land parcels for the purpose of obtaining a secure and public right of way. This will allow for the construction and roadway safety improvements on the Route 57 (Feeding Hills Road) Highway Reconstruction Project.

	Total # Parcel	Area (Square Feet)
In Fee	9	23,142 SF +/-
Permanent Easements	12	17,105 SF +/-
Temporary Easements	23	40,940 SF +/-

Further that the Selectmen may acquire these parcels, or modification of these parcels or other required parcels through all legal means. This includes donations, purchase or eminent domain. The subject parcels

are currently identified on plans drafted by Northeast Survey Consultants PC Dated February 19, 2016 Titled "Taking & Easement Plan of Land in Southwick MA, Hampden Registry, Prepared for Weston & Sampson Inc." dated February 19, 2016.

And further, to appropriate and transfer an amount of \$40,000.00 to defray any associated right of way expenses connected with this project or take any other action relative thereto.

Requested by
Board of Selectmen
DPW

ARTICLE 5 Warrant Article Explanation:

The Feeding Hills Road intersection Improvements Project includes reconstruction at four major intersections: Powder Mill Road, Rebecca Lobo Way, Hudson Drive, and North Longyard Road / Foster Road. The project will include relocation of utilities, widening of intersections for signalized left turn lanes, new traffic signalization, new stormwater drainage, and other improvements. The project will result in takings, permanent easements, and temporary easements on several parcels abutting the project. This article will vote to accept the takings and easements as laid out during design. All property owners affected by this project were individually contacted to review the impacts to their property, and the owners will be awarded damages as deemed appropriate.

Given under our hands at said Southwick this 26th day of February the year of the Lord two thousand and sixteen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Joseph J. Deedy, Chairman

Russell S. Fox, Vice-Chairman

Doug Moglin, 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 at least fourteen (14) days before the date thereof, as within directed.

Constable of Southwick, MA

T. J. Welch _____

A TRUE COPY
ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK, SOUTHWICK, MA

Michelle L. Hill, Town Clerk

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