

**TOWN OF CLARKSBURG, MASSACHUSETTS
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 18, 2013, 7:00 PM
CLARKSBURG ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
Berkshire SS:

To any of the Police Officers of the Town of Clarksburg in the County of Berkshire:

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 at Town Meeting, to meet at the Clarksburg Elementary School on Tuesday June 18, then and there to vote on the following articles to wit:

FY2013 articles to be voted on:

Article one: (requires 2/3 vote) **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Stabilization a sum of money not to exceed \$1,956.55 for the purpose of transferring funds received from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the Clarksburg Fire Company, or take any relation thereto.

Article two: (requires 2/3 vote) **Supported by: Selectmen**
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Stabilization a sum of money not to exceed \$866.58 for the purpose of transferring funds received from the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency to the Regional Emergency Planning Committee, or take any relation thereto.

Article Three (requires 2/3 vote) **Supported by: Selectmen**
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Stabilization a sum of money not to exceed \$7,552.62 to fund the Town's costs incurred from Tropical Storm Sandy, for the installation of a generator to provide a fully serviceable emergency shelter at the town's Senior Center, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Four (requires 2/3 vote) **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Stabilization a sum of money not to exceed \$1,200 to fund the Massachusetts US Senatorial Election on June 25, 2013, or take any action in relation thereto.

FY2014 Articles to be voted on:

Article One **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**

To hear the Annual Report of the Town Officers and act therein.

Article Two **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013, in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 44, section 4, 6A and 7, and to issue a note or notes thereof, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 17 and 17A, or take any action in relation thereto

Article Three **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**

To see whether the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer to enter into compensating balance agreements during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013 as permitted by M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53F.

Article Four **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to take from available fines and forfeiture, concerning the Police Department, money collected by the Treasurer, to be recorded and deposited into a special revolving police fund account, a sum of \$5,000 under M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to be used by the Police Department for police training, equipment and fuel, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Five **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to set Annual Compensation for Elected Officials as follows:

<i>Individual Stipends</i>	FY 2013	RECOMMENDED FY 2014
Board of Selectmen, Chairman	\$560.00	\$560.00
Board of Selectmen, Member (2)	\$460.00	\$460.00
Planning Board, Chairman	\$280.00	\$280.00
Planning Board, Member (4)	\$230.00	\$230.00
Board of Health, Chairman	\$280.00	\$280.00
Board of Health, Member (2)	\$230.00	\$230.00
School Committee, Chairman	\$280.00	\$280.00
School Committee, Member (2)	\$230.00	\$230.00
Rep. to McCann School	\$230.00	\$230.00
Tree Warden	\$25.00	\$25.00
Moderator	\$87.50	\$87.50
Town Clerk	8,727.00	\$8,945.00

Article Six **Supported by: Selectmen, Finance & School Committees**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or take from available funds in the Treasury the amount of \$2,424,875.00 to pay for charges, expenses, and outlays of the School Department for the ensuing Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Seven**Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the amount of \$230,411.00 to pay the Town's share of the Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District's budget for the ensuing Fiscal Year July 1, 2013 - June 30, 2014, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Eight**Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into contracts with the State Highway Department for the construction and maintenance of public highways for the ensuing Fiscal Year, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Nine**Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to take from fees for permits from various inspectors and boards, money collected by the Treasurer, to be recorded and deposited into a special revolving account, a sum of \$15,000 under M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, to be used for the payment of inspectors and board inspections, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Ten**Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the following sums of money for salaries, expenses, and other purposes including loan debts, for the Fiscal period beginning July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014.

ACCOUNT	FY 2013	FY 2014
	APPROPRIATED	RECOMMENDED
Administration	\$ 75,214.00	\$ 77,367.00
Town Clerk	\$ 14,327.00	\$ 15,445.00
Treasurer	\$ 27,178.00	\$ 27,018.29
Assessor	\$ 21,510.00	\$ 12,272.50
Tax Collector	\$ 16,317.00	\$ 16,999.94
Financial	\$ 22,487.00	\$ 26,872.04
Operational	\$ 56,640.66	\$ 55,377.03
Various Stipends	\$ 3,527.50	\$ 3,727.50
Misc.	\$ 7,041.00	\$ 7,169.36
Police	\$ 84,731.00	\$ 86,021.80
Fees	\$ 24,977.00	\$ 26,273.50
Public Works	\$ 170,922.00	\$ 209,761.64
Human Services	\$ 70,270.00	\$ 73,246.00
Library	\$ 58,336.00	\$ 60,893.00
Recreation	\$ 900.00	\$ 900.00
Debt	\$ 70,162.00	\$ 79,562.95
Insurance	\$ 373,950.64	\$ 395,678.52
Unclassified	\$ 37,400.00	\$ 35,200.00
School Committees	\$ 970.00	\$ 970.00
Total	\$ 1,136,860.80	\$ 1,210,756.06

Article Eleven (requires 2/3 vote) **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Stabilization a sum of \$2,500 for repairs to the police department garage, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Twelve (requires 2/3 vote) **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Stabilization a sum of money not to exceed \$70,000.00 to provide funding for culvert, road or bridge repairs, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Thirteen **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**
To see if the Town will vote to appropriate for the expenses of the Town's Sewer Enterprise to be raised from sewer user fees, for the ensuing Fiscal Year 2014, as listed below in accordance with M.G.L., Chapter 40, Section 39K and Chapter 44, Section 53F ½, or take any action in relation thereto.

<u>*Finances:</u>	FY13
Debt Service	\$31,720.00
<u>*Sewer Operations:</u>	
Maintenance & Operation	\$29,950.00
<u>*Inter-Municipal Charges:</u>	
North Adams Fee	\$141,677.20
Capital Payment	\$35,227.00
Grand Total:	\$238,574.20

Article Fourteen **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**
To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept a MassWorks grant (formerly Small Town Road Assistance Program, STRAP) in the amount of \$1,000,000.00 from the Massachusetts Highway Department, said funds to be used for reclaiming and resurfacing roads, repair or replacement of culverts or bridges, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article Fifteen **Supported by: Selectmen**
To see if the Town will vote to accept Massachusetts General Law Chapter 40, § 22f. This article allows towns to contract for services they are unable to provide, at a responsible fee, with the approval of the elected board, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Sixteen **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**
To see if the Town will vote to accept Cha 59 § 5 Clause 41C½ To reduce the age from 70 to 65 for the senior exemption and to reduce the continuous domicile requirement from 10 to 5 years, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Seventeen **Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee**
To see if the Town will vote to accept Cha 59 § 5 Clause 41C To allow the gross receipts of income for the senior exemption to increase annually by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index determined by the Department of Revenue each year, or to take any action in relation thereto.

Article Eighteen

Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee

To see if the Town will vote to accept Cha 59 § 5K to increase the Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off abatement from its current level of \$750 to \$1,000, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Nineteen

Supported by:

This Article was submitted through voter petition.

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from free cash a sum of money not to exceed \$8,000 for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study at the Town Hall for the establishment of a preschool, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Twenty

Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee

To see if the Town of Clarksburg will vote to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load, pursuant to M.G.L. c. 164, § 134, and further, to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry;

Whereas, citizens of Clarksburg have a substantial economic and social interest at stake, and;

Whereas the Town of Clarksburg hereby finds that it may be in the interest of the electric ratepayers, both residential and commercial/industrial, to enter into an aggregation agreement,

Be it therefore resolved that the Town of Clarksburg hereby:

Publicly declares its intent to become an aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential and business communities, and;

Will negotiate and enter into a contract for power supply independently or in joint action with other municipalities. If such a contract is affected, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternatives they desire, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article Twenty One (requires 2/3 vote) Supported by:

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Stabilization a sum of money not to exceed \$2,000.00 for the purpose of providing software training from SoftRight for the Accountant and Collector/Treasurer positions, or take any action in relation thereto.

Article Twenty Two (requires 2/3 vote) Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee

To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Stabilization a sum of money not to exceed \$59,427.79 for the purpose funding FY2013 Snow Roads account deficit, or take any action in relation thereto. (Keep in mind this could go to the recap as long as we don't exceed our limit)

Article Twenty Three

Supported by: Selectmen & Finance Committee

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

To any of the Police Officers for the Town of Clarksburg, you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting two or more attested copies of the same in the Town of Clarksburg at least Seven (7) days before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this day of June in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand and Thirteen.

CLARKSBURG BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Carl McKinney
Carl McKinney, Chairman

Lily M. Kuzia
Lily M. Kuzia

Jeffrey Levanos
Jeffrey Levanos

Attest: Carol Jammalo Date: June 11, 2013

Carol Jammalo, Town Clerk

I have served the above Warrant, therein directed by posting two or more attested copies in two public places to wit: Clarksburg Town Hall and the Clarksburg Elementary School in said Town of Clarksburg on this ____th day of June, 2013.

POLICE OFFICER Chief Michael Williams DATE: 06/11/13