

WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
Tuesday, May 25, 2010

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HAMPDEN, ss

To any and all constables in the Town of Holland, County of Hampden

GREETINGS

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Holland qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Holland Elementary School Auditorium in said Town on Tuesday, May 25, 2010 at 7:00 PM, then and there to act on all business on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as are required by law to be determined by ballot, which election shall be held on Monday, June 7, 2010, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 8:00 PM, to wit:

ARTICLE #1 To choose by ballot all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing terms: Selectman, (one) 3 yr.; Assessor, (one) 3 yr.; Board of Health, (one) 3 yr.; Cemetery, (one) 3 yr.; Constable, (one) 3 yr.; Highway Surveyor, (one) 3 yr.; Library Trustee, (one) 3 yr.; Measurer of Wood and Bark, (one) 3 yr.; Moderator, (one) 3 yr.; Planning Board, (one) 5 yr.; School Committee, (one) 3 yr.; Tantasqua Rep., (one) 3 yr.; Tax Collector, (one) 3 yr.; Town Clerk, (one) 3 yr.; Water Commissioner, (one) 3 yr.; or act anything thereto.

Article #1 Passed

ARTICLE #2 To hear the reports of the Town Officers and outstanding committees, or act anything thereto.

Article #2 Senator Brewer and Representative Smola presented Earl Johnson with a citation for his more than 30 years of service to the Town.

ARTICLE #3 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, and the Cemetery Commission if applicable, to grant an easement to HAP, Inc. and/or its designee to construct, access, maintain and operate a public water supply well or wells and related facilities and equipment, within the limits of Parcel 17 and Parcel 17.1, Block C, Town of Holland Tax Map 13 for the purpose of supplying water to the Town of Holland Senior Center and/or the adjacent proposed senior housing project located on Parcel 17, Block C, Town of Holland, Tax map 13, and to execute any documents necessary to grant said easement and to take any other actions relative thereto.

Article #3 Failed

ARTICLE #4 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, and the Cemetery Commission if applicable, to grant an easement to HAP, Inc. and/or its designee to construct, access, maintain and operate an infiltration basin and related equipment, and to construct, access, maintain and operate a storm water overflow drain within the limits of Parcel 17 and Parcel 17.1, Block C, Town of Holland Tax Map 13 for the development and operation of the adjacent proposed senior housing project located on Parcel 17, Block C, Town of Holland, Tax map 13, and to execute any documents necessary to grant said easement and to take any other actions relative thereto.

Article #4 Failed

ARTICLE #5 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a ground lease for approximately two (2) acres+/_ on the westerly portion of Parcel 17, Block C, Town of Holland Tax Map 13 for the purpose of the construction, operation, and management by HAP, Inc., and/or its designee of approximately 20 units of housing for seniors and persons with disabilities. Said lease is to provide for a period of 99 years, will provide that the housing to be constructed and operated thereon shall /include not more than twenty (20) rental units, to be occupied by moderate and/or low income seniors and disabled persons, to include the provisions of the summary of principal lease terms as set forth in the Option to Lease dated June 19, 2009, between the Town of Holland and HAP, Inc. (See Option to Lease on file in the Office of the Town Clerk) and such further terms and conditions as the Selectmen deem to be in the best interest of the Town and to take any other actions relative thereto.

Article #5 Failed

ARTICLE #6 To see if the town will authorize the BOS to explore the possibility of purchasing the former Circle H Ranch , Assessor's Map Block and Lot 13/B/03, and report back to Town Meeting, or act anything thereto.

Article #6 Passed

ARTICLE #7 To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all officers of the Town, effective from July 1, 2010, as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended and raised and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money thereto, or act anything thereto.

Article #7 Passed-see attached budget

ARTICLE #8 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for the ensuing twelve month fiscal period, or act anything thereto.

Article #8 Passed-see attached budget

ARTICLE #9 To see if the Town will vote to have the money voted for the General Highway Account expended with the approval of the Selectmen, or act anything thereto.

Article #9 Passed

ARTICLE #10 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Library Trustees to appoint a Librarian, or act anything thereto.

Article #10 Passed

ARTICLE #11 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners to draw interest on the Perpetual Care Funds to be used on said lots, and also the interest on General Care Funds to be used for general maintenance, or act anything thereto.

Article #11 Passed

ARTICLE #12 To see if the Town will vote to let the Tree Warden bill the appropriate utility company, or act anything thereto.

Article #12 Passed

ARTICLE #13 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to expend as available funds Highway Chapter 90 Grant monies from Chapter 30/200 in the amount of _\$ 123,704_____ with the approval of the State Highway Department, or act anything thereto.

Article #13 Passed

ARTICLE #14 To see if the Town will vote to give selectmen signatory authority for the execution of license number DACW33-3-68-77 which grants the Town of Holland the right to cross government-owned property at the East Brimfield Dam and Reservoir Project, Massachusetts, or act anything thereto.

Article #14 Passed

ARTICLE #15 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Building Commissioner to establish a revolving fund per M.G.L. 44:53E½ to which shall be credited all building permit and inspection fees and which may be expended with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, in the amounts so credited, for payment of inspections and clerical services and the other expenses of the Building Department to be limited to \$20,000, any balance at the end of FY11 except amounts up to \$1,500 to revert to the General Fund, said

remaining amounts to be added to a new revolving fund approved for the same purpose, or act anything thereto.

Article #15 Passed

ARTICLE #16 To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to establish a revolving account per M.G.L. 44:53E ½ for permit and inspection fees under its authority, to pay as authorized by the Board of Health a registered Sanitarian fees for services rendered in conjunction with same, for other services or fees authorized by the Board of Health required in the course of enforcing State and Local Board of Health regulations, to be limited to \$15,000, any balance except amounts up to \$___15,000_____at the end of FY11 will revert to the General Fund, said remaining amounts to be added to a new revolving fund approved for the same purpose, or act anything thereto.

Article #16 Passed

ARTICLE #17 To see if the Town will vote to authorize revolving funds for FY2011, pursuant to Section 53E1/2 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, as amended, for the following purposes:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>Authorized to Spend</u>	<u>Revenue Source</u>	<u>Use of Fund</u>	<u>Spending Limit</u>
Cemetery Commission	Cemetery Commission	Burial Fees	Excavations,Burial Costs,Maintenance	\$5,000
Library Trustees	Library Trustees	Fines & Book Sale Receipts	Purchase of Books	\$600
Electrical Inspector	Electrical Inspector	Permit and Inspection fees	Fees and expenses of electrical insp.	\$2,000
Plumbing Inspector	Plumbing Inspector	Permit and Inspection fees	Fees and expenses of Plumbing insp.	\$2,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	Zoning Board of Appeals	All fees	Fees and operating expenses of ZBA	\$2,000
Fire Dept.	Fire Chief	Permits, Inspection fees, hazardous	Materials and equipment for:Fire prevention, public safety, education,	\$3,000

		material fees	and hazardous materials response	
Animal Control Officer(s)	Animal Control Officer(s)	Fines and fees	Food, supplies, fees and expenses of the A.C.O.	\$5,000
Conservation Commission	Conservation Commission	fees	Fees and operating expense of Conservation Commission	\$2,000
Planning Board	Planning Board	fees	Fees and operating expense of the Planning Board	\$500.00
Cable Commission	Cable Commission	fees	Fees and operating expense of Cable Commission	\$100.00

Article #17 Passed

ARTICLE #18 To see if the Town will, in accordance with G.L.c.40, section 4A, authorize the Board of Health to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with one or more other governmental units to provide public health services which the Board of Health is authorized to perform, in accordance with an InterMunicipal Mutual Aid Agreement to be entered into between the Town and various governmental units, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article #18 Passed

ARTICLE #19 To see if the Town will vote to adopt certain provisions of Chapter 152, section 69 of the M.G.L., and to see if the Town will vote to define, for workers compensation purposes, that “laborers, workmen and mechanics” shall include all elected and appointed officials, excluding the Selectmen, Policemen and Firemen, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 152, section 69, or act anything thereto.

Article #19 Passed

ARTICLE # 20 To see if the Town will allow the members of the Board of Assessors and the Assistant Assessor to be compensated \$16.00 per parcel for necessary fieldwork and data collection for services rendered in connection with the revaluation and re-certification process involving one eighth of the improved parcels in town, or act anything thereto.

Article #20 Passed with 47 yes votes and 18 no votes

ARTICLE #21 To see if the town will vote to accept the amendment to General Laws, Chapter 59, Section 5K, as amended by Chapter 27 of the Acts of 2009, and to increase the amount of the deduction that eligible seniors may take to their property tax bill from the current deduction of \$500.00 to the deduction of \$750.00, said \$750.00 to become effective for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011, or act anything thereto.

Article #21 Passed

ARTICLE #22 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, borrow or lease or transfer from available funds \$172,525.00 for the purchase of a new dump truck, including all accessories for plowing and sanding, or act anything thereto.

Article #22 Motion: To Borrow -Passed

ARTICLE #23 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, borrow or lease or transfer from available funds \$15,000.00 for the purchase of a sport utility vehicle, new or used, for the Fire Department, or act anything thereto.

Article #23 Motion: To Raise and Appropriate -Passed

ARTICLE #24 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, borrow or lease or transfer from available funds \$35,000.00 for the purchase of a new police cruiser, or act anything thereto.

Article #24 Motion: To Raise and Appropriate- Passed

ARTICLE #25 To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of maintaining and repairing the Town Hall building and grounds, or act anything thereto.

Article #25 Motion: To raise and appropriate-Passed

ARTICLE #26 To see if the Town will vote to establish a stabilization fund, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 5b, to be titled "Roadway Improvements Stabilization" for the purpose of funding infrastructure improvement projects for public ways in the Town of Holland, and to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$ 93,000.00 to said "Roadway Improvements Stabilization" fund, or act anything thereto.

Article #26 Amendment "To transfer from free cash" Amended article passed

ARTICLE #27 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$100,000.00 to the General Stabilization fund, in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, section 5b, for any lawful purpose, or act anything thereto.

Article #27 Amendment "To transfer from free cash" Amended article passed

ARTICLE #28 To see if the town will act on a petition, submitted by 10 registered voters of the Town, as follows: That "The Town of Holland to vote on whether or not to adopt

the model “right to farm” bylaw, copies of which are available at the Board of Selectmen’s Office and the Library, or act anything thereto.

Article #28 Tabled

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at five (5) conspicuous places in said town, at least seven days (7) before the time of holding said meeting.

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

Given under this fifth day of May in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and ten.

James Wettlaufer, Chairman

Constable

Christian Petersen, Clerk

A True Copy, Attest:

Earl Johnson

Kristin LaPlante
Town Clerk

