

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Town of Sheffield Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire, ss

To the Constables of the Town of Sheffield in said County of Berkshire, *Greeting:*

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Sheffield, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet in the auditorium of the Mount Everett Regional High School on Berkshire School Road in Sheffield on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. for the following purposes:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, such sums of money as listed below, and as may be amended, necessary to defray the expenses of the Town for Fiscal Year 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moderator.....	\$ 200	Streetlights.....	\$ 11,500
Selectmen's Office.....	\$156,704	Board of Health.....	\$ 14,334
Board of Assessors.....	\$ 91,007	Visiting Nurse Association.....	\$ 3,096
Treasurer/Collector.....	\$145,124	Council on Aging.....	\$ 48,460
Town Clerk.....	\$ 54,046	Veterans Benefits.....	\$ 18,000
Elections & Registration.....	\$ 19,890	Library.....	\$152,664
Conservation Commission.....	\$ 6,930	Historical Commission.....	\$ 100
Planning Board.....	\$ 11,000	Memorial Day.....	\$ 750
Economic Development Comm...	\$ 100	American Legion.....	\$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals.....	\$ 2,000	Care of Soldier's Graves.....	\$ 1,400
Town Buildings & Properties.....	\$104,100	Ashley Falls Historic Dist. Comm.	\$ 100
Town Report & Communications	\$ 5,500	Agricultural Commission.....	\$ 500
Legal Services.....	\$ 15,000	Interest on Loans.....	\$ 1
Dispatch Services.....	\$ 7,602	Berkshire County Retirement.....	\$170,306
Police Department.....	\$418,669	Worker's Compensation.....	\$ 18,500
Fire Department.....	\$ 40,445	Unemployment Comp. Fund.....	\$ 1
Inspectional Services.....	\$ 75,800	Group Health (32B) Insurance.....	\$280,000
Fire Hydrants.....	\$ 7,942	Employer Medicare.....	\$ 19,000
Animal Control.....	\$ 8,500	Financial Audit.....	\$ 12,000
Highway Department.....	\$551,050	Insurance & Bonding.....	\$ 67,000

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the following elected officers of the Town for Fiscal Year 2010, as required by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws; Moderator, \$200; Selectmen, Chairman \$2,200; Selectmen, two members at \$1,900 each, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds, \$800 to pay the stipend for Sheffield's committee members of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District for Fiscal Year 2010, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c 71, s16B, as amended, to amend Section 4 (e) the SBRSD Regional Agreement as follows:

“For Fiscal Year 2010, each member town’s share of the total operating and transportation budget of the District (“Assessment”) shall be the amount determined as follows: the district treasurer shall calculate each member town’s share of the District’s total operating and transportation budget using the alternative assessment method as set forth in the amendment to the SBRSD Regional Agreement voted in May of 2001 and shall then multiply such share by fifty percent (50%) (the “Alternative Method Portion”). The district treasurer shall then calculate each member town’s share of the District’s total operating and transportation budget using the Statutory Method and shall then multiply such share by fifty percent (50%) (the “Statutory Method Portion”). The district treasurer shall then calculate each member town’s actual Assessment for Fiscal Year 2010 by adding the Alternative Method Portion to the Statutory Method Portion.

“For Fiscal Year 2011, each member town’s share of the total operating and transportation budget of the District shall be the amount determined as follows: the district treasurer shall calculate each member town’s share of the District’s total operating and transportation budget using the alternative assessment method as set forth in the amendment to the SBRSD Regional Agreement voted in May of 2001 and shall then multiply such share by twenty-five percent (25%) (the “2011 Alternative Method Portion”). The district treasurer shall then calculate each member town’s share of the District’s total operating and transportation budget using the Statutory Method and shall then multiply such share by seventy-five percent (75%) (the “2011 Statutory Method Portion”). The district treasurer shall then calculate each member town’s actual Assessment for Fiscal Year 2011 by adding the 2011 Alternative Method Portion to the 2011 Statutory Method Portion.”

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (“District”) Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 of \$13,203,459 and vote to raise and appropriate \$5,451,605 to pay the Town’s assessed share of that budget under the alternate apportionment formula, said formula being an optional alternative to the statutory formula enumerated in Chapter 71, Section 16B of the General Laws, said appropriation to be contingent both on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override in the amount of \$177,000, and passage by the five member towns of the District of the amendment contained in Article 4 above, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (“District”) Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 of \$13,203,459 and vote to raise and appropriate \$5,580,157 to pay the Town’s assessed share of that budget under the alternate apportionment formula, said formula being an optional alternative to the statutory formula enumerated in Chapter 71, Section 16B of the General Laws, said appropriation to be contingent both on the passage of a Proposition 2 ½ override in the amount of \$305,000, and the failure of any of the five member towns of the District to pass the amendment contained in Article 4 above, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Southern Berkshire Regional School District Operating Budget for Fiscal Year 2010 of \$13,203,459 and vote to raise and appropriate \$5,323,053 to pay for the Town’s assessed share of that budget under the statutory formula enumerated in Chapter 71, Section 16B of the General Laws, said appropriation to be contingent on the failure of Article 5 above and Article 6 above to pass, or the failure of any of the contingent Proposition 2 ½ overrides noted therein to pass, or take any other action relative thereto.

