

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 6, 2013 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 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

Moderator.....	\$ 219	Energy.....	\$139,500
Selectmen’s Office.....	\$186,866	Board of Health.....	\$ 7,405
Board of Assessors.....	\$ 93,425	Visiting Nurse Association.....	\$ 4,996
Treasurer/Collector.....	\$158,071	Council on Aging.....	\$ 48,373
Town Clerk.....	\$ 45,560	Veterans Benefits.....	\$ 27,000
Elections & Registration.....	\$ 21,500	Library.....	\$160,833
Conservation Commission.....	\$ 6,908	Historical Commission.....	\$ 1,000
Planning Board.....	\$ 10,754	Memorial Day.....	\$ 750
Commission on Disabilities.....	\$ 200	American Legion.....	\$ 500
Zoning Board of Appeals.....	\$ 2,035	Care of Soldier’s Graves.....	\$ 1,400
Town Buildings & Grounds.....	\$ 77,100	Ashley Falls Historic Dist. Comm.	\$ 50
Town Report & Communications	\$ 6,500	Agricultural Commission.....	\$ 750
Legal Services.....	\$ 36,000	Interest on Loans.....	\$ 1
Dispatch Services.....	\$ 9,137	Berkshire County Retirement.....	\$178,480
Police Department.....	\$433,926	Worker’s Compensation.....	\$ 18,500
Fire Department.....	\$ 40,075	Unemployment Comp. Fund.....	\$ 1
Inspectional Services.....	\$ 62,216	Group Health (32B) Insurance....	\$336,000
Fire Hydrants.....	\$ 18,091	Employer Medicare.....	\$ 21,000
Animal Control.....	\$ 8,800	Financial Audit.....	\$ 13,000
Highway Department.....	\$544,431	Insurance & Bonding.....	\$ 69,000

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to submit to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council an application designating the property located at 1375 North Main Street (Route 7) as shown on Assessors Map 32, Block 2, Lot 5, as an Economic Opportunity Area pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 23A; and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Increment Financing Agreement with Berkshire Mountain Distillers, Inc. pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 59, in connection with the development of the aforementioned property and described in a Certified Project Application and to implement the Tax Increment Financing Agreement, substantially in the form as is on file with the Town Clerk; and further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to take such other actions as may be necessary to obtain approval of the Certified Project Application, the Economic Opportunity Area, the Tax Increment Financing Plan and matters relating thereto and to implement the Tax Increment Financing Agreement; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.1.3 Table of Use Regulation of the Zoning By-laws to change several uses designations from N-Prohibited or Y-Permitted by Right to PB-Special Permit/Planning Board, as proposed by the Planning Board, all as set forth in the document on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 3.1.5, Commercial Uses in the Village Center District and Commercial District, of the Zoning By-laws by deleting this section in its entirety and inserting in place thereof a new Section 3.1.5 Commercial Building Requirements, as proposed by the Planning Board, all as set forth in the document on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto:

ARTICLE 5: *(By Petition)* To see if the Town will vote to add a new Section 3.1.6 Temporary Moratorium on Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers to the Zoning By-laws, as approved by the Planning Board, all as set forth in the document on file in the Office of the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto:

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation of the following elected officers of the Town for Fiscal Year 2014, as required by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws; Moderator, \$219, Selectmen, Chairman \$2,369; Selectmen, two members at \$2,049 each, Southern Berkshire Regional School District School Committee, 4 members at \$500 each, 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 and Transportation Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and vote to raise and appropriate \$6,040,883 to pay the Town's assessed share of that budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Southern Berkshire Regional School District Capital Budget for Fiscal Year 2014 and vote to raise and appropriate \$223,795 to pay the Town's assessed share of that budget, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$60,000 to pay for vocational education tuition in Fiscal Year 2014, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds \$130,000 for the disposal and management of solid waste, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to accept funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the appointment of members of the Board of Selectmen to any office or position under its supervision at no additional compensation in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 268A, Section 21A of the General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Health to employ any of its members as Title 5 and Perc Test Witnesses for Septic System Inspections, Sanitation Inspections, and Public Health Nurse Services for Fiscal Year 2014 at rates and salaries to be determined by the Board of Selectmen, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer/Collector to sell, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, any parcel or parcels of real estate which have been or may be acquired through the foreclosure of tax title, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$25,053 to pay principal and interest on the bonded indebtedness authorized by Town Meeting vote of January 30, 1995, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available

funds, \$74,000 to provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 6 of the General Laws, known as the Reserve Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$750 to the Emergency Response Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$25,000 to compensate firefighters for training, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$10,000 for Tax Recertification, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$10,000 for processing Tax Takings and costs associated with Tax Title accounts , or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$40,300 to purchase a cruiser and laptop for the Police Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$9,000 to purchase up to date information technology hardware, software, and services, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$30,000 for guardrail replacements, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$70,000 for Town building repairs, improvements, and furnishings to include but not be limited to the Town Hall, Library, and Police Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$87,000 to purchase and equip a plow truck for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$2,500 to purchase a mower for the Highway Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$2,500 to purchase two cold water rescue suits for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds \$9,000 to purchase a Rescue Wagon for the Fire Department, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds \$150,000 into the Fire Truck Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving funds for departmental operations which shall not exceed the noted sums for each fund, which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately, and to which shall be credited only the receipts received in connection with the departmental operations supported by the revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53 E ½ of the General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for the revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for said fund:

Plumbing Inspector	\$10,000
Gas Inspector	\$10,000
Electrical Inspector	\$10,000
Fire Safety Inspector	\$10,000
Board of Health	\$15,000

, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$95,000 from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Retained Earnings Account for paving and repairs at the Transfer Station, or take any other action relative thereto.



You are also directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Sheffield, qualified to vote in Town elections, to meet in the Senior Center on 25 Cook Road in Sheffield on Monday, May 13, 2013 at 7:00 AM then and there to bring in their votes for the election of the following Town officers:

One Moderator for one year	One Selectmen for three years
One Library Trustee for three years	Two Planning Board members for three years

All of said officers to be voted for on the official ballots furnished at the polls. The polls will be opened at 7:00 AM and closed at 7:00 PM.

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy in seven public places in the Town, not less than seven days before the date of said meeting.

Hereof Fail not, and make return of this Warrant to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon, at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Town of Sheffield this day of April in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

_____	_____	_____
David A. Smith Jr.	Julie M. Hannum	Rene C. Wood

In obedience to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the inhabitants of the Town of Sheffield qualified to vote in Town or State Elections and Primaries by posting seven attested copies of said warrant in seven public places at least seven days prior to said election.

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

CONSTABLE

DATE