

WARRANT

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Town of Sheffield

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Berkshire, ss.

To the Constables of the Town of Sheffield in said County, 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, 489 Berkshire School Road in Sheffield on Monday, October 23, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. then and there to act upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen I, inclusive, of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws providing for the establishment of an eight town regional school district, together with the towns of Alford, Egremont, Great Barrington, Monterey, New Marlborough, Stockbridge, and West Stockbridge, to be known as the Southern Berkshire Hills Regional School District (the "New District"). The New District would be formed and governed in accordance with the proposed agreement filed by the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board with the Select Board (the "8 Town Regional Agreement") (a copy of which is available for inspection at Town Hall and on the website 8towns.org).

Formation of the New District is subject to voter approval in each of the eight towns who is a party to the 8 Town Regional Agreement. As provided in the 8 Town Regional Agreement, full operation of the New District and dissolution of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (the "SBRSD") and the Berkshire Hills Regional School District (the "BHRSD") shall be further subject to:

- (i) voter approval, in accordance with applicable law and the terms of the 8 Town Regional Agreement, of the debt required to construct a new high school for the New District on the Great Barrington campus of the current BHRSD; and
- (ii) enactment of special legislation permitting (a) the transfer of the buildings and other assets of each of the SBRSD and the BHRSD to the New District on the date the New District becomes fully operational (at the end of the transition period specified in the 8 Town Regional Agreement); and (b) the dissolution of the SBRSD and the BHRSD on that same date without further action by any public body.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:


Robert C. Kilmer, Jr.


Nadine A. Hawver


Rene C. Wood

DATE: October 6, 2023

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 fourteen days prior to said election.

ATTEST:


TOWN CLERK


CONSTABLE

10/06/23
DATE