

**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 Sheffield Senior Center located at 25 Cook Road in Sheffield on Thursday, May 30, 2019 at 6:30 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 G.L. c. 64G, §3A which will authorize the Town to impose a local excise tax upon the transfer of occupancy of any room or rooms in a bed and breakfast establishment, hotel, lodging house, short-term rental or motel located within the Town by an operator at a rate of six per cent (6%) of the total amount of rent for each such occupancy, or take any other action relative thereto.

This is the same article that was passed over at the Annual Town Meeting. There were some clarifications needed regarding short term rentals. This article will include all short term rentals registered with the state beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**The majority of the Finance Committee recommend a yes vote on this article.**

**The majority of the Board of Selectmen recommend a yes vote on this article**

**ARTICLE 2:** To see if the Town will vote to adjust the real property tax exemption allowed pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c. 59, §5K, as previously accepted by a vote under Article 29 of the May 4, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, for a program allowing persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to the Town in exchange for which the Town shall reduce the real property tax obligations of such persons, by increasing the reduction of the real property tax bill so that it shall not exceed \$1,500 in a given tax year pursuant to the statute as amended, and further allowing the maximum reduction of the real property tax bill to be based on 125 volunteer service hours in a given tax year, rather than \$1,500, or take any other action relative thereto.

This will increase the limit of the tax reduction from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per year for the Senior Work off Program.

**The majority of the Finance Committee recommend a yes vote on this article.**

**The majority of the Board of Selectmen recommend a yes vote on this article**

**ARTICLE 3:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund for repairs at the Transfer Station, including any incidental and related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

This work will lift up the trash compactor to help prevent ice buildup and to make it easier to clean out underneath the compactor.

**The majority of the Finance Committee recommend a yes vote on this article.**

**The majority of the Board of Selectmen recommend a yes vote on this article**

**ARTICLE 4:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a ten (10) year contract, commencing on July 1, 2020 with the qualified vendor selected by MassDEP through a competitive bid process for recycling processing services for the Town, subject to the Board of Selectmen's determination that the contract is in the best interests of the Town and subject to Town Meeting approval for funding for these services, or take any other action relative thereto:

This article will allow the Board of Selectmen to enter into an agreement for disposal of recyclables for up to 10 years. Next year will be the end of the current contract that has been in effect for the past 10 years.

**The majority of the Finance Committee recommend a yes vote on this article.**

**The majority of the Board of Selectmen recommend a yes vote on this article**

