

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 located at 491 Berkshire School Road in Sheffield on Monday, August 3, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. then and there to act upon the following Articles:

ARTICLE 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a Tax Agreement pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 59, Section 38H(b), and Chapter 164, Section 1, and/or any other enabling authority with Powerplay Solar, LLC for personal property taxes associated with the 2 MW solar photovoltaic facility located on the property at Undermountain Road, Map 28, Block 2, Lot 4.1, in Sheffield, and described in a deed recorded with the Berkshire County Registry of Deeds in Book 362, Page 618 and Book 363, Page 304, for a term of up to ten (10) years, on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town, and to take any and all actions as may be necessary or convenient to accomplish the purpose of this article; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws by adopting a personnel bylaw pursuant G.L. c. 41, §108C, a copy of said personnel bylaw as on file at the Town Clerk's office; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of the following revolving fund for departmental operations which shall not exceed the noted sum, 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:

Council on Aging Transportation Fund \$10,000

, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. (Citizen's Petition) To see if the Town will vote to rescind the action taken on Article 11 on the 4th day of May 2015 Annual Town Meeting and vote to make the Finance Committee appointed by the Moderator. This petition will restore the General Bylaw back to the original language:

§ 18-1. Formation; membership; terms; duties; compensation.

§ 18-2. Increase in membership.

[HISTORY: Adopted by the Town of Sheffield 3-3-1947 Annual Town Meeting, Art. 41.]1

GENERAL REFERENCES

Receipt of budget -- See Form of Administration.

Disposal of town property -- See Ch. 40, Art. I.

Town Meeting -- See Ch. 52.

Treasurer -- See Ch. 55.

§ 18-1. Formation; membership; terms; duties; compensation.

The town adopts this chapter for the formation of a Finance Committee to consist of the Town Treasurer in an advisory capacity without voting power and three (3) other members to be appointed by the Moderator with the approval of the Selectmen within two (2) weeks following the Annual Town Meeting, one (1) member to be appointed for one (1) year, one (1) for two (2) years and one (1) for three (3) years and, hereafter, one (1) to be appointed annually for a three-year term, whose duties it shall be to approve or disapprove all appropriations and to make transfers from the reserve fund when needed. Said Committee is to serve without compensation.

§ 18-2. Increase in membership. [Added 5-12-1975 ATM, Art. 35]


The membership of the Finance Committee is hereby increased from three (3) members to five (5) members. The two (2) additional members shall be appointed initially one (1) for a one-year term and one (1) for a two-year term, and thereafter, when any of the members' terms expire, members shall be appointed for three-year terms.

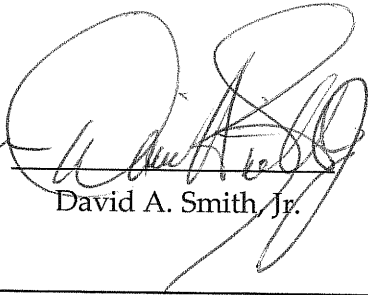
You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting an attested copy in seven public places in the Town, not less than fourteen days before the date of said meeting.

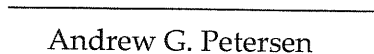
Hereof Fail Not, and make return of this Warrant to the Town Clerk, with your doings thereon, at or before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Town of Sheffield this seventeenth day of June in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Fifteen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:



Nadine A. Hawver

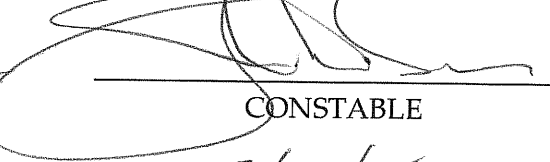

David A. Smith, Jr.

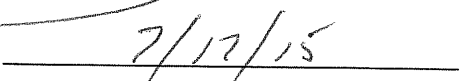

Andrew G. Petersen

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


DATE