

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 on Berkshire School Road in Sheffield on Monday, November 18, 2013 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 submit to the Massachusetts Economic Assistance Coordinating Council an application designating the property located at 354 and 356 South Main Street (Route 7) as shown on Assessors Map 20, Block 1, Lots 3.1, 3.2 and 3.3, 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 2. To see if the Town will vote to not expend tax dollars in defense of the current lawsuit by Primax Properties against the town of Sheffield and certain Board members and individuals. Said lawsuit is in regard to an appeal of the decision of the Sheffield Zoning Board of Appeals to revoke a building permit issued to the owner of the property located at 666-680 North Main Street in Sheffield Massachusetts. (petition)

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds, including certified Free Cash, up to \$30,000 to the Legal Services account under control of the Board of Selectmen to cover potential future legal defense expenses in the Primax suit, or take any other actions relative thereto. (petition)

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 Tail Mat, 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 thirty first day of October in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Thirteen

BOARD OF SELECTMEN:

Julie M. Hannum

Rene C. Wood

Edwin J. Dobson

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