

TOWN OF SOUTHAMPTON
Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Special Town Meeting Warrant
Fiscal Year 2011

HAMPSHIRE SS:

To the Constables of the Town of Southampton in the County of Hampshire.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote on Town affairs, to meet at William E. Norris School, located at 34 Pomeroy Meadow Road, in said Southampton on Tuesday, the fourteenth of December next, at seven in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate monies as identified in the Town's omnibus budget, as attached, for such fiscal year; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$22,561 from Free Cash to reduce the FY11 tax rate; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$30,000 from Free Cash into the Town's Restricted [Capital] Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds vote required.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$20,000 from Free Cash into the Town's All Purpose [Operating] Stabilization Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds vote required.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow, a sum not to exceed \$8,500; said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, for the costs of an investment grade energy audit to be conducted by Siemens Industry, Inc. for the purpose of developing an energy infrastructure and renewable energy program under which the Town would purchase infrastructure improvements including but not limited to heating and ventilation, lighting and controls, energy management systems, insulation, equipment, materials and supplies for the Town-owned buildings, under which the funds to pay for these items will ultimately come from grants, rebates and savings derived from energy conservation measures, for a period of up to a twenty (20) year Energy Savings Performance Contract between the Town and Siemens Industry, Inc.; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into an investment grade energy audit agreement as may be necessary to carry out the purposes of Article 5; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$33,000 from Free Cash to the Winter Roads account; or to take any other relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from Free Cash to the Technology Service account to pay for technology services related to the new town hall; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the town will vote to transfer the sum of \$5,000 from Free Cash to the Moving account to pay for moving services for the old town hall and council on aging to the new town hall; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$226.87 to pay W.B. Mason for a Fiscal Year 2009 invoice, in accordance with MGL Chapter 44, Section 64 – Appropriation to Pay Certain Unpaid Bills of Previous Years; or take any other action relative thereto.

9/10^{ths} vote required.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$25,000 from Free Cash to the Police Department Wages account to pay for additional staffing in the Police Department; or take any action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$10,000 from the Ambulance Fees account to the Police Department Wages account to fund EMS/Ambulance related expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from the Ambulance Fees account to the EMT Training Wages account to fund EMS/Ambulance related expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$175,000 from the Ambulance Account to fund the Capital Improvement budget for FY2011 as follows: \$175,000 for the purchase of a new ambulance; or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to (a) raise, appropriate, transfer from available funds, accept gifts or borrow the sum of Fifteen Thousand Five Hundred and 00/100 (\$15,500.00) Dollars for the purpose of acquiring, for conservation and passive recreation purposes, a conservation restriction in that property known as Howland Property located at 82 Brickyard Road Extension, consisting of 9 acres, more or less, as shown on Assessor's Map 29, Parcel 31, and for the purpose of paying the costs and expenses associated with such acquisition; and (b) authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, in order to meet such appropriation, to borrow in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 7 of the General Laws as amended or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes therefore; and (c)

authorize the Town to acquire a conservation restriction, by negotiated purchase, eminent domain or otherwise, for conservation and passive recreation purposes subject to the protections of Article 97 of the Amendments of the Massachusetts Constitution, upon such terms and conditions as the Conservation Commission, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, shall determine to be appropriate, and that said interests in said property be conveyed to the Town, under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 40, Section 8C, as it may hereafter be amended, and other Massachusetts statutes relating to conservation, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission; and (d) authorize the Board of Selectmen, the Conservation Commission and/or Town officers to take all related actions necessary or appropriate to carry out this acquisition, or take any other action relative thereto.

2/3rds vote required.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following resolution:

Resolution to Seek Lower Electric Rates in a Competitive Electricity Market

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by enacting Chapter 164 of the Acts of 1997, has established a competitive marketplace through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry; and

Whereas, citizens of the Town of Southamton in Hampshire County have substantial economic, environmental, and social interests at stake; and

Whereas, Southamton's residential and business consumers are interested in reducing their electricity rates;

Be it therefore resolved, that the Town Meeting of Southamton grant the Board of Selectmen authority to develop and participate in a contract, or contracts, for power supply and other related services, independently, or in joint action with other municipalities. If such contracts are to be approved, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternative for service they desire; and

Be it further resolved, that the Board of Selectmen will appoint a representative for a county-wide committee to oversee such joint action.

Or take any other action relative thereto.


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And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at six usual places in said town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding said meeting.

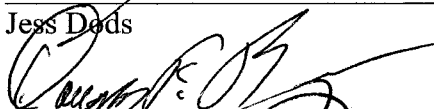
Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the town clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day in November in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten.

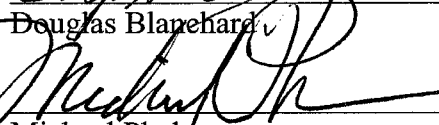
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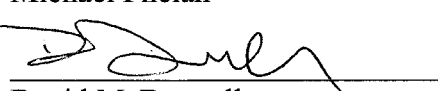
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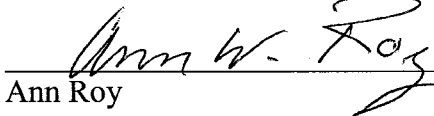
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A true copy.

Attest: _____
Constable