

**2009 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

FRANKLIN, SS:

To either of the Constables of the **Town of Sunderland** in the County of Franklin,
GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in the elections and in town affairs, to meet at SUNDERLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL in said SUNDERLAND ON MONDAY, THIS SEVENTEENTH DAY of AUGUST, TWO THOUSAND AND NINE at 7:00 P.M. and act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote, under the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 108, to revise the salaries and compensation of all its elected officials connected therewith for Fiscal Year 2010, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

| Position | Salary Set under Article 2 at the April 4, 2009 ATM | Proposed Salary Revision |
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| <u>Assessors:</u> | | |
| Chairman | \$3,269.00 annually | |
| Clerk | \$3,269.00 annually | |
| Member | \$3,269.00 annually | |
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| <u>Moderator:</u> | \$200.00 annually | |
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| <u>Planning Board:</u> | | |
| Chairman | \$750.00 annually | |
| Clerk | \$750.00 annually | |
| Members each | \$500.00 annually | |
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| <u>Town Clerk:</u> | \$39,930.00 annually | \$36,050.00 annually |
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| <u>Selectmen:</u> | | |
| Chairman | \$3,500.00 annually | \$3,150.00 annually |
| Vice Chairman | \$3,000.00 annually | \$2,700.00 annually |
| Clerk | \$3,000.00 annually | \$2,700.00 annually |

Two-thirds Vote-G.L. c.41, §108

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to amend the vote taken under Article 3 of the April 24, 2009 Annual Town Meeting appropriating the total sum of **\$7,522,514** for town and general municipal purposes connected therewith for Fiscal Year 2010, by reducing the amount raised and appropriated by **\$788,896**, so that the total amount appropriated for the Fiscal Year 2010 budget shall be **\$6,733,618**, and by reducing appropriations under various line items for such purposes, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Majority Vote -G.L. c. 40, §5 and G.L. c.71, §16B

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen
SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town of Sunderland will vote to accept G.L. c. 64L, §2(a) authorizing the imposition of a local excise in the statutory amount of .75% on the sale of restaurant meals originating within the town, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Majority Vote - G.L. c.64L, § 2(a); G.L. c.4, §4

SUBMITTED BY: Selectmen
SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town of Sunderland will vote to accept G.L. c. 64G, §3A authorizing the imposition of a local excise of a rate of up to 6% on the rental of rooms in hotels, motels, lodging houses and bed and breakfast establishments within the town, and set such local excise or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Majority Vote - G.L. c.64G, § 3A; G.L. c.4, §4

SUBMITTED BY: Selectmen
SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town of Sunderland will vote to accept G.L. c. 59, § 5K to establish a Senior Citizen Property Tax Work-Off Abatement Program to allow persons over the age of 60 to volunteer to provide services to the town in exchange for a reduction of a portion of the real property tax obligations of such person over the age of 60 on their tax bills, to be effective the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Majority Vote - G.L. c.59, § 5K; G.L. c.4, §4

SUBMITTED BY: Selectmen
SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:
FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

