

**2017 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT
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 at ONE SWAMPFIELD DRIVE in said SUNDERLAND on Monday this THIRTIETH day of OCTOBER, TWO THOUSAND AND SEVENTEEN at **7:00** p.m. and act on the following articles:

All articles on this warrant require a simple majority unless otherwise indicated or required by the motion.

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to: (a) raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, and/or borrow the sum of \$295,683.00, and authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen to borrow said sum under the provisions to G.L. Chapter 44, Sections 7, 8, 8C, G.L. Chapter 44B, and/or any other enabling authority, for the purpose of planning, designing, improving, renovating and/or equipping what is known as the Sunderland Riverfront Park, approximately shown on a sketch plan of Riverfront Park on file with the Town Clerk and located on portions of the Town-owned parcels of land on School Street, said parcels containing a total of 9.5 acres of land, more or less, and identified on Assessors Map 5 as Lots 59, 60, 61, 65, and 205, including, without limitation all costs incidental or related thereto; provided, however, that no funds shall be expended until the Town has received a grant commitment or allocation for a portion of such costs under the so-called PARC Grant Program (301 CMR 5.00) and/or the Small Communities Grant Program for the foregoing project; (b) transfer the care, custody and control of the portions of the Riverfront Park parcels shown on Assessors Map 5 as Lots 60, 61, and 65 from the Board of Selectmen, as sewer commissioners, for sewer purposes, the School Committee, for school purposes, and/or other board or officer with custody of such portions for the purposes for which they are currently held, to the Board of Selectmen for, and to dedicate said Park to, park and active recreation purposes under the provisions of G.L. Chapter 45, Section 3, with the other parcels, shown on Assessors Map 5 as Parcels 59 and 205, already being held for playground and/or active recreation purposes; and (c) authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or its designee to apply for and accept on behalf of the Town funds granted under the PARC Grant Program, the Small Communities Grant Program, and/or any other funds, gifts, grants, under any federal and/or other state program in any way connected with the scope of this article, and enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments as may be necessary or convenient to effectuate the foregoing project, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Two-thirds Vote - G.L. c. 44, §7, 8, 8C, G.L. c.44 or 44B (if borrowing funds), and G.L. c.40, 15A

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen/Community Pathways Committee

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money, for the purpose of funding the conversion of existing streetlights to energy efficient and long lasting LED, including all incidental and related expenses, same to be spent under the direction of the Town Administrator, or to take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Majority Vote - G.L. c. 40, §5 (Unless transfer from stabilization is contemplated, then 2/3 vote-G.L. 40, § 5B)

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money to the Telecomm Expense Account to fund PEG/FCAT services, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Majority Vote - G.L. c. 40, §5 (Unless transfer from stabilization is contemplated, then 2/3 vote-G.L. 40, § 5B)

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money to pay the final lease payment on the Highway Department Holder Tractor, or take any vote or votes in relation thereto.

Majority Vote - G.L. c. 40, §5 (Unless transfer from stabilization is contemplated, then 2/3 vote-G.L. 40, § 5B)

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, borrow, or otherwise provide a sum of money for costs associated with design and engineering services for implementation of Sunderland's Complete Streets Project, or take any other action relative thereto.

Majority Vote - G.L. c. 40, §5 (Unless transfer from stabilization is contemplated, then 2/3 vote-G.L. 40, § 5B)

SUBMITTED BY: Board of Selectmen

SELECTMEN RECOMMENDATION:


FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

You are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Town Office Building, the Sunderland Public Library and the Sunderland Post Office in said Sunderland fourteen days, at least, before the holding of 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 10th day of October, 2017.

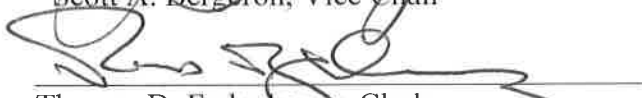
SUNDERLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN



David J. Pierce



Scott A. Bergeron, Vice Chair



Thomas D. Fydenkeves, Clerk

Sunderland Board of Selectmen

A True Copy ATTEST:

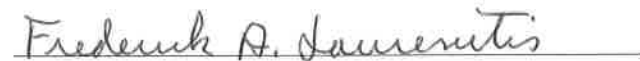


Constable of Sunderland

Oct 12, 2017 9:00 AM
Date and Time

FRANKLIN, SS:

Pursuant to the within Warrant, I have notified and warned the Inhabitants of the Town of Sunderland by posting up attested copies of the same at the Town Office Building, the Sunderland Public Library and the Sunderland Post Office seven days, at least, before the date hereof, as within directed



Constable of Sunderland