

**Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Town of Hawley  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT  
MAY 14, 2018**

FRANKLIN SS:

To George A. Rice, Constable of the Town of Hawley, GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are directed to notify and warn said inhabitants of the Town of Hawley qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the Hawley Town Office in said Hawley on **Monday, the fourteenth day of May, 2018** at seven o'clock in the evening to act on the following articles,

**Article 1:** To act on the reports of the Town Officers, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 2:** To see if the Town will vote to fix the salaries and compensation of the following offices of the Town as provided in Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Salaries to be voted on are as follows:

Chairman of Selectboard	1,854.00
Selectboard members (2)	1,648.00
Town Clerk	8,755.00
Chairman of Assessors	1,339.00
Assessors members (2)	1,133.00
Auditor	118.50
Moderator	118.50

**Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following general operation appropriations, or take any other action in relation thereto. Total for Article 3 is \$977,194.30. (This budget can be voted on in its entirety; by Department; or by line. Any balances remaining in these appropriations will close to Surplus Revenue at the end of the fiscal year).

	<b>Dept</b>	<b>Acct Name</b>	
<b>1</b>	<b>Moderator</b>		<b>118.50</b>
2		Salaries & wages	118.50
<b>3</b>	<b>Board of Selectmen</b>		<b>65,300.00</b>
4		Salaries & wages	58,350.00
5		Expenses	2,550.00

6	Drug & Alcohol testing	500.00
7	Legal Service	2,000.00
8	Town Reports	1,400.00
9	Board of Health expenses	500.00
<b>10</b>	<b>Finance Committee</b>	<b>150.00</b>
11	Expenses	150.00
<b>12</b>	<b>Town Auditor</b>	<b>118.50</b>
13	Salaries & wages	118.50
<b>14</b>	<b>Board of Assessors</b>	<b>10,125.00</b>
15	Salaries & wages	3,605.00
16	Expenses	6,520.00
<b>17</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>1,885.00</b>
18	Salaries & wages	0.00
19	Expenses	1,885.00
<b>20</b>	<b>Collector</b>	<b>8,581.88</b>
21	Salaries & wages	6,021.88
22	Expenses	2,560.00
<b>23</b>	<b>Technology/Internet</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
24	Expenses	3,500.00
<b>25</b>	<b>Town Clerk</b>	<b>12,055.00</b>
26	Salaries & wages	10,055.00
27	Expenses	2,000.00
<b>28</b>	<b>Town Buildings</b>	<b>13,505.00</b>
29	Purchased Services	1,000.00
30	Repairs & Maintenance	0.00
31	Expenses	12,505.00
<b>32</b>	<b>Employee Benefits</b>	<b>56,138.00</b>
33	Insurance	28,500.00
34	Retirement	27,638.00
35	Accrued sick pay	3,500.00
<b>36</b>	<b>Police Department</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>

37	Salaries & wages	1,000.00
38	Expenses	250.00
<b>39</b>	<b>Fire Department</b>	<b>25,500.00</b>
40	Salaries & wages	5,250.00
41	Purchased Services	3,000.00
42	Repairs & Maintenance	4,400.00
43	Expenses	7,650.00
44	EMS	3,000.00
45	Capital outlay	5,200.00
<b>46</b>	<b>Emergency Mgmt</b>	<b>1,250.00</b>
47	Salaries & wages	1,000.00
48	Purchased Services	150.00
49	Expenses	100.00
<b>50</b>	<b>Franklin Regional Council of Govts</b>	<b>10,957.00</b>
51	FRCOG Assessments	10,957.00
<b>52</b>	<b>School - Vocational</b>	<b>45,000.00</b>
53	Transportation	10,000.00
54	Tuition	35,000.00
<b>55</b>	<b>School - Hawlemont</b>	<b>246,043.00</b>
56	Operating assessment	236,751.00
57	Capital outlay	9,292.00
<b>58</b>	<b>School - MTRSD</b>	<b>181,414.00</b>
59	Operating assessment	176,253.00
60	Capital outlay	5,161.00
<b>61</b>	<b>DPW - Highway</b>	<b>243,900.00</b>
62	Salaries & wages	138,200.00
63	Repairs & Maintenance	42,000.00
64	DPW Equipment Purchase	500.00
65	Expenses - Roads	60,000.00
66	Expenses - Garage	1,700.00
67	Care of Cemeteries	1,500.00
<b>68</b>	<b>Solid Waste</b>	<b>20,400.00</b>
69	Ashfield Transfer Station	14,400.00

70	Frank. Cty Solid Waste Mgt Dist	1,500.00
71	Tri-Town Landfill Maintenance	4,500.00
<b>72</b>	<b>Animal Inspector</b>	<b>500.00</b>
73	Expenses	500.00
<b>74</b>	<b>Veterans Services</b>	<b>2,703.42</b>
75	District assessment	703.42
76	Veterans Benefits	2,000.00
<b>77</b>	<b>Boards, Committees</b>	<b>1,800.00</b>
78	Conservation Comm. Expenses	100.00
79	Planning Board Expenses	50.00
80	Zoning Board of Appeals Expenses	50.00
81	Council on Aging Grant Match	400.00
82	Tyler Memorial Library	1,200.00
<b>83</b>	<b>Unclassified</b>	<b>25,000.00</b>
84	Prop & Liab insurance	17,000.00
85	Surety bonds	1,000.00
86	Massachusetts unemployment	300.00
87	FICA/Medicare	6,700.00
<b>88</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>977,194.30</b>

**Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to accept \$177,126 in Chapter 90 road funds available subject to conditions detailed by Massachusetts Department of Transportation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 for the FY20 Assessors Revaluation, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,000 for the Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$1,200 for Interest Expenses, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$30,000 required for the FY19 payment for the purchase of the used Fire Pumper and 1-ton truck, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$40,000 from Free Cash to the Fire Department Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving account pursuant to MGL Chapter 44, section 53E ½ for which revenues from fees or fines related to licensing and care of dogs will be deposited into the fund and expended to purchase dog tags; pay for various expenses in relation to licensing, care and other related dog control expenses, under the direction of the Town Clerk, and total expenditures for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018 will be limited to \$2,000, with all money remaining in the fund at the end of the fiscal year, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum from the FY18 Vocational Tuition or Transportation accounts into the Vocational Education Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum from Free Cash to the FY18 Snow & Ice (Snow Roads) accounts, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 13:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$730 to the FY18 Workers Comp Insurance account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 14:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Free Cash the sum of \$2,622 to the FY18 Employee Health Insurance account, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 15:** To see if the Town will vote to accept MGL Ch60, Section 3 F to allow the town to collect voluntary donations for a Veterans' Assistance Fund to be used by eligible town Veterans and their families, through designation on municipal property tax or motor vehicle excise bills, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Town will designate a place on its municipal property tax bills or motor vehicle excise bills or mail with such bills a separate form whereby taxpayers of the town may voluntarily check off and donate an amount of money which shall increase the amount already due, to establish and fund a municipal veterans assistance fund. This fund shall be under the supervision of the town Tax Collector and town Treasurer.

Any amounts donated to the fund shall be deposited into a special account in the general treasury and shall be in the custody of the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall invest the funds in a lawful

and prudent manner. The fund and any interest thereon shall be used for the purposes of this section without further appropriation.

Money in the fund shall be used to provide support for veterans and their dependents in need of immediate assistance with food, transportation, heat and oil expenses. The town's veterans' services department shall: (i) establish an application process for veterans and their dependents to obtain assistance; (ii) establish standards for acceptable documentation of veteran status or dependent status; and (iii) establish financial eligibility criteria for determining need and amount of assistance for eligible applicants. The veterans' services department shall be responsible for reviewing each applicant and fairly applying the eligibility and level-of-need standards.

**Article 16:** To see if the Town will vote to support a Feasibility Study regarding the Town of Heath joining the Hawlemont Regional School District and to hear said report once completed, or to take any action related thereto.

**Article 17:** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a Committee to represent the Town in discussions and negotiations relating to the Town of Heath joining the Hawlemont Regional School District at the elementary school level and to any consequent amendments to the Hawlemont or Mohawk Regional Agreements, or to take any action in relation thereto.

**Article 18:** To see if the Town will vote to allow the Mohawk Trail Regional School District to borrow a sum of money (cost to be borne by the Towns of Buckland and Shelburne) not to exceed \$230,000 for repair work to Buckland-Shelburne Elementary School located at 75 Mechanic Street, Shelburne, Massachusetts, to include asbestos abatement and floor replacement and including the payment of costs incidental or related thereto, which purpose of the repair project will materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve the asset capable of supporting the required educational program, or take any other action in relation thereto.

**Article 19:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amendments to the Mohawk Trail Regional Agreement to restructure the District's tuition relationship with the Town of Rowe (note: the amendments are to be effective July 1, 2018), or take any other action in relation thereto. *Full text available at the Hawley Town Office.*

**Article 20:** To see if the Town will vote to amend the Mohawk Trail Regional School District – Regional District Agreement by striking specific language contained in Section III(E) regarding Vocational and Trade School Pupil transportation, or take any other action in relation thereto. *Full text available at the Hawley Town Office.*

**Article 21:** To see if the Town will vote to accept the following amendments to the Mohawk Trail Regional School Agreement to permit the integration of Mohawk District 6<sup>th</sup> grade students into the Mohawk Middle School, or take any other action in relation thereto. *Full text available at the Hawley Town Office.*

**Article 22:** To transact any other business that legally may come before the Town Meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the West Hawley Town Garage, one at the Hawley Town Office, and one at the Hawley Fire Station, seven days at least before time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of April, 2018.

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Chairman

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A true copy. Attest:

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Hawley Selectboard  
Town of Hawley