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TOWN OF TYRINGHAM
WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MAY 10, 2016

****CERTIFIED MINUTES**

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Berkshire SS.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Tyringham in said County

GREETINGS:

IN THE NAME of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Tyringham, qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 7:00 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on the reports of the Town Officers and Committees of the Town.

Gerard Miller opened the meeting and asked for a moment of silence for residents who have passed, Robert Brown, Leroy Palmer, Tricia Curtin, and Sister Sallyanne Potchen. Pledge of allegiance was recited by all. He thanked Town Employees, Elected and Appointed Officials, the Hop Brook and Valley Clubs for their hard work and dedication to this Town. Mr. Miller stated the Board has been working on the library roof replacement, painting of the town hall, a new roof for the highway garage as well as bridge work on three bridges in Town. He thanked the Broadband Committee for their efforts to bring internet to Tyringham and getting us in a very good position to move forward with this project as well as the Cemetery Commission for their efforts in the refurbishing of and almost complete restoration of the cemetery fence. Mr. Miller stated this is his final year on the Select board of a 3 year term and he is not seeking re-election. He thanked his colleagues and stated it has been an honor and education to serve on the Board and urged others to serve on a board or committee.

Jim Consolati, Chairman of the Finance Committee reported on the Town's Free Cash and Stabilization Fund balances. He estimated the tax rate may increase 3% with this budget.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to have its Selectmen act as its agents in any suit of law for or against the Town. So Moved.

ARTICLE 3. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or otherwise provide \$4,500.00 or any other amount for the Affordable Housing Trust Fund or take any other action in respect there to. Raise & Appropriate \$4,500.00

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will vote to increase compensation by an amount equal to ½ of the town's share of an individual health insurance policy for any full-time employee who is otherwise eligible for health insurance benefits,

but elects not to receive such health insurance benefits or take any other action in relation there to. Passed

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to borrow \$100,000 or any other amount for the repair/reconstruction of Town Bridges or take any other action in respect there to. Unanimous vote borrow \$100,000.00

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or otherwise provide, the following sums of money or any other sums as listed under:

- 6.1 Town Administration;
 - 6.2 Roads, Buildings and Grounds Maintenance;
 - 6.3 Education;
 - 6.4 Fire and Safety; and
 - 6.5 Committees, Commissions and Reserves,
- to defray charges and expenses of the Town, including debt and interest, for the 2017 fiscal year and to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officials as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws and to compensate certain officers and employees of the Town.

6.1 Town Administration

(a) Select Board

1	Selectman - Chairman	4,000
2	Selectman - Clerk	3,500
3	Selectman - Member	3,000
4	Selectman expenses	3,500

Sub-total Select Board: 14,000

(b) Town Hall Offices

1	Town Administrator	54,480
2	Town Administrator Health and Dental	18,324
3	Town Secretary	25,676
4	Town Secretary Health and Dental	6,876
5	Janitor (4 hrs/week)	5,000
6	Medicare	8,000
7	Town Clerk salary	10,000
8	Town clerk expenses	4,000
9	Accounting software Support	3,674
10	Town report printing	1,600
11	Website management and e-mail	2,125
12	Public Internet use	360
13	Blackboard Connect (Robocall system)	1,000
14	Moderator	250
15	Moderator Expenses	200
16	Board of Registrars	400