

WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE SS.

TO: Rosemary E. Besancon, Constable of the Town of Egremont,  
Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Egremont qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the North Egremont Fire Station in North Egremont, on Tuesday, the 12th day of May, 2015, at 10:00 o'clock in the forenoon, and then and there to bring their ballots to the election officers for the election of the following Town and District Officers:

One Moderator for one year,  
One Town Clerk for one year,  
One Selectman for three years,  
One Library Trustee for three years,  
One Cemetery Commissioner for three years,  
One member of the Planning Board for five years,  
One Tree Warden for one year,  
One Assessor for three years,  
One Water Commissioner for three years,

and to choose such other officers as towns are required by law or have a right to choose.

All of the above named officers will be voted upon an official ballot to be furnished at the polling place by the election officers. The following question will be voted upon an official ballot to be furnished at the polling place by the election officers.

The following question will also be voted on the ballot:  
"Shall the Town of Egremont appoint rather than elect its Water Commissioners? At least one appointee shall be a user of the Egremont Town Water System."

The polls will open at 10:00 A.M., and shall close at 7:00 P.M.

You are also required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Mount Everett Regional High School Cafeteria, Sheffield MA, on Tuesday, the 5th day of May, 2015 at 7:00 P.M. and then and there to act upon the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To hear the reports of any officers, committee or committees.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds, monies, or any other amounts, to defray charges and expenses to the Town, to set the salaries of elected officials, including salaries of certain Town officers and employees, debt and interest, and to provide for a reserve fund, all beginning July 1, 2015 for the ensuing twelve months.

	<b>VOTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
<b>1. OFFICIALS AND BOARDS</b>	<b>\$ 351,779.00</b>	<b>\$ 340,131.00</b>
A. Accounting Officer Expense	500.00	1,500.00
B. Accounting Officer	14,850.00	11,000.00
C. Agricultural Commission	400.00	400.00
D. Assessors Clerical	5,937.00	4,900.00
E. Assessor's Consulting	28,400.00	29,252.00
F. Assessor's Expense	3,525.00	2,450.00
G. Assessor #1 Salary	4,725.00	4,725.00
H. Assessor #2 Salary	4,725.00	4,725.00
I. Assessor #3 Salary	4,725.00	4,725.00
J. Board of Appeals Expense	100.00	100.00
K. Board of Health Expense	5,000.00	5,000.00
L. Board of Health Director	23,963.00	24,562.00
M. Bd. of Health Agent Wages	4,422.00	4,532.00
N. Public Health Services	10,000.00	7,000.00
O. Bd. Of Health Food Inspector	730.00	748.00
P. Building Inspector Salary	26,418.00	27,078.00
Q. Asst. Building Inspector	1,500.00	1,500.00
R. Conservation Comm. Expense	475.00	475.00
S. Constable's Salary	545.00	545.00
T. Finance Committee Expense	600.00	500.00
U. Inspectors' Expenses	3,000.00	2,200.00
V. Personnel Director	9,738.00	9,738.00
W. Planning Board Expense	3,150.00	1,500.00
X. Planning Board Wages	400.00	400.00
Y. Sel. Office Administrator	54,633.00	55,999.00
Z. Selectmen Office Expense	13,863.00	12,860.00
AA. Selectman #1 Salary	5,390.00	5,390.00
BB. Selectman #2 Salary	4,901.00	4,901.00
CC. Selectman #3 Salary	4,901.00	4,901.00
DD. Sustainability Coordinator	6,150.00	6,304.00
EE. Sustainability Coord expenses	500.00	500.00
FF. Town Clerk Expense	2,800.00	2,900.00
GG. Town Clerk Salary	8,378.00	8,378.00
HH. Town Hall Office Clerk	22,374.00	22,933.00

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	<u>VOTED</u>	<u>PROPOSED</u>
	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
II. Treasurer/Collector Expense	10,695.00	11,495.00
JJ. Treasurer/Collector Salary	51,857.00	50,260.00
KK. Treasurer/Collector Clerk	7,509.00	3,755.00
<b>2. TOWN EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 233,349.00</b>	<b>\$ 229,322.00</b>
A. Animal Control Officer	2,492.00	2,492.00
B. Animal Control Expenses	1,900.00	1,000.00 *
C. Audit	7,370.00	7,370.00
D. Board of Registrars Salary	50.00	50.00
E. Compactor Operation	81,475.00	73,070.00
F. Compactor Operator Salary	20,230.00	20,736.00
G. Compactor Substitute Wages	4,300.00	4,300.00
H. Computer Expenses	40,555.00	36,412.00
I. Computer Administrator	10,000.00	10,200.00
J. Drug and Alcohol Tests	360.00	360.00
K. Egremont Newsletter	3,180.00	3,180.00
L. Election Wages	4,700.00	4,900.00
M. Group Purchasing	675.00	600.00
N. Geographic Information System	3,600.00	3,600.00
O. High Speed Internet	3,997.00	3,165.00
P. Email Archiving/back-up	2,214.00	1,400.00
Q. Historical Commission Expense	1,800.00	1,800.00
R. Inspector of Animals	500.00	500.00
S. Legal Expenses	500.00	250.00
T. Legal Fees	12,000.00	12,000.00
U. Litigation	5,000.00	5,000.00
V. Moderator	224.00	224.00
W. School Committee	1,879.00	1,879.00
X. School Crossing Guard	5,448.00	5,584.00
Y. So. Berk. Chamber Commerce	250.00	250.00
Z. Town Engineer	5,000.00	5,000.00
AA. Town Report	500.00	500.00
BB. Town Telephone	3,300.00	8,900.00
CC. Veteran's Benefits	8,000.00	13,000.00
DD. WiredWest	1,350.00	1,350.00
EE. Zoning Bylaws Printing	500.00	250.00
<b>3. TOWN MAINTENANCE</b>	<b>\$ 201,084.00</b>	<b>\$ 202,590.00</b>
A. Bldg Maint. General Exp.	14,278.00	14,610.00
B. Bldg Maint. Utility Exp.	39,758.00	40,575.00
C. Building Maintenance Wages	11,825.00	12,121.00

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D. Maintenance Superintendent	47,000.00	48,175.00
E. Cemetery Maintenance	100.00	100.00
F. French Park Maintenance	5,231.00	6,455.00
G. French Park Trails	1,000.00	1,250.00
H. French Park Overtime Wages	4,137.00	5,171.00
I. French Park Wages	11,154.00	11,433.00
J. Public Lighting	4,200.00	5,200.00
K. Building Improvements	17,177.00	14,101.00
L. Police Building Expenses	8,825.00	6,000.00
M. Tree Work	18,500.00	18,500.00
N. Tree Warden	5,899.00	5,899.00
O. Cemetery Exp & Maint	12,000.00	13,000.00
<b>4. HIGHWAYS</b>	<b>\$ 468,243.00</b>	<b>\$ 472,386.00</b>
A. Const. & Maint. Wages	5,000.00	5,000.00
B. Construction & Maintenance	202,500.00	202,500.00
C. Personnel Member Foreman	39,527.00	40,515.00
D. Personnel Member B	36,650.00	37,566.00
E. Personnel Member C	34,645.00	35,511.00
F. Superintendent Salary	54,921.00	56,294.00
G. Snow & Ice Removal	70,000.00	70,000.00
H. Snow & Ice Removal Wages	25,000.00	25,000.00
<b>5. LIBRARY</b>	<b>\$ 33,972.00</b>	<b>\$ 34,447.00</b>
A. Expenses	13,225.00	13,209.00
B. Librarian's Salary	19,643.00	20,134.00
C. Library Substitute Wages	1,104.00	1,104.00
<b>6. POLICE</b>	<b>\$ 335,741.00</b>	<b>\$ 344,570.00</b>
A. Chief Expenses	4,000.00	4,000.00
B. Chief Salary	70,000.00	71,510.00
C. Collective Bargaining	222,658.00	227,550.00
D. Department Expenses	6,000.00	8,000.00
E. Police Wages-Secretary	17,083.00	17,510.00
F. Vehicle Expenses	16,000.00	16,000.00
<b>7. FIRE AND EMERGENCY</b>	<b>\$ 103,090.00</b>	<b>\$ 97,791.00</b>
A. Dispatch Facilities	9,440.00	9,724.00
B. Emergency Management	3,200.00	1,617.00

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C. Emergency Management Wages	2,500.00	2,500.00
D. Fire Department Expense	47,500.00	47,500.00
E. Draft Hydrants	5,000.00	3,000.00
F. Draft Hydrants - capital	5,000.00	3,000.00
G. Firefighters Stipend	26,500.00	26,500.00
H. Forest Fires	1,000.00	1,000.00
I. Street Number 911	200.00	200.00
J. Blackboard Connect alert	2,250.00	2,250.00
K. So Berk Reg Emergency Plan	500.00	500.00
<b>8. DEBT AND INTEREST</b>	<b>\$ 134,311.00</b>	<b>\$ 128,440.00</b>
A. Interest Short Term Debt	1.00	1.00
B. Highway Truck	33,660.00	0.00
C. Police Facility	34,800.00	34,200.00
D. Fire Truck	65,850.00	64,680.00
E. Backhoe	0.00	29,559.00
<b>9. HUMAN SERVICES</b>	<b>\$ 25,628.00</b>	<b>\$ 28,408.00</b>
A. Brien Center/Mental Health	2,203.00	2,203.00
B. Berk South Community Center	1,500.00	1,500.00
C. Community Health Programs	1,000.00	1,000.00
D. Berk. Comm. Action Council	1,000.00	1,000.00
E. Construct, Inc.	400.00	1,000.00
F. Council on Aging	3,150.00	4,330.00
G. Eagle Fund	1,000.00	1,000.00
H. Egremont Garden Club	200.00	200.00
I. Elizabeth Freeman Center	500.00	500.00
J. Fairview Hospital	1,500.00	1,500.00
K. Housatonic Valley Assoc	250.00	250.00
L. Hospice Care	750.00	750.00
M. Public Health Services	4,000.00	4,000.00
N. Railroad Street Youth Project	1,500.00	1,500.00
O. So. Berk. Elderly Transport	6,275.00	7,275.00
P. So. Berk. Literacy Network	400.00	400.00
<b>10. INSURANCE</b>	<b>\$ 455,765.00</b>	<b>\$ 485,084.00</b>
A. Health/Dental	202,554.00	215,000.00
B. Pension	124,774.00	144,945.00
C. Property & Casualty	100,637.00	98,389.00
D. Social Security/Medicare	14,000.00	14,000.00

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	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
E. Unemployment	13,800.00	10,000.00
F. Longevity Pay(new)	0.00	2,750.00
<b>11. RESERVE FUND</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>
<b>12. SCHOOLS</b>	<b>\$1,392,219.00</b>	<b>\$1,670,140.00</b>
A. Operating & Transport	1,345,717.00	1,616,667.00
B. Capital Costs	46,502.00	53,473.00
<b>TOTAL LINE ITEM BUDGET</b>	<b>\$3,760,181.00</b>	<b>\$4,058,309.00</b>

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Egremont Water Department, said sums to be expended under the direction of the Water Commissioners, or take any other action thereto.

That the following sums be appropriated for/to the Water Enterprise Fund:

**WATER DEPARTMENT BUDGET**

	<b>VOTED</b>	<b>PROPOSED</b>
	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2016</u>
A. Water Debt	\$110,050.00	\$108,150.00
B. Water Operating Exp	24,600.00	25,000.00
C. Salaries/Wages	54,000.00	55,000.00
D. Utilities	14,500.00	18,850.00
E. Office Expenses	1,200.00	1,200.00
F. Water System Maint., Repair, Replacement, Upgrade	25,000.00	25,000.00
G. Audit	3,630.00	3,630.00
H. Insurance	<u>14,000.00</u>	14,000.00
I. Software		<u>9,750.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$246,980.00</b>	<b>\$260,580.00</b>

and that the necessary funds be raised as follows:

	<u>2014-2015</u>	<u>2015-2106</u>
Water Department Revenues	\$180,000.00	\$190,000.00
Transfer from Water Free Cash	931.00	5,938.00
Tax Levy subsidy	66,048.00	64,642.00

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to pay \$2,137.50 Pete's Paving & Sweeper Service, Inc., in payment for sweeping services during a prior year, or to take any other action relative thereto. **(9/10th majority)**

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning Bylaws as follows:

1. By inserting the following new definition into Section 2 Definitions after the definition of Home Occupation:

**Large-scale Ground-mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (LGSPI):** An installation consisting of solar photovoltaic panels that are mounted on the ground and have a minimal nameplate capacity (or output of electric power production) of 250 kW DC.

2. By adding a new Overlay District 3.1.1.3.e as follows:

**3.1.1.3.e** The LARGE-SCALE GROUND-MOUNTED SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC INSTALLATION (LGSPI) OVERLAY DISTRICT

3. By adding a new Section 3.2.7 as follows:

**3.2.7 Large-scale Ground-mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation Overlay District**

The location and boundaries of the Large-scale Ground-mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (LGSPI) Overlay District are hereby established in Section 5.6.2 of this bylaw.

4. By adding a new Section 5.6, as follows:

**5.6 Large-scale Ground-mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (LGSPI) Overlay District**

**5.6.1 Purpose and Intent**

The purpose and intent of Section 5.6 is to promote the creation of a large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installation (LGSPI) by providing standards for the placement, design, construction, operation, monitoring, modification, and removal that address public safety and minimize impacts on residential neighborhoods and scenic, natural, and historical resources, and to provide adequate financial assurance for the eventual decommissioning of such installations.

**5.6.2 Description**

The Large-scale Ground-mounted Solar Photovoltaic Installation (LGSPI) Overlay District shall consist solely of Parcel 0004 on Egremont Assessors Map 9, owned by the Town of Egremont, and located at 171 Egremont Plain Road.

**5.6.3. Relationship to Other Districts**

The LGSPI Overlay District modifies and, where there is inconsistency, supersedes the regulations of the underlying zoning district. Except as so modified or superseded, the regulations of the underlying districts remain in effect. Nothing in Section 5.6 should be construed to alter the Egremont Zoning Bylaw as to installation of solar photovoltaic systems as either principal uses (by special permit) or accessory uses in areas outside of the LGSPI Overlay District.

**5.6.4 Applicability**

Construction and use of an LGSPI may be authorized by Site Plan Review in the LGSPI Overlay District, subject to the requirements

set forth in Sections 5.6.5 through 5.6.7. Site Plan Review shall mean that development of an LGSPI must conform to local zoning bylaws but may proceed without the need for a special permit, variance, amendment, waiver, or other discretionary approval other than as provided in this Section 5.6. The Site Plan Review Authority in the LGSPI Overlay District is the Egremont Planning Board. Site plan approval must be obtained from the Site Plan Review Authority before a Building Permit is issued for any LGSPI.

**5.6.5 Site Plan Review**

Site Plan Review establishes criteria for the layout, scale, appearance, safety, and environmental impacts of a commercial LGSPI development in the LGSPI Overlay District in Egremont. Site Plan Review in Section 5.6 focuses on drainage, roadway construction, signage, screening, lighting, and other aspects of the proposal. The purpose of Site Plan Review is to regulate LGSPI use, not to prohibit it. The Site Plan Review Authority may not unconditionally deny the application but may impose reasonable conditions on it.

**5.6.5.1** The LGSPI shall undergo Site Plan Review by the Egremont Planning Board prior to construction, installation, or modification as provided in this section.

**5.6.5.2** In reviewing the Site Plan, the Site Plan Review Authority shall give due consideration to promoting the public health, safety, convenience, and welfare, and it shall encourage the most appropriate use of land. Environmental features of the site and surrounding areas shall be protected, and, specifically, surrounding areas shall be protected from the proposed use by provision of adequate surface water drainage.

**5.6.5.3** Pursuant to the Site Plan Review process, the project proponent shall provide documents as follows:

a. All plans and maps shall be prepared, stamped, and signed by a professional engineer licensed to practice in Massachusetts.

b. A site plan shall be submitted to the Site Plan Review Authority showing:

i. The parcel of land at the project site on a copy of the appropriate Egremont Assessors map.

ii. Property lines and physical features, including roads, lot area, setbacks, open space, parking, and structure coverage for the project site.

iii. Plans for the LGSPI and appurtenant structures, showing the proposed layout of the system, lighting, signage, utility connections, and transformers.

iv. Proposed changes to the landscape of the site, including grading, vegetation clearing and planting,

exterior lighting, and screening vegetation or structures.

v. Drainage plan showing how stormwater runoff will be managed on site for all areas where there is clearing of vegetation or a change in grade or soils, to comply with best management practices for stormwater management and to minimize erosion.

vi. One- or three-line electrical diagram detailing the LGSPI, associated components, and electrical interconnection methods, with all National Electrical Code compliant disconnects and overcurrent devices.

vii. Plans for access to the project site.

c. Documentation by means of manufacturers' specifications of the major system components to be used, including, but not limited to, the photovoltaic panels, mounting system, and inverters.

d. Name, contact information, and license verification for proposed system installers.

e. Name, contact information, and signature of the project proponents, and of any agents representing the project proponents.

f. An operation and maintenance plan.

g. Liability Insurance: The owner or operator of an LGSPI shall provide the Town with a certificate of insurance showing that the property has a minimum of one million dollars in liability coverage, and that the Town of Egremont is an additional named insured thereon. Such a certificate shall be supplied annually when the policy is renewed.

h. Financial Surety: The proponent shall provide a form of surety, through an escrow account, a bond, or otherwise, in a form satisfactory to the Site Plan Review Authority, to cover the cost of removal and remediation in the event that the town must remove the installation and remediate the landscape. The plan shall include a fully inclusive estimate of the cost of discontinuance, prepared by a qualified engineer, and including a mechanism for calculating increased costs resulting from inflation.

i. The Site Plan Review Authority may hire an independent engineering firm to review the proponent's plan, at the proponent's expense, to assess the technical aspects of the plan and to determine if the estimated cost of removal and remediation is reasonable.

j. The Site Plan Review Authority shall determine the number of copies of all documents to be submitted for review.

**5.6.5.4** Specific provisions of Section 5.6.5.3 may be waived by the Site Plan Review Authority upon a determination that a waiver would not be inconsistent with the purpose and intent of Section 5.6, as set forth in Section 5.6.1.

#### **5.6.6 Use Regulations**

Large-scale ground-mounted solar photovoltaic installations shall conform to the following provisions:

- 5.6.6.1** An LGSPI may be erected in the LGSPI Overlay District upon the issuance of a building permit by the Building Inspector, after Site Plan Review by the Site Plan Review Authority.
- 5.6.6.2** An LGSPI, including security fences surrounding the installation, shall be set back from the property line by a distance of fifty (50) feet.
- 5.6.6.3** The height of any or all structures comprising the LGSPI shall not exceed fifteen (15) feet above the preexisting natural grade underlying each particular structure. The height of any or all structures may be increased to twenty (20) feet above the preexisting natural grade upon the proponent's demonstration of a reasonable necessity during Site Plan Review.
- 5.6.6.4** The visual impact of the LGSPI, including all accessory structures and appurtenances, shall be mitigated. All accessory structures and appurtenances shall be architecturally compatible with each other. Whenever reasonable, structures shall be shielded from view, and they shall be joined and clustered to avoid adverse visual impacts. Landscaping, natural features, and fencing may be used to mitigate such visual impacts.
- 5.6.6.5** Lighting shall not be permitted at a LGSPI unless required by the State Building Code. Where used, lighting shall be directed downward, and full cutoff fixtures shall be used.
- 5.6.6.6** Reasonable efforts, as determined by the Site Plan Review Authority, shall be made to place all utility connections from the LGSPI underground, depending on appropriate soil conditions, shape, and topography of the site and any requirements of the utility provider. Electrical transformers for utility interconnections may be above ground if required by the utility provider.

**5.6.6.7** Clearing of natural vegetation shall be limited to the minimum necessary, as determined by the Site Plan Review Authority, for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the LGSPI, except as otherwise prescribed by applicable laws, regulations, and bylaws.

**5.6.6.8** The owner or operator of the LGSPI shall maintain the facility in good condition. Maintenance shall include, but not be limited to, painting, structural repairs, continued compliance with landscaping and screening requirements, and integrity of security measures. The owner or operator shall be responsible for the maintenance of any access roads serving the installation.

**5.6.7 Discontinuance**

An LGSPI shall be deemed to have been discontinued if it has been out of service for a continuous 12-month period. Upon receipt of a Notice of Discontinuance from the Building Inspector, the owner shall have the right to respond to the Notice within 30 days of receipt. The Building Inspector shall withdraw the Notice of Discontinuance and notify the owner that the Notice has been withdrawn if the owner provides information that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Building Inspector that the LGSPI has not been discontinued. If the LGSPI installation is determined to be discontinued, the owner shall remove the installation, including all structures, equipment, security barriers, and transmission lines, and shall stabilize or re-vegetate the site as necessary to minimize erosion, at the owner's sole expense, within three months of receipt of the Notice of Discontinuance. Failure to remove the installation and stabilize the site within said time period may subject the owner to enforcement under Section 7 of this bylaw and allow the town to use the financial surety provided in Section 5.6.5.3.h to remediate the site.

or to take any other action in relation thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to enact Bylaw 23 of the Town of Egremont General Bylaws, entitled "Stretch Energy Code" for the purpose of regulating the design and construction of buildings for the effective use of energy, pursuant to Appendix 115.AA of the Massachusetts Building Code, 780 CMR, the Stretch Energy Code, including future editions, amendments or modifications thereto, a copy of which is on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$15,000.00, or any other amount, to the special GASB 45 stabilization fund (for future retiree benefits other than pension), or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval, 5 yes, 1 absent.)

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$5,000.00, or any other amount to pay to the Friends of Prospect Lake to help with the costs of weed control at Prospect Lake, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 5 yes, 1 abstain.)

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$6,350.00, or any other amount, for the Town's share of the costs to participate in the online building permitting module, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$14,750.00, or any other amount, to convert the Real Estate and Personal Property tax collection programs to a new software program, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$36,000.00, or any other amount, to purchase a new police cruiser for the Egremont Police Department, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee will make a recommendation at Town Meeting.)

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or borrow the sum of \$58,000.00, or any other amount, to pay for preparation of construction bid documents and to make repairs to the South Egremont School House, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or borrow the sum of \$118,700.00, or

any other amount, to pay for preparation of construction bid documents and to make repairs to the Mt. Everett Academy (AKA Egremont Free Library), or take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds and/or borrow, and/or otherwise appropriate, the sum of \$500,000.00 or any other amount, to make the necessary repairs to the Mt. Washington Road bridge, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 15: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$8,048.00, or any other amount, to restore the Egremont Proprietors' Book and the Egremont School Book, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 16: To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,000.00, or any other amount, to update a portion of the town's MACRS historic listings, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or transfer the sum of \$18,000.00, or any other amount, to purchase a blacktop spreader and trailer for the Highway Department, or to take any action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends will make recommendation at Town Meeting.)

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the board of selectmen to seek any and all approvals from the general court necessary pursuant to Article 97 of the Amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, to allow the town to utilize a portion of French Park, namely that approximate portion of so-called French Park in the Town of Egremont, Assessors' Map 9 Parcel 982, which lies south of the line beginning at a point approximately nine hundred fifty feet (950') southeasterly of the northwest corner of the parcel, at Lat. 42.190876 and Lon. -73.447832 and ending at a point approximately two hundred ninety feet (290') north of the southeast corner of the parcel, at Lat.

42.190460 and Lon. -73.439553; (plan on file), for the purposes of constructing solar photovoltaic arrays and/or a cellular tower, as well as any easements or rights of way necessary to maintain such facilities, or take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to initiate the process to aggregate electrical load, pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 164, Section 134, and further to adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is engaged in a process to establish a competitive market place through deregulation and restructuring of the electric utility industry;

Whereas, citizens of Egremont have a substantial economic and social interest at stake, and;

Whereas the Town of Egremont hereby finds that it may be in the interest of the electric ratepayers, both residential and commercial/industrial, to enter in an aggregation agreement,

Be it there resolved that the Town of Egremont hereby: Publicly declares its intent to become an aggregator of electric power on behalf of its residential and business communities, and;

Will negotiate and enter into a contract for power supply independently. If such a contract is affected, individual consumers would retain the option not to participate and to choose any alternatives they desire, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote that \$2,940,000.00 is appropriated for the Town's share of the costs of construction and installation of a high-speed broadband network, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, such project to be carried out by the Town's Municipal Light Plant; that to meet this appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow up to \$2,940,000.00 under Chapter 44, Section 8(8) of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to accept grants to carry out this project; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project, or to take any other action relative thereto.  
**(Secret ballot and 2/3 majority.)**

(Finance Committee recommends will make recommendation at Town Meeting.)

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to accept funds being provided by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provisions of Chapter 90 of the General Laws, to pay for such costs as allowed by appropriate legislation in connection with the maintenance, repair, and construction of Town ways and bridges, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to approve the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility Municipal Agreement with Waste Management Recycle America and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection for the receipt and processing of the town's recyclable materials at the Springfield Materials Recycling Facility for five years, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the use of revolving funds for the following programs and purposes:

- a. French Park (\$2,000.00)
- b. Home Composting Bins (\$500.00)
- c. Zoning Board of Appeals (\$1,000.00)
- d. Dog Fund (\$1,000.00)
- e. Inspector Wages (\$15,000.00) (exceptions: Building Inspector and Health Inspector)
- f. Compostable materials (\$500.00)
- g. MRF Recycling Proceeds (\$5,000.00)

which revolving funds together shall not exceed the sum of \$25,000.00, which shall be under the control of the Town Treasurer, which shall be accounted for separately and to which shall be credited only the departmental receipts received in connection with the programs supported by each revolving fund; further to authorize the Town Treasurer to expend from such funds in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E1/2 as amended by Section 72 and 73 of the Acts of 1994 of the Massachusetts General Laws, provided however that said expenditures for all revolving funds shall not exceed the receipts for such funds, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 24: To see if the Town will vote to amend it's Zoning bylaws as follows:

Change the letter of paragraph "g" of section 4.1.1.2 to the letter "h"; and add the following as a new paragraph "g" of section 4.1.1.2:

"g. Ski areas and golf courses, and the buildings and structures from

time to time located thereon, that existed prior to the adoption of this Zoning Bylaw, including other recreational uses on the premises occupied thereby." **(2/3 majority)**

(Finance Committee recommends approval 6 - 0.)

ARTICLE 25: To see if the Town will vote to, effective July 1, 2015, add the following new section 10 to General Bylaw 1 of the Town of Egremont: "No person shall hold the office of selectman for more than two consecutive terms."

(Finance Committee makes no recommendation.)

And you are requested to warn said meeting by posting copies of this Warrant in four or more public places in said Town, fourteen days at least, before the time of holding same.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 17th day of April, Two Thousand and fifteen.

Selectmen:

*Bruce C. Turner ,  
Chairman*

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

*Charles B. Flynn,  
Vice-Chairman*

*Rosemary E. Besancon,  
Constable, Town of Egremont*  
DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Mary A. Brazie*