

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

BERKSHIRE COUNTY SS

TO: James Olmsted, 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 Town affairs, to meet at Mount Everett High School Cafeteria, 491 Berkshire School Road, Sheffield, Mass. on Saturday, October 21, 2023 at 10:00 AM, and then and there to act on the following articles:

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$29,000.00, or any other amount, to pay mandated back wages to a police officer, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the meeting.)

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$10,000.00, or any other amount, for legal fees, or to take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the meeting.)

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town Egremont will vote to rename its Board of Selectmen the Select Board, by amending the General By-Laws to add a new Bylaw 22 as follows: Board of Selectmen to be known as the "Select Board" effective July 1, 2024, for purposes of these bylaws, the Egremont Board of Selectmen shall be known as the Egremont Select Board." and to replace each usage of the words "Board of Selectmen" and "Selectmen" appearing in the General By-Laws with the words "Select Board"; or take any other action relative thereto.

(Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the meeting.)

ARTICLE 4: In accordance with G.L. c. 71, §§ 14B and 15, the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board (the "RSDPB") hereby requests that the following Article be placed on the Warrant for a special town meeting of the Town of Egremont to be held within thirty (30) days of the Town's receipt of this request. The vote on this warrant article must be by printed ballot.

To see if the Town of Egremont will vote to accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen I, inclusive, of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws providing for the establishment of an eight town regional school district, together with the towns of Great Barrington, Sheffield, New Marlborough, Stockbridge, Monterey, West Stockbridge, and Alford, to be known as the Southern Berkshire Hills Regional School District (the "New District"). The New District would be formed and governed in accordance with the proposed agreement filed by the 8 Town Regional School District Planning Board with the Select Board (the "8 Town Regional Agreement") (a copy of which is available for inspection at town hall and on the website 8towns.org).

Formation of the New District is subject to voter approval in each of the eight towns who is a party to the 8 Town Regional Agreement. As provided in the 8 Town Regional Agreement, full operation of the New District and dissolution of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (the "SBRSD")

and the Berkshire Hills Regional School District (the "BHRSD") shall be further subject to:

- (i) Voter approval, in accordance with applicable law and the terms of the 8 Town Regional Agreement, of the debt required to construct a new high school for the New District on the Great Barrington campus of the current BHRSD; and
- (ii) Enactment of special legislation permitting (a) the transfer of the buildings and other assets of each of the SBRSD and the BHRSD to the New District on the date the New District becomes fully operational (at the end of the transition period specified in the 8 Town Regional Agreement); and (b) the dissolution of the SBRSD and the BHRSD on that same date without further action by any public body.

A summary of the steps that would follow an affirmative vote on this warrant article by the voters of Egremont and the other seven towns who are parties to the 8 Town Regional Agreement is attached for informational purposes to this Warrant.

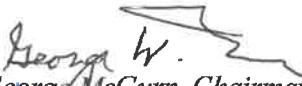
(Finance Committee will make a recommendation at the meeting.)

And you are requested to warn said inhabitants of 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 3rd day of October, Two Thousand and Twenty-three.

Selectboard:


George McGurn, Chairman


Lucinda Vermeulen, Vice-Chair


Mary A. Brazie, Member

DATE: 10.3.23

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:

James Olmsted,
Constable, Town of Egremont

DATE: 10-5-23

