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WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

May 8 and 15, 2017

Voted to be continued to Monday, June 19, 2017

7pm at the Belchertown High School Auditorium

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of Town officers, to meet at the polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCTS A, B, C AND D at Belchertown High School gymnasium, 142 Springfield Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts,

on Monday, the 15 day of May A.D. 2017, at eight o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit:

One Assessor for three years; two Board of Health members for three years; two Housing Authority members – one for two years and one for four years; one Moderator for 3 years; one Planning Board member for five years; three School Committee members - two for three years and one for one year; and one Selectman for three years.

The polls will open at eight o'clock in the forenoon and close at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further required to notify and warn all the Inhabitants of said Belchertown, qualified to vote in Town affairs to meet at the Belchertown High School auditorium at 142 Springfield Road in said Belchertown, on Monday, the 8th day of May, A.D. 2017, at 7:30 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Article 9 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury sums of money as may be deemed necessary to defray expenses estimated for the ensuing fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 – School Budget section only
or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 13 To see if the Town of Belchertown will vote to withdraw from the Hampshire Council of Governments, the effective date of said withdrawal to be July 1, 2018, and to acknowledge, pursuant to the Administrative Code of the Legislative, Charter & Code Committee of the Hampshire Council of Governments, that all obligations of the Town of Belchertown to the Hampshire Council of Governments will be met up until said effective date, and that the Town of Belchertown's allocable share of the fiscal obligations of said Council will remain the responsibility of the Town,

or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 42 CITIZEN PETITION: To see if the Town will vote to ...

We, the undersigned registered voters of the Town of Belchertown, MA do hereby petition the Board of Selectmen to insert the following in the Warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. We put forth before the voters of Belchertown, MA an administrative requirement for the School Department to post true and accurate monthly budget summaries on their website for review by the taxpayers of Belchertown. If approved, the attached budget summary update requirement would show how the School Department is actually spending taxpayer supplied funding allowing for an informed debate when planning for future budgets.

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MA

CITIZEN PETITION FOR THE PURPOSE OF REQUIRING MONTHLY YEAR TO DATE BUDGET SUMMARY UPDATES

This Petition is for the purpose of requiring the School Department to post monthly budget summary updates showing the following for each line item:

1. Original Appropriation
2. Revised Budget indicating actual spending if not spent for an item defined by the actual budget item. All budgeted funds spent on an item that is other than shown or not clearly defined must be disclosed
3. Year-to-date Expenditure
4. Month-to-date Expended
5. Encumbrances
6. Available Budget
7. Percent of Budget used/remaining

This Budget Update is required at intervals of no greater than monthly and need to be full and complete. Examples:

1. If maintenance funding is being used for a capital improvement such as an office renovation or other construction project it needs to be disclosed.
2. If Maintenance funding (or any other fund) is used to purchase a New Phone System or other like item it needs to be disclosed.

These updates are needed and for the use of Belchertown residents when discussing future budgets.

or take any other action relative thereto.