

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF TOLLAND
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
5-May-08

To the constable of the Town of Tolland in the County of Hampden GREETING;

IN THE NAME OF The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and town affairs to meet at the Town Hall in said Town of Tolland and on Monday, the fifth (5) day of May next at 7:30 in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:-

Article 1 **EDUCATION**

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds the sum of **\$336,691.00** for the Southwick-Tolland Regional School District assessment for Fiscal Year 2009 commencing July 1, 2008 and ending June 30, 2009, or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Southwick-Tolland Regional School District

The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 2 To see if the Town of Tolland will vote not to disapprove certain additional debt authorized by the Southwick-Tolland Regional School Committee under a vote dated April 15, 2008, which reads as follows:

"Voted: approve authorization to incur debt by the issuance and sale of bonds or notes for the amount of \$600,000.00 for the purchase of all items specified in the attached School District's Fiscal Year 2009 Capital Improvement Plan," or take any other action relative thereon.

Requested by the Southwick-Tolland Regional School District

Article 3 To see if the Town of Tolland will transfer from free cash the amount of \$5,025.00 to support the Full Day Kindergarten Program for the Southwick-Tolland Regional School District for the Fiscal Year 2009 commencing July 1, 2008 and ending on June 30, 2009 or take any other action thereon.

Requested by the Southwick-Tolland Regional School District

Article 4 **Excavation and Trench Safety Permitting Authority**

To see if the Town will vote, pursuant to MGL Chapter 82A, section 2, to authorize the Board of Selectmen of Selectmen to designate the board or officer to regulate trenches as that term is defined by said law and t provisions of 520 CMR 14.00 et seq., or to take any other action relative thereto.

Article 5

To see if the Town will approve the authorization to incur debt by the issuance and sale of bonds or notes for the amount of **\$160,000.00** for the purchase of all items or services in the attached Fiscal Year 2009 Capital Improvement Plan.

Plow Truck \$ 160,000.00

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 6

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate from the tax levy to supplement the fiscal year 2009 budget the sum of **\$5,000.00** for the purpose of **INTEREST ON CAPITAL BOND NOTE contingent on acceptance of Article 5**

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 7

To see if the Town will vote to raise by taxation and appropriate from the tax levy to supplement the fiscal year 2009 budget the sum of **\$74,629.28** for the purpose of **PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST ON CAPITAL BOND NOTE** voted at the **Annual Town Meeting June 6, 2005, May 22, 2006 and May 14, 2007.**

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 8

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds necessary for **PUBLIC WORKS** expenses according to the following schedule, or any other sums, or take any other action thereon:

<u>PUBLIC WORKS</u>	\$ 378,732.50
Department of Public Works	
Superintendent	\$ 47,740.50
Staff (Full Time)	\$ 38,244.80
Staff (Full Time)	\$ 37,121.20
Staff (Part Time)	\$ 5,000.00
Snow & Ice Salary	\$ 8,700.00
Constructions/Maintenance	\$ 93,701.00
Snow & Ice Control	\$ 70,000.00
Utilities	\$ 40,825.00
Fuel	\$ 26,400.00
Cemeteries	\$ 11,000.00

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 9

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds or any other sums, necessary for **BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS** expense according to the following schedule, or take any other action thereon:

<u>BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS EXPENSE</u>	\$ 10,750.00
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Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 10

To see if the Town will vote to establish a stabilization fund for the purpose of defraying future **Road Reconstruction and Municipal Buildings** expenses and to raise and appropriate the

sum of **\$45,000.00**, or any other sum, to said fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 11

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds necessary for town expenses according to the following schedule, or any other sum, or take any other action thereon

RESERVES **\$5,000.00**

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 12

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds necessary for **AUDIT** expenses according to the following schedule, or any other sum, or take any other action thereon:

AUDIT **\$4,500.00**

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 13

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds necessary for the forth of five (5) payments to the Town of Sandisfield for Tolland share of the **AMBULANCE COST** according to the following schedule, or take any other action thereon:

AMBULANCE COST **\$ 9,000.00**

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 14

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds necessary for **GENERAL GOVERNMENT** expenses according to the following schedule, or any other sums, or take any other action thereon:

<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>		\$ 146,192.43
Selectmen Salaries	Chairman	\$ 2,447.28
	Member	\$ 2,268.00
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Selectmen Expenses		\$ 2,000.00
Administrative Assistant		\$ 24,999.04
Town Counsel		\$ 6,500.00
Finance Committee Salaries	Chairman	\$ 164.80
	Secretary	\$ 136.99
	Member	\$ 109.18
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Finance Committee Expense		\$ 150.00
Assessors Salaries	Chairman	\$ 1,735.55
	Member	\$ 1,535.73
	Member	\$ 1,535.73
Assessor Clerk		\$ 24,341.84
Assessors Expenses		\$ 6,100.00
Treasurer Salary		\$ 7,956.75
Treasurer Expenses		\$ 4,571.00
Tax Title (Treasurer)		\$ 1,000.00
Tax Collector Salary		\$ 5,304.50

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Tax Title (Collector)	\$	1,000.00
Accounting Officer Salary	\$	6,534.32
Office Supplies Expenses	\$	3,000.00
Town Clerk Salary	\$	5,304.50
Town Clerk Expenses	\$	1,760.00
Meeting & Election Expense	\$	6,750.00
Registrar of Voter Salary	\$	55.62
Moderator Salary	\$	55.62
Conservation Commission Expenses	\$	95.00
Tech Support & Computer Expenses	\$	13,085.36
Planning Board Salaries		
Chairman	\$	800.31
Secretary	\$	481.01
Member	\$	273.98
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Planning Board Expense	\$	500.00
Board of Appeals Expenses	\$	201.00
Animal Inspector Expense	\$	106.00
Animal Control Expenses	\$	1,894.00
Council on Aging	\$	200.00
Tattler Expenses	\$	4,300.00
Furniture & Equipment	\$	2,000.00

Article 14

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Town Records Restoration	\$	1.00
Town Common Lease	\$	1.00

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 15

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds necessary for **PUBLIC SAFETY** expenses according to the following schedule, or any other sums, or take any other action thereon:

<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>	\$	54,091.68
Police Dept.		
(Salaries) Chief	\$	5,673.24
Sargeant	\$	4,724.16
(1) Officer	\$	4,278.64
Police Department Expenses	\$	7,896.12
Fire Dept.		
(Salaries) Chief	\$	3,763.62
Fire Department Expense	\$	21,501.00
Emergency Management	\$	300.00
E911	\$	5,954.90

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 16

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds necessary for **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES** expenses according to the following schedule, or any other sums, or take any other action thereon:

<u>HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES</u>	\$	6,588.31
Health Department Expenses	\$	190.00
V.N.A. Nursing Services	\$	1,050.00
Veterans Services - Administrative	\$	5,347.31

Veterans Benefits \$ 1.00

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 17

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds necessary for **CULTURAL/RECREATION** expenses according to the following schedule, or any other sums, or take any other action thereon:

<u>CULTURAL/RECREATION</u>	\$	12,955.34
Library		
(Salaries) Librarian	\$	5,905.26
Staff	\$	3,040.08
Library Expense	\$	3,210.00
Recreation Committee Expense	\$	300.00
Historical Committee Expense	\$	500.00

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 18

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the trash enterprise fund or take any other action thereon.

Voted: That the following sums be appropriated for the trash enterprise.

Salaries:	\$5,495.04
Expenses	<u>\$30,275.72</u>
Total:	\$35,770.76

And that \$35,770.76 be raised as follows:

Department receipts	\$29,752.00
Retained earnings	\$6,018.76

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise from receipts and retained earnings.

Article 19

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds necessary for **FIXED COSTS** expenses according to the following schedule, or take any other action thereon:

<u>FIXED COSTS</u>	\$	86,121.21
Town Hall Loan + Interest (2008)	\$	2,367.91
Interest on short term debt	\$	4,500.00
Retirement Assessment	\$	29,319.00
Workers Compensation	\$	5,000.00
Unemployment Compensation Insurance	\$	1,000.00
Health Insurance Expense	\$	12,092.20
Medicare Expense	\$	4,000.00
Insurance & Bonds Expense	\$	27,842.10

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 20

To see if the town will appropriate from Free Cash the sum of **\$82,283.36** to be used to reduce the FY2009 tax rate, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 21

To see if the town will appropriate from Overlay Surplus the sum of **\$17,298.76** to be used to reduce the FY2009 tax rate, or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 22

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept any and all grants from the Federal Government or the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for which said grants are authorized or take any other action relative thereto.

Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen recommend raise.

Article 23

To see if the Town will vote to borrow and expend any anticipation of funds for the construction and/or improvement of town roads as requested by the sum, Board of Selectmen to be reimbursed by the Commonwealth under State Aid Highway program Chapter 90, Section 34.

Sponsored by the Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen.

Article 24

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ to authorize the **Building Inspector** to receive **building inspection fees and fines**, to be expended during FY2009 without further appropriation, for administrative duties including inspections, supplies and required professional courses, such expenditures not to exceed \$4,000.00 in revolving fund monies, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen.

Article 25

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ to authorize the **Electrical Inspector** to receive **inspection fees and fines**, to be expended during FY2009 without further appropriation, for administrative duties including inspections, supplies and required professional courses, such expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00 in revolving fund monies, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen.

Article 26

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ to authorize the **Plumbing Inspector** to receive inspection fees and fines, to be expended during FY2009 without further appropriation, for administrative duties including inspections, supplies and required professional courses, such expenditures not to exceed \$2,000.00 in revolving fund monies, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen.

Article 27

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ to authorize the **Fire Department** to receive **inspection fees and fines**, to be expended during FY2009 without further appropriation, for administrative duties including inspections, supplies and required professional courses, such expenditures not to exceed \$300.00 in revolving fund monies, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen.

Article 28

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ to authorize the **Health Agent** to receive **inspection fees and**

finances, to be expended during FY2009 without further appropriation, for administrative duties including inspections, supplies and required professional courses, such expenditures not to exceed \$3,000.00 in revolving fund monies, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen.

Article 29

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ to authorize the **Cemetery Committee** to receive **cemetery fees** to be expended during the FY2009 without further appropriation for administrative duties and services, such expenditures not to exceed \$1,000.00 in revolving fund monies, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen.

Article 30

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ to authorize the **Planning Board** to receive **permit fees**, to be expended during FY2009 without further appropriation, for administrative duties and expenses including advertisement and postage, such expenditures not to exceed \$1,000.00 in revolving fund monies, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen.

Article 31

To see if the Town will vote to authorize a revolving fund pursuant to MGL Chapter 44 Section 53E ½ to authorize the **Zoning Board of Appeals** to receive **permit fees**, to be expended during FY2009 without further appropriation, for administrative duties and expenses including advertisement and postage, such expenditures not to exceed \$1,000.00 in revolving fund monies, or take any other action relative thereto.

Sponsored by the Finance Advisory Committee and The Board of Selectmen.

Article 32

To see if the Town will accept Section 100G 1/3 of chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, providing for the payment of the reasonable expense, not to exceed \$15,000, of the funeral and burial of any firefighter while in the performance of his or her duty and as a result of an accident while responding to or returning from an alarm or fire or any emergency or as the result of an accident involving a fire department vehicle, which the firefighter is operating or in which he or she is riding or while at the scene of a fire or any emergency is killed or sustains injuries which result in death, or any police officer who while in the performance of his or her duty and as the result of an assault on his or her person, or a result of an accident involving a police department vehicle which he or she is operating or in which he or she is riding is killed or sustains injuries which result in death.

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 33

To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate and execute a lease for ten (10) years of Town-owned property located at 162 Colebrook River Road, Tolland, Massachusetts, for the purpose of constructing, installing, operating, maintaining and repairing one or more cellular/wireless communication facilities to provide personal communications services, including a telecommunications tower, antennas, equipment pad and shelters, cables, transmission and utility wires, poles, conduits, pipes, accessories and related equipment and improvements at said Town-owned property, including a non-exclusive right of reasonable access thereto and to the closest source of electric and telephone facilities, as well as authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant and execute easements to third party providers for telephone and electric service to any tower as required by telecommunication companies to operate their equipment, or take any other action thereto.

Article 34

Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereon at FOUR PUBLIC PLACES in said Town SEVEN (7) DAYS at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-eighth (28) day of April in the year of our Lord two thousand eight.

SELECTMEN OF TOLLAND

Eric R. Munson, Jr.

James Deming

Steven DellaGiustina

A true copy. ATTEST:

Constable