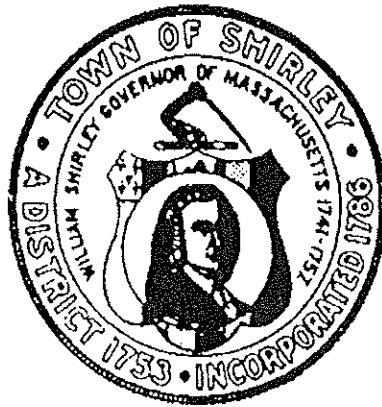


Town of Shirley

Massachusetts



WARRANT

for the

2018 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Ayer-Shirley Regional Middle School
Auditorium, 1 Hospital Road
Beginning Monday, October 15, 2018 at 7:15PM

**Town of Shirley Warrant, Special Town Meeting,
Monday, October 15, 2018**

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NOTICE

If the business of this Warrant for the Special Town Meeting is not concluded on Monday, October 15, 2018, it is proposed to adjourn as follows, provided that the Meeting so votes: to Tuesday, October 16, 2018.

**Town of Shirley
Special Town Meeting
October 15, 2018
Warrant**

Middlesex, ss.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

To any of the Constables of the Town of Shirley in said County,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth aforesaid, you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to assemble in the Auditorium of the Ayer-Shirley Regional Middle School at 1 Hospital Road in Shirley on Monday, the fifteenth day of October 2018 at 7:15 p.m., to consider the following:

ARTICLE 1: Shall the Town of Shirley vote to approve to appropriate the sum of Two million eight hundred and forty thousand dollars (\$2,840,000) to pay for the costs of designing, constructing, and originally equipping a new athletic field complex to be located at 141 Washington Street, Ayer, including the payment of all costs incidental and to meet said appropriation, authorize the Town to borrow from the provisions of proposition two and one-half, as a debt exemption so-called the amounts required to pay the Town's allocable share of the bond issued by the Ayer Shirley Regional School District or take any action in relation thereto.

Summary: To update the athletic field campus designed for student athletes in 1964. The project includes a new artificial turf field, new track with 8 lanes, new plaza and concession stand with bathrooms, new bleachers and lights, upgraded soccer fields, addition of new soccer field, new softball field and new fencing, backstops and dugouts for softball and baseball, thus expanding and opening the campus and improving conditions of all fields. The total project will be financed by a 15 year loan to the region and backed by a 15 year debt exclusion to each town. Assessment to each town follows the capital debt assessment split as dictated by the district's Regional Agreement. As of 2018, the split is 60% to Ayer and 40% to Shirley, (the \$2,840,000 represents the Town of Shirley's share.)

A 2/3 vote is required for the passage of this article.

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Board of Selectmen: RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION
Finance Committee: AT TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 2: Shall the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$96,437.41 to fill the vacant position of Public Works Director or take action in relation thereto.

Summary: This article will fund the currently vacant position of Public Works Director. The position is currently vacant. The recommended pay level based on past assessments by the Personnel Board will be Grade 13, Step 4 - 10 (\$84,366.688 - \$96,437.41); the range is also consistent area DPW Directors. The Director of Public Works will lead, direct and manage the Public Works Department which provides quality and professional services including street and sidewalk maintenance and construction, storm water management, fleet vehicle operations, park maintenance, capital projects, snow and ice removal operations for all town streets. The Director will manage personnel functions, prepares operating budget and capital improvements schedule, and enforces all town procedures, codes and ordinances relating to the Department of Public Works.

A majority vote is required for the passage of this article.

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**Board of Selectmen: RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION
Finance Committee: RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**

ARTICLE 3: Shall the Town would vote to accept the provision of the last paragraph of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 59 Section 5, Clause Twenty-second G, which reads, Notwithstanding this section, in any city or town which accepts this clause, the exemptions available pursuant to clauses Twenty-second, Twenty-second A, Twenty-second B, Twenty-second C, Twenty-second D, Twenty-second E and Twenty-second F may be granted to otherwise eligible persons who have resided in the commonwealth for 1 year prior to the date of filing for exemptions pursuant to the applicable clause, or to take any other action relative thereto.

Summary: Currently, a veteran with a service connected disability must wait five years before receiving the above exemptions if they did not live in Massachusetts six months prior to entering the service. Adoption of this article will reduce that waiting period to one year.

A majority vote is required for the passage of this article.

**Board of Selectmen: RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION
Finance Committee: RECOMMEND FAVORABLE ACTION**


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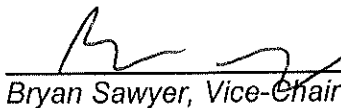
And you will serve this Warrant by posting true and attested copies of same at the Town Offices and the Hazen Memorial Library in Shirley Village, at the Senior Center in Shirley Center, and a like copy at the United States Post Office in Shirley Village, fourteen days at least before the time appointed for said Meeting.

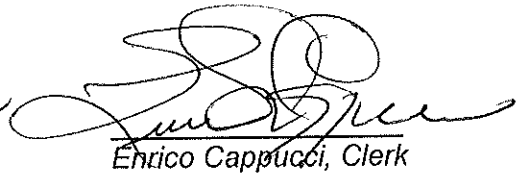
Hereof fail not and make due return of this Warrant with your doings therein to one of the Selectmen, on or before the date of the Meeting.

Given under our hands at Shirley, this 24th Day of September, 2018.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

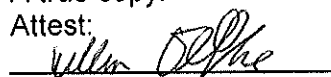

Debra Flagg, Chair


Bryan Sawyer, Vice-Chair


Enrico Cappucci, Clerk

A true copy.

Attest:


William Oelfke
Town Clerk

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RETURN OF SERVICE

CONSTABLE

7 KEADY WAY

SHIRLEY, MA 01464

I certify that on September 25, 2018 I duly posted true and attested copies of the foregoing Warrant for the October 15, 2018 Special Town Meeting at the Shirley Town Offices, Hazen Memorial Library, U.S. Post Office, and the Shirley Senior Center.



KEITH KEADY
Constable

A True Attest:



WILLIAM OELFKE
Town Clerk

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