

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Worcester, S.S.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Athol, in the County of Worcester, Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify the inhabitants of the Town of Athol, qualified to vote in the election and Town affairs, to meet in the Memorial Building in said Athol on Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article III Section 3.18.6.1, by deleting the following:

- (2) Applicants for Minor Site Plan Approval shall submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.6.3 and 3.18.6.4, to the Town Clerk. Applicants shall also submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in 3.18.6.3 and 3.18.6.4 to the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Department of Public Works, Fire Chief, Building Inspector and Police Chief for their advisory review and comments.
- (3) The applicant shall submit proof of receipt from all of the departments listed above along with six (6) copies of the application to the Town Clerk for delivery to the Planning Board

And replacing it with the following:

- (2) Applicants for Minor Site Plan Approval shall submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.6.3 and 3.18.6.4, to the Town Clerk. Applicants shall also submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in 3.18.6.3 and 3.18.6.4 to the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Department of Public Works, Fire Chief, Zoning Agent/Building Inspector and Police Chief for their advisory review and comments.
- (3) The applicant shall submit proof of receipt from all of the departments listed above together with eight (8) copies of the application to the Town Clerk who will deliver seven (7) copies to the Planning Board. In addition, the application submission to the Town Clerk shall also include a labeled or clearly marked electronic copy (CD or other medium) of all materials with each submittal; *or act in relation thereto*.

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article III Section 3.18.7.1, by deleting the following:

- (3) Applicants for Major Site Plan Approval shall submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.7.3 and 3.18.7.4 to the Town Clerk. Applicants shall also submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.7.3 and 3.18.7.4 to the Conservation Commission, Zoning Board of Appeals, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Department of Public Works, Fire Chief, Building Inspector and Police Chief for their advisory review and comments.
- (4) The applicant shall submit proof of receipt from the all of departments listed above along with six (6) copies of the application to the Town Clerk for delivery to the Planning Board.

And replacing it with the following:

- (3) Applicants for Major Site Plan Approval shall submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.7.3 and 3.18.7.4 to the Town Clerk. Applicants shall also submit a copy of the Site Plan and narrative as defined in sections 3.18.7.3 and 3.18.7.4 to the Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Department of Public Works, Fire Chief, Zoning Agent/Building Inspector and Police Chief for their advisory review and comments.
- (4) The applicant shall submit proof of receipt from the all of departments listed above together with eight (8) copies of the application to the Town Clerk who will deliver seven (7) copies to the Planning Board. In addition, the application submission to the Town Clerk shall also include a labeled or clearly marked electronic copy (CD or other medium) of all materials with each submittal; *or act in relation thereto.*

Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article III Section 3.16.4.1, by deleting the following:

- 3.16.4.1 Application. An application for the Special Permit shall be submitted on the form(s) provided by the Planning Board Rules & Regulations of the Town Bylaws. Applicants for OSRD shall also file with the Planning Board six (6) copies of the Concept Plan and shall file one (1) copy with the Town Clerk. The Concept Plan shall include a Yield Plan and a Sketch Plan [see Subsections (1) and (2) of this Section], prepared by a multidisciplinary team of qualified professionals. The applicant shall also submit both the Site Context Map and Existing Conditions Map prepared according to Section 3.16.3.2 above. Additional information reasonably necessary to make the determinations and assessments cited herein shall be provided, including existing site contour maps and existing current soil maps.

And replacing it with the following:

- 3.16.4.1 Application. An application for the Special Permit shall be submitted on the form(s) provided by the Planning Board Rules & Regulations of the Town Bylaws. Applicants for OSRD shall also file with the Planning Board eight (8) copies of the Concept Plan and shall file one (1) copy with the Town Clerk. The Applicant shall provide a labeled or clearly marked electronic copy (CD or other medium) of all application and plan materials with each submittal. The Concept Plan shall include a Yield Plan and a Sketch Plan [see Subsections (1) and (2) of this Section], prepared by a multidisciplinary team of qualified professionals. The applicant shall also submit both the Site Context Map and Existing Conditions Map prepared according to Section 3.16.3.2 above. Additional information reasonably necessary to make the determinations and assessments cited herein shall be provided, including existing site contour maps and existing current soil maps; *or act in relation thereto.*

Article 4 To see if the Town of Athol will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article III, by deleting Section 3.23, Accessory Agriculture, and replacing it with the following language:

3.23 Accessory Agriculture

3.23.1 Purpose and Intent

To permit as an accessory use on single-family residential premises, the raising and keeping for non-commercial purposes of horses, livestock, or other farm animals by the owner of the land on which the use is located. This bylaw is not applicable to commercial agriculture.

3.23.2 Definitions

Farm Animals: Domestic animals raised to produce commodities such as food, fiber and labor.

Livestock: Domestic animals, such as cattle or horses.

Poultry: Domestic fowls, such as chickens, turkeys, ducks, or geese, raised for meat or eggs.

Poultry Hen: Domestic female chicken.

Rooster: Adult male chicken.

3.23.3 No minimum acreage shall be required for this bylaw.

3.23.4 The Accessory Agriculture use shall be permitted in the Medium Single-Family Residential (RB), Rural Single-Family Residential (RC), and Industrial Commercial (I) zoning districts.

3.23.5 For the keeping of twelve (12) poultry hens or less, the applicant shall submit an "APPLICATION FOR USE OR CHANGE OF USE" form with the building department.

3.23.6 For the keeping of more than twelve (12) poultry hens, or any quantity of roosters, livestock or other farm animals, the applicant shall submit an "APPLICATION FOR USE OR CHANGE OF USE" form with the building department and shall also obtain a special permit from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

3.23.7 The Accessory Agriculture use shall be permitted in the Multi-Family Residential (RA) zoning district by a special permit issued by the Zoning Board of Appeals for any number of poultry hens, roosters, livestock or other farm animals. Applicants from this zoning district shall also submit an "APPLICATION FOR USE OR CHANGE OF USE" form with the building department.

3.23.8 Structures housing poultry shall comply with the regulations defined in section 3.2, Accessory Buildings and Uses.

And to further see if the Town of Athol will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article II, Section 2.3, Use Regulation Schedule, by changing, under the category of RESIDENTIAL USES, the sub-category Accessory Agriculture, the use for Residence A to "SP" from "N".

2.3 Use Regulation Schedule

RESIDENTIAL USES

Accessory Agriculture

Residence A	Residence B	Residence C	Central Commercial	Neighborhood Commercial	General Commercial	Industrial Commercial
<u>RA</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>RC</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>CB</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>I</u>
SP	SP4	SP4	N	N	N	SP4

Or act in relation thereto.

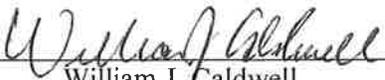
Article 5 To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 8 of the June 13, 2016 Annual Town Meeting and repurpose a portion of the sum of money voted for DPW vehicles; *or act in relation thereto.*

Article 6 To see if the Town will amend Article 19 of the June 13, 2016 Annual Town Meeting by increasing the DPW Transfer/Recycling Center's operational expenses from \$406,932 to \$423,079, and to further increase the DPW Transfer/Recycling Center's departmental receipts from \$406,932 to \$423,079, *or act in relation thereto.*

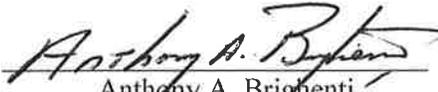
The Finance Committee will hold a meeting on the foregoing articles on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 21 and thereafter as necessary. You are hereby directed to serve the warrant by posting attested copies hereof in the Quabbin Valley Healthcare, Post Office of said Town, the uptown branch of the Athol Savings Bank and the Memorial Building of said Town, fourteen days, at least before the time for holding said meeting and by publishing a notice of said meeting in a newspaper having general circulation in the Town, fourteen days at least, before the time for holding said meeting.

Hereof, fail not, and make due return of the warrant with your doings thereon unto the Town Clerk at the time and place of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this 15th day of September in the year two thousand and sixteen.



William J. Caldwell



Anthony A. Brighenti



Stephen R. Raymond



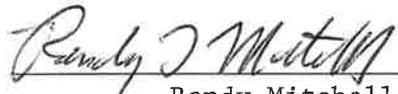
Alan D. Dodge



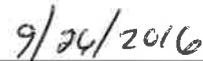
Lee E. Chauvette
Chairman

ATHOL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy, thereof in the Quabbin Valley Healthcare in the Town of Athol, United States Post Office in the Town of Athol, the uptown branch of the Athol Savings Bank in the Town of Athol and the Athol Memorial Building and a notice published in the Athol Daily News having general circulation in the Town on Monday, September 26, 2016. I mailed a copy to each member of the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee, Moderator, Town Counsel and Board of Planning and Community Development and have returned this warrant to the Clerk of the Town of Athol within my doings hereon on Monday, September 26, 2016.



Randy Mitchell, Constable



Date