

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 19, 2015 at 7 p.m., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1 To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter V Streets, Sidewalks, Public Places and Utilities, Section 40 Water Use Restriction of the Town Bylaws: by deleting:

Exceptions to nonessential outdoor water uses are:

- irrigation of public parks and recreation fields outside the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM and;
- irrigation of lawns, gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose outside the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM and;
- irrigation outside the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM with harvested and stored storm water runoff.

and replacing it with the following:

Exceptions to nonessential outdoor water uses are:

- irrigation of public parks and recreation fields by automatic sprinklers outside the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM and;
- irrigation of gardens, flowers and ornamental plants by means of a hand-held hose or drip irrigation systems outside the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM and;
- irrigation outside the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM with harvested and stored storm water runoff and;
- irrigation of lawns by hand-held hose only outside the hours of 9 AM to 5 PM ; *or act in relation thereto.*

Article 2 To see if the Town will vote to amend Section IV of the Personnel By-Laws by deleting the following;

Section IV: Compensation Schedule

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
Hourly Paid Employees		
Dispatchers, Part Time	9.73	13.33

and replacing it with;

Section IV: Compensation Schedule

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>MINIMUM</u>	<u>MAXIMUM</u>
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Hourly Paid Employees

Dispatchers, Part Time <i>;or act in relation thereto.</i>	9.73	15.00
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Article 3 To see if the Town will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article IV, Section 4.1, Definitions, by adding the following:

Yard Sale: Any display of used goods for sale on property currently used as a residence. The person or persons conducting the sale shall be residents of that immediate neighborhood. Yard Sales shall be allowed in all zoning districts except Central Commercial provided they are conducted in compliance with the following:

- A permit has been issued through the Board of Selectmen's office.
- There shall be no more than five (5) Yard Sales on one residential address in any given calendar year.
- Yard Sales shall be conducted only between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Yard Sales may only be conducted on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays but not more than two consecutive days.
- All items for sale must originate from the home or homes of the sellers conducting the yard sale.
- In no event will Yard Sales offer for sale firearms, animals, alcoholic beverages or any items prohibited by law.
- Any signage used in connection with a Yard Sale must be removed within 48 hours of the Yard Sale's conclusion.
- Those responsible for conducting yard sales must control the conduct of all persons involved so as to avoid unreasonable noise or causing a neighborhood nuisance.
- Care must be taken to avoid traffic and/or parking congestion, which would cause neighborhood problems. All applicable traffic laws must be observed.
- All items must be removed from display upon conclusion of the yard sale.
- Any person violating any of the provisions of this By-Law may be fined not more than \$100.00 for each offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.
- Recognized charitable, religious, and benevolent organizations shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter.

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 adding, under the category of RESIDENTIAL USES, the sub-category Yard Sale:

	Industrial Commercial	General Commercial	Neighborhood Commercial	Central Commercial	Residence C	Residence B	Residence A
<u>2.3 Use Regulation Schedule</u>	I	G	CB	CA	RC	RB	RA
RESIDENTIAL USES							
Yard Sale	Y	Y	Y	N	Y	Y	Y

;or act in relation thereto

Article 4 To see if the Town of Athol will vote to amend the Athol Zoning Bylaws Article II, Section 2.3, Use Regulation Schedule, by deleting, under the category of COMMERCIAL USES, the sub-category Animal Kennel or Hospital:

	Industrial Commercial	General Commercial	Neighborhood Commercial	Central Commercial	Residence C	Residence B	Residence A
<u>2.3 Use Regulation Schedule</u>	I	G	CB	CA	RC	RB	RA
COMMERCIAL USES							
Animal Kennel or Hospital	SP	SP	SP	N	SP	N	N

And replacing it with the following:

	Residence A	Residence B	Residence C	Central Commercial	Neighborhood Commercial	General Commercial	Industrial Commercial
<u>2.3 Use Regulation Schedule</u>	<u>RA</u>	<u>RB</u>	<u>RC</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>CB</u>	<u>G</u>	<u>I</u>
COMMERCIAL USES							
Animal Kennel 14	N	N	SP	N	SP	SP	SP

Footnote 14 shall contain the following language:

Includes Commercial boarding or training kennel, Commercial breeder kennel, Domestic charitable corporation kennel, Kennel, Personal kennel, Shelter, and Veterinary kennel as defined by Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 140, Section 136A.
;or act in relation thereto

- Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to amend the fiscal year 2016 Town budget, as approved in Article 7 of the June 8, 2015 Annual Town Meeting, by increasing various departmental personnel budgets to restore employee’s reduced office hours and to supplement the professional services – auditor budget to pay for a final retirement system audit; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used for the purpose of securing, cleaning, demolishing and removing dangerous, vacant and abandoned buildings; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 11 from the June 9, 2014 Annual Town Meeting and Article 11 from the June 8, 2015 Annual Town Meeting and repurpose the money voted for UV Lights to sewer clarifier repair; *or act in relation thereto.*
- Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be used to decrease the FY15 snow and ice budget deficit; *or act in relation thereto.*

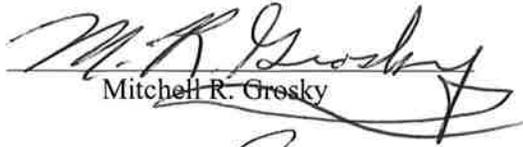
Article 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to purchase a multi-purpose tractor for the Department of Public Works, Cemetery Park & Tree division; *or act in relation thereto.*

Article 10: To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Article 6 voted at the March 2, 2015 Special Town Meeting for the Town Hall – Exterior Stairs repair account to the Stabilization Account; *or act in relation thereto.*

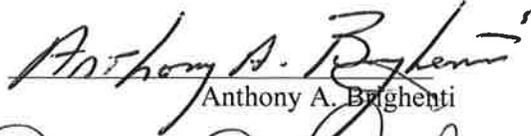
The Finance Committee will hold a meeting on the foregoing articles on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 21 and thereafter as necessary. You are hereby directed to serve the warrant by posting attested copies hereof in the Quabbin Valley Healthcare, Post Office of said Town, the uptown 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.

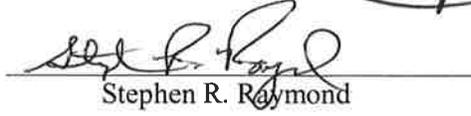
Given under our hands this 15th day of September in the year two thousand and fifteen.



Mitchell R. Grosky



Anthony A. Brighenti



Stephen R. Raymond



Alan D. Dodge

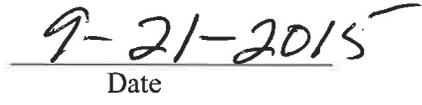


Lee E. Chauvette
Chairman
ATHOL BOARD OF SELECTMEN

I have served the within warrant by posting up an attested copy, thereof in the Quabbin Valley Healthcare, of the Town of Athol, Post Office of the Town of Athol, the uptown branch of the Athol Savings Bank and the Athol Memorial Building and a notice published in the Athol Daily News having general circulation in the Town on Monday, September 21 2015. I mailed a copy to each member of the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committee, Moderator, Town Counsel, Planning Board 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 21, 2015.



Constable



Date