TOWN OF BECKET <u>Citizens' Petition for Warrant Article</u>

Petitio	ner hereby requests the Becket Board of Selectmen to:			
	Place the following article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant [10 signatures required]			
	Place the following article on the Special Town Meeting warrant for an already scheduled Special Town Meeting on(date) [100 signatures required]			
	Call a Special Town meeting to consider the following article [200 signatures required]			
Article wording: (Please type or print; continue on back as needed)				

	Voter Name	Voter Signature	Street Address
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We certify that the above _____ (number) signatures are names of qualified voters of the Town of Becket.

Board of Registrars

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Lead Petitioner:	Name	
	Address	
	E-mail	
	Phone	

MGL Chapter 39, Section 10. Every town meeting or town election, except as hereinafter provided, shall be called in pursuance of a warrant, under the hands of the selectmen, notice of which shall be given at least seven days before the annual meeting or an annual or special election and at least fourteen days before any special town meeting...The selectmen shall insert in the warrant for the annual meeting all subjects the insertion of which shall be requested of them in writing by ten or more registered voters of the town and in the warrant for every special town meeting all subjects the insertion of which shall be requested of them in writing by one hundred registered voters or by ten per cent of the total number of registered voters of the town whichever number is the lesser. The selectmen shall call a special town meeting upon request in writing, of two hundred registered voters or of twenty per cent of the total number of registered voters of the town, whichever number is the lesser; such meeting to be held not later than forty-five days after the receipt of such request, and shall insert in the warrant therefor all subjects the insertion of which shall be requested by said petition. No action shall be valid unless the subject matter thereof is contained in the warrant...The written requests of registered voters for the insertion of subjects in town meeting warrants shall not be valid unless the required number of registered voters not only sign their names but also state their residence, with street and number, if any. The selectmen shall submit such written requests to the board of registrars of voters or the board of election commissioners who shall check and forthwith certify the number of signatures so checked which are names of voters in the town, and only names so checked and certified shall be counted. A greater number of names than are required in each case need not be certified.

INSTRUCTIONS:

- Signatures must appear on the same sheet as the body of the article in order to be certified.
- Petitions for the Annual Town Meeting must be filed by April 1 so that ample time is given for the Board of Registrars to convene to certify signatures and for the Selectmen to place on the warrant to meet printing and posting deadlines.
- It is the responsibility of the petitioner to satisfy all the requirements for filing a petition.
- Submit signed petitions to the Board of Selectmen's Administrative Assistant, 557 Main Street, Becket, MA 01223.

Note: The Town Moderator and Town Administrator are available to assist voters who wish to submit a petition for consideration at a Town Meeting without sponsorship of a town board. Contact Town Moderator Ethan Klepetar at 413.528.4800 ext. 4 or via e-mail Eklepetar@hellmanshearn.com or Town Administrator at 413.623.8934 ext. 113 or via e-mail administrator@townofbecket.org. These officers may also consult with Town counsel to (1) suggest language that reflect the petitioner's legislative intent in presenting articles for insertion in the warrant and (2) prepare the main motion for Town Meeting.)

Article Wording: (continued)