

**AMENDED**  
**Commonwealth of Massachusetts**  
**Town of Alford**  
**Special Town Meeting**  
**Fire House**  
**86 North Egremont Road**  
**Alford, Massachusetts 01230**  
**October 23, 2023 6PM**

**Berkshire ss:**

**To: Constable**

**Greetings:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Alford, qualified to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the **Alford Fire House** in said Town, at the above address, on October 23, 2023 at 6 P.M. to vote on the following Articles:

**ARTICLE 1.** To see if the Town will vote to transfer Seventy Five Thousand (\$75,000.00) from Retained Earnings of the Alford Link Enterprise Fund into Capital Improvements; or take any other action relative thereto.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen I, inclusive, of chapter seventy-one of the General Laws providing for the establishment of an eight town regional school district, together with the towns of Egremont, Great Barrington, Monterey, New Marlborough, Sheffield, Stockbridge, West Stockbridge, to be known as the Southern Berkshire Hills Regional School District (the "New District"). The New District would be formed and governed in accordance with the proposed agreement filed by the Regional School District Planning Board with the Select Board (the "8 Town Regional Agreement") (available for inspection at Alford Town Offices and on the website [8towns.org](http://8towns.org)).

Formation of the New District is subject to voter approval in each of the eight town's party to the 8 Town Regional Agreement. As provided in the 8 Town Regional Agreement, full operation of the New District and dissolution of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District (the

“SBRSD”) and the Berkshire Hills Regional School District (the “BHRSD”) would be further subject to:

- (i) voter approval in accordance with applicable law and the terms of the 8 Town Regional Agreement of the debt required to construct a new high school for the New District on the Great Barrington campus of the current BHRSD; and
- (ii) enactment of special legislation permitting (a) the transfer of the buildings and other assets of each of the SBRSD and the BHRSD to the New District on the date the New District becomes fully operational (at the end of the transition period specified in the 8 Town Regional Agreement); and (b) the dissolution of the SBRSD and the BHRSD on that same date without further action by any public body.

A summary of the steps that would follow an affirmative vote on this warrant article by the voters of Alford and the other seven towns party to the 8 Town Regional Agreement is attached for informational purposes to this Warrant; or to take any other action relative thereto.

And you are further required to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies at the Town Hall and other places, as the Select Board deems appropriate at least fourteen (14) days before said meeting.

Hereof and fail not to make return of the Warrant with your doings thereon to the Clerk of said Town on or before the time of said meeting

**POSTED:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Constable**

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SELECT BOARD FOR THE TOWN OF ALFORD**

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**Charles F. Ketchen, Chairman**

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**Peggy Rae Henden-Wilson**

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**Peter Puciloski**