

# WARRANT

Town of Leverett  
Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
**Special Town Meeting**

Franklin, SS.

To one of the Constables of Leverett

**GREETINGS:**

In the name of the Commonwealth, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of Leverett, qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in the **LEVERETT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM** at said Leverett, on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2005** at **7:00 p.m. in the EVENING** then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

**Article One:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$20,000 for costs involved in a Board of Health lawsuit, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Two:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 for costs involved in the Fall 2005 floods and rainstorms, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Three:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$250 for expenses involved in a resources study on a town-owned land parcel, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Four:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to match a Federal Emergency Management Agency Pre-Disaster Mitigation Grant, expenditure of such funds to be contingent upon the receipt of the grant, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Five:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$4,200 to repair the Highway Department tractor's roadside mower attachment, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Six:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$900 to equip the new police cruiser, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Seven:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$2,100 for additional school health insurance coverage (Account # 300-914) and the sum of \$400 for school dental insurance coverage (Account # 300-917) for Union 28 employees, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Eight:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$740 for the police disability insurance account (Account # 210-700) and the sum of \$2,200 for the fire disability insurance account (Account # 220-700), or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Nine:** To see if the Town will vote to transfer from available funds the sum of \$7,000 for the town health insurance account (Account # 914-100), or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Ten:** To see if the Town will vote to expand the use of the funds appropriated in Article Three of the June 25, 2001 Special Town Meeting to include any expenses involved in developing senior and affordable housing in Leverett, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Eleven:** To see if the Town will vote to expand the use of the funds appropriated in Article Thirteen of the April 30, 2005 Annual Town Meeting to include the purchase and installation of any new doors at the North Leverett Fire Station, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article Twelve:** To see if the Town will vote for the following resolution, or take any action relative thereto:

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the town of Leverett supports the brave men and women deployed in Iraq, honors the memory of those who have lost their lives in the war and the families who have lost their loved ones; and

WHEREAS, working families in the United States have paid a heavy price for the U.S. involvement in Iraq with the deaths of more than 1,900 U.S. troops, the wounding and disabling of more than 14,000 U.S. military personnel, and the deaths of nearly 25,000 Iraqi civilians; and

WHEREAS, more than \$200 billion has been appropriated by Congress to fund military operations and reconstruction in Iraq, and American working families are bearing the costs of this war, not only monetarily and physically, but because needed resources are not available for education, healthcare and other social services; and

WHEREAS, prior to the initiation of combat operations in Iraq, the people of Leverett at Town Meeting on February 24, 2003, voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to inform the Secretary General of the United Nations, the President of the United States, the two Senators from Massachusetts and the Representative from the First Massachusetts Congressional District that the Town Meeting of the Town of Leverett favors United Nations leadership not previously approved or sanctioned for the disarmament of Iraq and is opposed to military action by the United States; and

WHEREAS, Cindy Sheehan, whose son, Army Specialist Casey Sheehan was killed in Iraq in April 2004, waited to speak to President Bush outside his ranch in Crawford, Texas and was joined by other parents who's children have been killed in Iraq is now on the Bring Our Troops Home bus tour throughout the US in advance of the September 24, 2005 non-violent mobilization in Washington, D.C. to end the war; and

WHEREAS, the Bring Our Troops Home tour was in Amherst on September 15 to reach out to area military families, veterans and concerned citizens and urge an end to the violence in Iraq "before one more mother's child is lost," in the words of Cindy Sheehan, and the Tour is sponsored by Gold Star Families for Peace (families who have lost loved ones in Iraq), Military Families Speak Out, Iraq Veterans Against the War and Veterans For Peace; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Leverett vote to instruct the Town Clerk to urge the President of the United States, the two Senators from Massachusetts and the Representative from the First Massachusetts Congressional District to commence an orderly and rapid withdrawal of

United States military personnel from Iraq as expeditiously as possible, and to provide the people of Iraq with the necessary aid to secure their citizens to rebuild Iraq.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting up copies thereof on the post office and in the Town Hall and Congregational Church at Leverett, also the Baptist Church at North Leverett and the Village Co-op at Moores Corner, fourteen days at least before the day of said meeting.

Hereof, fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at time and place of said meeting. Given under our hands this **SEVENTEENTH** day of **NOVEMBER, TWO THOUSAND AND FIVE**.

A true copy I attest:

**SELECT BOARD OF LEVERETT**

Lisa Stratford, Town Clerk

Fenna Lee Bonsignore

Richard P. Brazeau

James C. Lyons

I have served this Warrant as directed therein:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Constable: \_\_\_\_\_