

Attention voters of Wilbraham:

Annual Town Meeting

Town of Wilbraham



**Warrant and Budget
Annual Town Meeting
May 15, 2017
7:00 PM
Minnechaug Regional High School**

Please bring this workbook with you.

Wilbraham Town Meeting Information

Description:

Wilbraham has an Open Town Meeting form of government. Town Meeting is considered a legislative body. During the meeting, each voter is a legislator. At the Meeting, voters will be asked to approve Town budgets; capital expenditures; Zoning changes; Town Bylaw changes; compensation for employees and elected officials; Town acquisition or disposition of land; and more. "Open" Town Meeting means that all Wilbraham registered voters are eligible to participate and vote.

Town Meetings are televised and rebroadcast, at various times, by the Wilbraham Public Access channel.

The Warrant:

The Warrant is basically the agenda for Town Meeting. It contains a number of Articles which set the framework for Motions that will be made at Town Meeting. The Articles themselves are not necessarily the motions that will be made at Town Meeting. The Board of Selectman are responsible for: determining the appropriate Articles and preparing the Warrant; obtaining Legal opinion on the validity of proposed Articles; gathering input from Town staff and boards; and distribution of the Warrant.

Town Meeting "Cast"

Registered Wilbraham Voters – Each voter is a legislator at Town Meeting. They are full participants in budgeting; allocating funds; and law making. Upon checking in to the Meeting, voters will be given a voting card, which they will hold up (either for or against a motion) when the vote is called by the Moderator. Non-voters may attend the Meeting but may not vote; and may address the Meeting only with permission (traditionally this permission is presumed for Town Staff). The one exception to non-voters needing permission to speak, is the School Superintendent. M.G.L. Chapter 71; Section 34 specifically allows the Superintendent to address this meeting.

Town Moderator – The Town Moderator is elected for a three (3) year term during Town Elections. The Moderator presides over Town Meeting and is responsible for its conduct consistent with Town Bylaws and Massachusetts General Laws; and the parliamentary procedures defined in Town Meeting Time (a handbook of parliamentary law published by the Massachusetts Moderators Association). Massachusetts General Laws grant The Moderator broad authority to accept parliamentary motions, regulate debate and rule speakers in or out of order. A primary role of the moderator is to insure that motions (or amendments to motions) remain within the scope of the Article published in The Warrant.

Board of Selectman – As noted above, the Selectman prepare the Warrant. Traditionally, they present the motions associated with most Articles (generally Zoning Article motions are made by the Planning Board and Citizen Petition Article motions are made by the petitioners). However, any voter may make the motion for an Article. The Selectmen may present recommendations or explanations of Articles.

Town Clerk – The Town Clerk is an elected official responsible for maintaining town records. During Town Meeting, the Town Clerk is responsible for checking in voters; and recording votes and actions taken at Town Meeting. If the elected Moderator is not present at the start of the Meeting, the Town Clerk will conduct the Meeting until the Town Meeting voters elect a temporary Moderator.

Finance Committee - The Finance Committee is appointed by the Board of Selectmen. They have the authority to make recommendations on all Warrant Articles. They are deeply involved with the budgeting process and make a detailed explanation of the proposed budget to Town Meeting. Their budget recommendation is included in The Warrant. While the Finance Committee is charged with making recommendations on all Articles, traditionally they have referred recommendation on Zoning Articles to the Planning Board.

Town Counsel – Town Counsel attends Town Meeting to provide legal opinions on proposed actions being considered. During the Meeting, The Moderator may consult with Counsel prior to issuing a ruling, if the Moderator is in doubt about the legality of that ruling.

Boards, Committees and Staff – Depending on the Article, Town Boards, Committees or Staff may be called on to make presentations or provide explanations on various Articles.

WARRANT

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MAY 15, 2017
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, MAY 20, 2017

HAMPDEN COUNTY, SS

TO ANY OF THE CONSTABLES OF THE TOWN OF WILBRAHAM IN THE COUNTY OF HAMPDEN,

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Wilbraham, who are qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at **Minnechaug Regional High School (PRECINCTS A, B, C, & D)** in said Wilbraham on **Saturday, the 20th day of May, 2017, when the polls will be open between the hours of 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM**, then and there to act on the following:

To give their votes to the election of officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Selectman for three years; Assessor for three years; two Regional School Committee member for three years; Cemetery Commissioner for three years; Water Commissioner for three years; two Library Trustees for three years; Planning Board member for five years; Planning Board member for two years.

All business of said meeting, except the election of such officers and the determination of such matters as by law are required to be elected or determined by ballot, shall be considered at **7:00 PM, on Monday, the 15th day of May, 2017, at the Minnechaug Regional High School Auditorium**, in said Town, then and there to act on the following articles:

Articles designated for the Consent Agenda () are considered routine and will be acted upon with a single motion. Items may be removed from the Consent Agenda by the Moderator in order to address any voter concerns or questions.*

Second Night. If there is considerable business remaining as the clock approaches 11:00 PM, the Moderator will consider a motion to adjourn to a second session.

***ARTICLE 1. Choosing Miscellaneous Officials (consent agenda).** To choose one Poundkeeper; two Surveyors of Lumber; two Measurers of Wood and Charcoal; two Field Drivers; two Weighers of Grain; all for a term of one year.

Explanation: The Town has a tradition that these positions be filled by election at each Annual Town Meeting.

***ARTICLE 2. Hearing Reports (consent agenda).** To hear and act on reports of all officers and committees whose duties require them to report to said meeting.

Explanation: Under this Article, Town Meeting formally accepts the 2016 Town Report.

ARTICLE 3. Funding Transfers FY 2017. To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money previously appropriated but unexpended from certain FY 2017 budgets for the purpose of funding certain FY 2017 budgets which are insufficient to meet needed expenditure levels for the balance of the fiscal year, pursuant to Section 33B of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article proposes to cover shortfalls in FY 2017 departmental budgets with surpluses identified in other departmental budgets.

Finance Committee Recommendation: To be Made at Town Meeting.

***ARTICLE 4. Ambulance Fund Transfer (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$30,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance to the FY 2017 Ambulance Budget for the purpose of covering operating expenses; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The Ambulance Fund is a self-supporting budget, and this Article appropriates money from ambulance receipts to balance unanticipated overtime payments in FY 2017.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 5. Parliamentary Procedures. To see if the Town shall adopt special parliamentary procedures for the purpose of implementing the provisions of Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980 (Proposition 2½) as amended, and as set forth in a document entitled "Article 5, Exhibit A," on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Under this Article, Town Meeting agrees to accept the Finance Committee's revenue estimates for the FY 2018 budget, and to keep total expenditures in balance with revenues. A voter making a motion to increase spending must identify the funding source.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 6. Compensation for Elected Town Officials. To see if the Town will vote to fix the compensation for all elected Town Officers for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: State law requires Annual Town Meeting to set the compensation of elected officials.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 7. Budget Appropriations. To hear and act on the report of the Finance Committee together with the appropriations recommended by them; and to raise such sums of money as may be deemed necessary for defraying the expenses of the Town for the ensuing fiscal year and appropriate the same and vote how the same shall be raised or provided for; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article presents the Finance Committee's recommendations for the FY 2018 budget. Any amendment to increase any budget item may only be presented according to the guidelines set forth in Article 5, Parliamentary Procedures.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of the FY 2018 Annual Budget in the amounts listed in the Proposed Appropriations Budget.

***ARTICLE 8. Water Enterprise Fund Budget (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Water Enterprise Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article establishes the budget for the Water Enterprise Fund and the funding sources for said enterprise fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 9. Water Enterprise Fund Reserve Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from water receipts the sum of \$25,000 or any other sum, for a Fiscal Year 2018 Reserve Fund under the Water Enterprise Fund, determine how this appropriation should be provided for; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide a special reserve fund, under the Water Enterprise Fund, to meet "unforeseen and extraordinary" costs to that fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 10. Wastewater Enterprise Fund Budget (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Wastewater Enterprise Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article establishes the budget for the Wastewater Enterprise Fund and the funding sources for said enterprise fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 11. Wastewater Enterprise Fund Reserve Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from wastewater receipts the sum of \$15,000 or any other sum, for a Fiscal Year 2018 Reserve Fund under the Wastewater Enterprise Fund, determine how this appropriation should be provided for; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide a special reserve fund, under the Wastewater Enterprise Fund, to meet "unforeseen and extraordinary" costs to that fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 12. Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Budget (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article establishes the budget for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund and the funding sources for said enterprise fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 13. Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Reserve Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from solid waste receipts the sum of \$4,000.00 or any other sum, for a Fiscal Year 2018 Reserve Fund under the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, determine how this appropriation should be provided for; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide a special reserve fund, under the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund, to meet "unforeseen and extraordinary" costs to that fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 14. Appropriation for Capital Outlays. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money, by borrowing, transfer from available funds, or otherwise, for the following purposes in accordance with Section 7(1) of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws: the acquisition of interests in land or the acquisition of assets, or for the following projects: the landscaping, alteration, remediation, rehabilitation or improvement of public land, the dredging, improvement, restoration, preservation or remediation of public waterways, lakes or ponds, the construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation, improvement, alteration, remodeling, enlargement, demolition, removal or extraordinary repair of public buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure, including: (i) the cost of original equipment and furnishings of the buildings, facilities, assets, works or infrastructure; (ii) damages under chapter 79 resulting from any such acquisition or project; and (iii) the cost of engineering, architectural or other services for feasibility studies, plans or specifications as part of any acquisition or project; provided that the interest in land, asset acquired or project shall have a useful life of at least 5 years; and provided further, that the period of any borrowing shall not exceed the useful life of the interest in land, asset acquired or project financed with proceeds of any such borrowing. Any premium received by the Town upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount; or take any other action relative thereto. (2/3rd Vote.)

Explanation: This Article authorizes borrowing in support of the Town's five-year capital improvements plan, which will be outlined at Town Meeting and presented in the motion.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 15 Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money [\$754,275] from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance to Ambulance personal services, operating and capital costs, pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article appropriates funding from ambulance billing receipts to support the Town's ambulance service.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 16. Appropriations for Ambulance Depreciation Account (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money [\$50,000] from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance to be held in a depreciation account for vehicle and equipment replacement pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article appropriates funding from ambulance billing receipts to a holding account which accumulates funding for the future replacement of the ambulance vehicle.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 17. Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Cemeteries (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money [\$20,000] from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Cemeteries to Cemetery Expenses, pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40 and Section 16 of Chapter 114 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article appropriates funding from cemetery receipts to support operation of town cemeteries.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 18. Acceptance of PEG Access and Cable Related Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will accept Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44, Section 53F ³/₄, which establishes a special revenue fund, known as the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund, to reserve cable franchise fees and other cable-related revenues for appropriation to support PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement. The fund is to begin operation for fiscal year 2018, commencing on July 1, 2017; or takes any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article establishes a special revenue fund for Public, Educational and Governmental (PEG) receipts to support the operation of PEG access services and oversight and renewal of the cable franchise agreement.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 19. Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Wilbraham Public Access Television (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money [\$202,207] from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund for Appropriation for Wilbraham Public Access Television, pursuant to Section 53F ³/₄ of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article appropriates funding from the PEG Access and Cable Related Fund receipts to support operation of Wilbraham Public Access Television

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 20. Reserve Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds (free cash), transfer from Overlay Surplus or otherwise fund a sum of money for a Fiscal Year 2018 Reserve Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Under State law, the Town is allowed to maintain a Reserve Fund to meet "unforeseen and extraordinary" costs that arise during the year. The Finance Committee must approve transfers from the Reserve Fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 21. Special Appropriation for Road Repaving and Preservation. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from the Stabilization Fund or transfer from available funds (free cash), \$150,000 to repave, resurface and/or crack seal public ways; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide additional funding for re-pavement and road surface preservation of streets in Wilbraham. This will be the sixth year of a ten-year effort to catch up on the DPW's pavement management plan.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 22. Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from the following available funds (free cash, water receipts, wastewater receipts, solid waste receipts, receipts reserved for appropriation for ambulance) a sum of money to be placed into the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, established under the provisions of Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 32B, Section 20, or take any other action relative thereto.

FUND	SOURCE	AMOUNT
General Fund	Raise and appropriate	\$300,000
Water Enterprise Fund	Water receipts	\$9,800
Wastewater Enterprise Fund	Wastewater receipts	\$4,200
Solid Waste Enterprise Fund	Solid waste receipts	\$2,000
Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance	Receipts reserved for appropriation for ambulance	\$7,800

Explanation: This Article would provide further funding of the Other Post Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund established to continue prefunding the town's unfunded actuarial liability of health care and other post-employment benefits.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 23. Municipal Building Insurance Fund (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds (free cash), one thousand dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in the Building Insurance Fund; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would place an additional amount into the Building Insurance Fund, used to pay for uninsured or underinsured property losses. To avoid this fund from reverting to free cash at the end of fiscal year, the Town must maintain an appropriation.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 24. Stabilization Fund: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, transfer from overlay surplus, (certified as excess by the Board of Assessors, pursuant to Section 25 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws,) or transfer from other available funds (free cash), a sum of money to be added to the Stabilization Fund and an additional sum of money to be added to the Capital Stabilization Fund, both in accordance with Section 5B of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article will fund the Stabilization Fund and Capital Stabilization Fund, the Town's savings accounts.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 25. Zoning By-Law Amendment – Agricultural Use Regulations. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law by revising sections 1.3, 3.2.2, 3.4.1 and 3.9.2.9 as set forth in a document entitled "Article 25, Exhibit A" on file with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto. **(2/3rd Vote.)**

Explanation: This Article seeks to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law by revising the existing definition of "livestock" and adding new definitions for "agriculture" and "poultry" in section 1.3; by revising the agricultural use regulations in sections 3.2.2 and 3.4.1 for consistency with the protections afforded certain agricultural activities under state law and by adding a new section 3.9.2 to allow the keeping of backyard chickens as a residential accessory use on larger parcels and on smaller parcels to the extent expressly authorized by Town Bylaws.

Planning Board Recommendation: Planning Board Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 26. Zoning By-Law Amendment – Restoration of Non-Conforming Uses and Structures. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law by revising section 3.3.4 as set forth in a document entitled "Article 26, Exhibit B" on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto. **(2/3rd Vote.)**

Explanation: This Article seeks to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law by revising section 3.3.4 which authorizes an expedited right to reconstruct a non-conforming building damaged by natural disaster under certain limited circumstances. The proposed revision extends the deadline for exercising this right from one year to two years and provides additional administrative clarity that this special right does not preclude reconstruction in a different manner as authorized under the other applicable provisions of section 3.4.

Planning Board Recommendation: Planning Board Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 27. Zoning By-Law Amendment – Miscellaneous Business Use Regulations. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law by revising sections 1.3 and 3.4.5 as set forth in a document entitled "Article 27, Exhibit C" on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto. **(2/3rd Vote.)**

Explanation: This Article seeks to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law by adding new definitions in section 1.3 and new use regulations in section 3.4.5 of the Schedule of Use Regulations Table for a number of new business uses.

Planning Board Recommendation: Planning Board Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 28. Zoning By-Law Amendment - Rezoning from R-40 to N.S. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law and the accompanying Zoning Map referenced therein by rezoning from Residence-40 (R-40) to Neighborhood Shopping (N.S.) a parcel of land measuring approximately 20,400 square feet in area being the eastern portion of land located at 2 Crane Park Drive owned by 2 CRANE PARK, LLC, as more particularly described on a plan on file with the Town Clerk, entitled "Article 28, Exhibit D"; or take any other action relative thereto. **(2/3rd Vote.)**

Explanation: This Article seeks to amend the Wilbraham Zoning Map by rezoning the eastern portion of land located at 2 Crane Park Drive from Residence-40 to Neighborhood Shopping.

Planning Board Recommendation: Planning Board Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 29. Acceptance of Public Ways. To see if the Town will vote to accept Carla Lane as a public way pursuant to a layout filed by the Board of Selectmen with the Town Clerk, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Roads must be designated as “public ways” by Town Meeting in order for the Town to accept full responsibility for their maintenance; and the said roads must meet certain criteria to be accepted as “public ways.” Through this Article, the Town formally accepts as “public ways” roads that qualify for that designation.

ARTICLE 30. Acceptance of Deeds. To see if the Town will vote to accept such deeds and grants of interests in land to the Town recorded at the Hampden County Registry of Deeds or the Hampden County Land Registration Office since the date of the last Annual Town Meeting as filed by the Board of Selectmen with the Town Clerk as “Article 30, Exhibit A”; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Under this Article, Town Meeting votes to accept certain interests in land that have been deeded or granted to the Town during the past year.

ARTICLE 31. Community Preservation Program Budget. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation annual revenues in the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for committee administrative costs, community preservation projects and other expenses in fiscal year 2018, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation; or take any other action in relation thereto.

APPROPRIATIONS	
FY 2018 estimated revenues for Administrative Costs	\$7,500
RESERVES:	
FY 2018 estimated revenues for Historic Preservation Reserves	\$41,472
FY 2018 estimated revenues for Community Housing Reserves	\$41,472
FY 2018 estimated revenues for Open Space Reserves	\$41,472
FY 2018 estimated revenues for Non-Committed Reserves	\$290,309
FY 2018 estimated total of revenue in Reserves	\$414,725
Estimated new surcharge collections for FY 2018	\$360,630
Estimated State Match for FY 2018	\$54,095
FY 2018 estimated total	\$414,725

Explanation: This Article provides funding to the Community Preservation Committee for Administrative costs. Additionally, the Community Preservation Act (CPA) requires Town Meeting to appropriate or reserve for future appropriation at least 10% of the estimated annual CPA revenue for acquisition and initiatives for each of the following categories: Open Space, Community Housing, Historic Preservation and Non-Committed. Approval of this article is intended to satisfy the requirement for FY 2018. Currently, the FY 2018 State matching share is estimated at 15% of our estimated current year’s revenues; surcharge \$360,630 and State matching share (15%) \$54,095.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 32. Community Preservation Program Project for Preservation of Town Record Books. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$9,254 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund for a Community Preservation Project for the preservation of town record books in the custody of the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide funding for the continued restoration and preservation of the Town’s record books under the supervision of the Town Clerk.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 33. Community Preservation Program Project for the Country Club of Wilbraham Farmhouse. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$44,180 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund for a Community Preservation Project to provide funding for a maintenance and improvement project to preserve the physical structure of the Country Club of Wilbraham's Farmhouse; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to the Country Club of Wilbraham (CCW) to assist with the costs associated with repairing, renovating and cleaning the CCW's Farmhouse's slate roof, chimney, porch and attic rafters so to preserve, rehabilitate and restore the physical structure of the CCW's Farmhouse, (formerly the old clubhouse.)

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 34. Community Preservation Program Project for the Wilbraham Children's Museum. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$8,000 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund to provide funding to remove and relocate the building's septic tank as well as to remove a large tree in order to install the septic tank and an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) ramp in the appropriate locations so to make the Wilbraham Children's Museum fully accessible and finish accessibility code renovations to the Wilbraham Children's Museum; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to the Wilbraham Commission on Disability to purchase professional services and materials so to provide removal, installation and oversight to continue ADA renovations to the Wilbraham Children's Museum. The monies would be utilized to remove and install the building's septic tank in a new location as well as to remove a large tree, which inhibits the project, in order to complete the renovations to the Museum's handicap bathrooms and ADA ramp in order to make the building accessible and compliant with federal and state accessibility code requirements. The project is under the direction of the Wilbraham Commission on Disability.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 35. Community Preservation Program Project for Tennis Court Restoration at Minnechaug Regional High School.

To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$61,541 from the Community Preservation Non-Committed Fund for a Community Preservation Project to provide funding for the restoration of Minnechaug Regional High School (MRHS) Tennis Courts so to refurbish and extend the life of the tennis courts and provide adjacent ADA parking spaces and handicap accessible entrance gate to the tennis courts; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to purchase professional services and materials to restore MRHS' tennis courts, which include resurfacing and new net posts for the courts as well as paving for ADA parking spaces and handicap accessibility entrance gate to the tennis courts so to prolong the life and usage of the MRHS tennis courts. The project is under the direction of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District. This Article provides 100 % of the funding for this project. The Town of Hampden is expected to reimburse the Town of Wilbraham \$14,708 (23.9%) towards the funding for this project contingent on a favorable vote in Hampden.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee abstains at this time pending the outcome of Hampden's Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 36. Community Preservation Program Project for Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Management Project. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$24,000 from the Community Preservation Open Space Fund for a Community Preservation Project to implement a CPA funded Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Management Project within Town-owned conservation land known as Atlantic White Cedar Swamp; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would use CPA funds to implement the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp Management Project so to restore the Atlantic White Cedars, control invasive species which hinder healthy plant and tree growth and foster tree development within the 70 acres of the Atlantic White Cedar Swamp. The project is under the direction of the Wilbraham Conservation Commission.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 37. Community Preservation Program Project for Thayer Brook Easy Woodland Trail. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$54,800 from the Community Preservation Non-Committed Fund to provide monies for the design and construction of an ADA accessible trail at Thayer Brook; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to design and construct an easy, ADA accessible woodland trail at Thayer Brook. This trail project involves trail design, which includes educational stops, sitting areas, signs and wildlife viewing spots along the trail, and construction of trail and adjacent parking area. The project is under the direction of the Wilbraham's Conservation Commission and Commission on Disability.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 38. Community Preservation Program Project for Glendale Cemetery. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$19,320 from the Community Preservation Non-Committed Fund to provide funding to repair thirty (30) colonial tablets in Glendale Cemetery; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to reset thirty (30) colonial tablets, (aka historic graves,) which have fallen or are loose on plinths and bases. The project will repair these damaged graves to ensure the historic preservation of Glendale Cemetery and the public's safety. The project is under the direction of the Wilbraham Cemetery Commissioners.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 39. Community Preservation Program Project for Spec Pond Fishing Platform. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$5,000 from the Community Preservation Non-Committed Fund for a Community Preservation Project to complete the Spec Pond Fishing Platform/Dock project; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to complete the construction of an ADA accessible, fishing platform/dock at Spec Pond. The project was original started in the previous year; however, due to delays in the design process and unexpected complications, the project was unable to be completed. The CPA monies would provide the necessary funding to complete the project by adding an additional platform along the front of the current platform, which will increase the amount of users who can utilize the dock as well as ensure safety features are met. The project is under the direction of the Wilbraham Commission on Disability.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 40. Community Preservation Program Project for Spec Pond Pavilion/Picnic Grove/Basketball Courts Landscaping. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$79,829 from the Community Preservation Non-Committed Fund for a Community Preservation Project that includes landscaping and installing fencing around the Spec Pond basketball courts, the Picnic Grove and Pavilion; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to purchase services and material for landscaping and erecting a fence around Spec Pond's Pavilion, Picnic Grove and Basketball courts in order to control the flow of pedestrians and vehicular traffic and address any accessibility or safety issues in this public recreational area. The project is under the direction of the Wilbraham Parks and Recreation Department.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 41. Community Preservation Program Project for Spec Pond Beach. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$40,000 from the Community Preservation Non-Committed Fund for a Community Preservation Project to conduct a study of Spec Pond Beach's Guardhouse and Bathhouse buildings; lay a concrete walkway around, and erect a shade structure near, the Bathhouse and necessary tree removal and stump grinding; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to hire professional services to conduct a study of Spec Pond Beach's Guardhouse and Bathhouse to determine renovation needs of the antiquated building as well as future use planning. Additionally, the monies will be utilized to hire professional services and materials to lay pavement around Spec Pond Beach's Bathhouse; erect an adjacent shade structure as well as tree removal and stump grinding for a dead tree hindering the beach area. Overall, these projects will improve Spec Pond Beach services offered to the public and will also ensure public safety at the facility. The project is under the direction of the Wilbraham Parks and Recreation Department.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 42. Community Preservation Program Project for the Spec Pond Remediation. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$75,000 from the Community Preservation Non-Committed Fund for a Community Preservation Project to remediate the invasive plants within Spec Pond; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to hire professional services and material to remediate invasive plants habiting within Spec Pond. The remediation work planned will address invasive plant concerns for at least five (5) to ten (10) years with minimal maintenance needs. This work is necessary to ensure the public's safety and to continue the long term use of Spec Pond as a swimming facility. The project is under the direction of the Wilbraham Parks and Recreation Department.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 43. Community Preservation Program Project for Affordable Housing Renovations. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$197,216 from the Community Preservation Affordable Housing Fund and \$27,784 from the Community Preservation Non-Committed Fund for a Community Preservation Project to redesign fifteen (15) congregate housing units into nine (9) one-bedroom apartments with four (4) apartments designed to be wheelchair accessible at The Pines, located at 88 Stony Hill Road; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to the Wilbraham Housing Authority to purchase professional services and materials to renovate a vacant, fifteen (15) congregate housing units into nine (9) one-bedroom apartments with four(4) apartments designed to be wheelchair accessible at The Pines, located at 88 stony Hill Road. Whereas, the congregate housing units are difficult to rent and have been vacant for some time, this project will renovate the vacant building so to increase the availability of one bedroom housing units for the elderly and, or disabled. The project is under the direction of the Wilbraham Housing Authority.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 44. Community Preservation Program Project for Old Meeting House Preservation. To see if the Town will vote to transfer \$3,120 from the Community Preservation Historic Preservation Fund for a Community Preservation Project to rehabilitate and restore the attic level of the Old Meeting House so to further preserve the historic building; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would provide CPA funding to hire professional services and materials to repair an existing rotted attic support beam so to ensure the structural stability of the building and public safety. The project is under the direction of the Atheneum Society of Wilbraham and Wilbraham Historical Commission.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 45. Mount Marcy (Silo Farm Associates, LLC) Land Purchase. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate Two Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$200,000) to be expended, in addition to the One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000) previously appropriated under Article 31 of the Warrant at the 2016 Annual Town Meeting, for a total project appropriation of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$350,000) to pay costs of acquiring, by negotiated purchase, a parcel of land referred to as "Mount Marcy" and being a portion of property located at 611V Glendale Road owned by Silo Farm Associates, LLC, consisting of 47.31 acres, more or less, and identified more specifically in the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated May 1, 2017, between Silo Farm Associates, LLC and the Town of Wilbraham, to be managed and controlled by the Conservation Commission of the Town of Wilbraham in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 40, Section 8C for conservation and passive recreation purposes; to determine whether this amount shall be raised by taxation, transfer from available funds, borrowing or otherwise, and if by borrowing, that the amount of any borrowing shall be reduced by any federal or state aid or private donations received prior to the issuance of such bonds or notes; to see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission to file on behalf of the Town of Wilbraham any and all applications deemed necessary for funding from The Commonwealth of Massachusetts LAND grant program or any other applications for funds in any way connected with the scope of this acquisition; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission, as they deem appropriate, to enter into all agreements and execute any and all instruments including the conveyance of a perpetual conservation restriction to the Minnechaug Land Trust or other nonprofit organization qualified and willing to hold such a restriction in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 184 as required by Section 12(a) of Chapter 44B or Chapter 293 Section 10 of the Acts of 1998 as amended, as may be necessary on behalf of the Town of Wilbraham to affect said purchase. **(2/3rd Vote.)**

Explanation: This Article appropriates funds to purchase the Mount Marcy property at 611V Glendale Road for conservation and passive recreation purposes in an amount not to exceed three hundred and fifty thousand dollars and gives borrowing authorization to finance the purchase in anticipation of reimbursement from a combination of state grant money and local Community Preservation Act funds. The Article also authorizes applying for state grant funding and the granting of a conservation restriction to the Minnechaug Land Trust to assist in the management of the property under the control of the Wilbraham Conservation Commission.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

ARTICLE 46. Public Safety Communication System Upgrade. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds Two Hundred Thirty Thousand Dollars (\$230,000), which amount shall be expended in addition to the Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$250,000) previously appropriated under Article 23 of the Warrant at the 2014 Annual Town Meeting to pay costs of upgrading the multi-site two-way Public Safety radio system; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The present legacy multi-site two-way radio system for the Wilbraham Police Department (WPD) is obsolete and in dire need of upgrading. The backbone infrastructure of the radio system, with an expected service life of 15 years, was purchased 25 years ago. The Wilbraham Fire Department (WFS) system is documented to be in need of repair and renovation due to site interference and age of equipment. The proposal to upgrade both the police and fire radio systems will replace existing equipment at the four locations that house the voting repeater system and combine a microwave backbone that will reduce the use of unreliable copper telephone lines, currently used to transfer radio communication. The equipment to be replaced includes radio repeaters, cabling, grounding connections, and antennas. The low bidder went out of business prior to the start of the project. The new vendor used the old design as a basis and found some flaws in the design (primarily elevation issues between FD/PD and the Ridge Road tower location as well as problems associated with using the recycled hardware.) They reworked the design and included all new equipment and cabling to avoid issues arising from recycled old technology. When the project was rebid the cost had increased.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article

***ARTICLE 47. Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Equipment (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Selectmen on behalf of the Town to sell, transfer or otherwise dispose of damaged, obsolete or unneeded tangible personal property or equipment owned by the Town; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Each year, Town Meeting may authorize the Board of Selectmen to dispose of surplus equipment.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

***ARTICLE 48. Grants Authorization (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for and accept federal or state grants or monies as may be available and to authorize the expenditure of any such grants or funds received from the LAND Grant Program, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen and/or Conservation Commission to grant a conservation restriction on said parcel(s) of land, if applicable, pursuant to the provisions of G.L. c.44B, Section 12, such grants in accordance with the terms of said grants; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Certain grant programs require a Town Meeting vote of authorization for application and expenditure.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 49. Adoption of New General By-Law – Article I, Section 112 Departmental Revolving Funds. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Wilbraham by adding a new Section, Article I, Section 112, as set forth in a document entitled “Article 49, Exhibit A, to establish and authorize revolving funds for use by certain Town departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers under M.G.L. c. 44 § 53E½.

The Town of Wilbraham shall authorize the following Revolving Funds:

Revolving Fund	Department, Board, Committee, Agency or Officer Authorized to Spend from Fund	Fees, Charges, or Other Receipts Credited to Fund	Program or Activity Expenses Payable from Fund	Restrictions or Conditions on Expenses Payable From Fund	Other Requirements or Reports	Fiscal Years
Council on Aging	Director of Elder Affairs	Revenue collected from donations from individuals, organizations and events; memorial donations; and fees for classes, trips and programs	Payment of costs connected with programs and events; repair and maintenance of equipment and furnishings; purchase of memorials and volunteer recognitions; and fees for instructors and classes.	Expenditures authorized by the Director of Elder Affairs, not exceeding a total of \$20,000 in any fiscal year.	Transfer end of year balance to subsequent fiscal year. The balance in the revolving account shall not exceed \$20,000	Fiscal year 2018 and subsequent years.
Compost Bins	Director of Public Works	Revenue collected from the sale of compost bins.	To purchase additional compost bins.	Expenditures authorized by the Director of Public Works, not exceeding a total of \$5,000 in any fiscal year.	Transfer end of year balance to subsequent fiscal year. The balance in the revolving account shall not exceed \$5,000	Fiscal year 2018 and subsequent years.
Cemeteries	Cemetery Commissioners	Revenue collected from the sale of boundary markers; foundations, winter access charges and for opening and closing graves	To purchase boundary markers, foundations, and opening and closing of graves.	Expenditures authorized by Cemetery Commissioners, not exceeding a total of \$20,000 in any fiscal year.	Transfer end of year balance to subsequent fiscal year. The balance in the revolving account shall not exceed \$20,000	Fiscal year 2018 and subsequent years.
Community Garden	Conservation Commission	Revenue collected from the Community Garden lot rentals fees and donations.	To purchase goods, tools and services, including water resources, for the use of the gardeners enrolled in the program.	Expenditures authorized by Conservation Commission, not exceeding a total of \$6,000 in any fiscal year.	Transfer end of year balance to subsequent fiscal year. The balance in the revolving account shall not exceed \$6,000	Fiscal year 2018 and subsequent years.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would establish, authorize and set forth regulations in the Town’s By-Laws, relative to departmental revolving funds used by certain Town departments, boards, committees in connection with the operation of programs or activities that generate fees, charges or other receipts to support all or some of the expenses of these programs or activities. This Article will ensure that revolving funds practices are consistent with M.G.L. c. 44 § 53E½.

***ARTICLE 50. Authorization to Enter into Lease/Purchase Agreements (consent agenda).** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to make contracts for the lease, with option to purchase, of various municipal equipment, subject to annual appropriation, if in the opinion of the Board it is in the best interests of the Town. The Board of Selectmen shall identify within its budget submission to the Finance Committee any contract for the lease with an option to purchase; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article authorizes the Board of Selectmen to enter into lease/purchase agreements.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 51. Rescind Unused Borrowing Authorizations. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unused borrowing authority whose final cost was less than the amount authorized by a previous Town meeting:

UNISSUED AMOUNT	DATE OF APPROVAL	WARRANT ARTICLE	ORIGINAL PURPOSE
\$385,000	5/16/16	14	Departmental Equipment
\$21,000	5/11/15	47	Departmental Equipment

Or to take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article seeks Town Meeting permission to rescind borrowing authority granted in a prior Town Meeting. This is a housekeeping Article that removes the borrowing authority for amounts that exceed the bonds issued. Rescinding the excess borrowing capacity for completed projects cleans up our books and improves our financial position in the eyes of the rating agencies. No actual cash is involved in the Article.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommends approval of this Article.

ARTICLE 52. Town By-Law Amendment - Revisions to General By-Laws

To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws of the Town of Wilbraham, as recommended by the By-Law Study Committee, by making the non-substantive changes set forth in the document entitled "2017 Proposed Revisions to General By-Laws of the Town of Wilbraham" by inserting the red text and deleting the strikethrough red text as shown therein, which document will be on file with the Town Clerk's Office and available on the Town's official website at <http://www.wilbraham-ma.gov>. The revisions in this document include, but are not limited to, those outlined in the document entitled "2017 Outline of Proposed Revisions to the General By-Laws of the Town of Wilbraham" set forth in a document entitled "Article 52, Exhibit B"; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article proposes to make non-substantive changes to the General By-Laws as recommended by the By-Law Study Committee. The recommendations of the By-Law Study Committee were aimed at improving linguistic and formatting consistency throughout the document and updating the English and correcting names or titles. The recommended revisions do not change the meaning or intent of the By-Laws in any material way.

ARTICLE 53. Adoption of New General By-Law – Article VI, Section 610 Pawnbrokers, Junk and Secondhand Dealers. To see if the Town will vote to modify the existing Town By-Laws, relative to Article VI *Regulation of Public Conduct*, Section 610 "Collecting Junk", by deleting it in its entirety, and replacing it with the following as set forth in a document entitled "Article 53, Exhibit C" on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would delete the current "Collecting Junk" By-Law and replace it with a By-Law which would provide for the licensing of Pawnbrokers and the licensing of Junk and Secondhand Dealers. The Article would also create regulations regarding the operation of these businesses.

ARTICLE 54. Adoption of New General By-Law – Article VI, Section 605 Regulations Concerning Chickens on Fewer than Five (5) Acres. To see if the Town will vote to modify the existing Town By-Laws, relative to Article VI-*Regulation of Public Conduct*, by adding a new Section 605 "Regulations Concerning Chickens on Fewer than Five (5) Acres" set forth in a document entitled "Article 54, Exhibit D" on file with the Town Clerk; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would set forth regulations regarding the keeping of chickens on residential properties under five (5) acres.

ARTICLE 55. Town By-Law Amendment – Fines for Violations. To see if the Town will vote to modify the existing Town By-Laws Article I *General Provisions*, Section 103 "Fines for Violations" by deleting it in its entirety and replacing it with the following:

SECTION 103 FINES FOR VIOLATIONS

Whoever violates any of the provisions of these By-Laws shall be punished by a fine of twenty dollars (\$20), unless otherwise provided by the Mass. Gen. Laws or these By-Laws.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would delete the current By-Law and replace it with language that would specifically set a fine amount for all By-Laws that do not have a set fine. This Article would also bring this section into compliance with Massachusetts General Laws.

ARTICLE 56. Town By-Law Amendment – Destruction of Signs. To see if the Town will vote to modify the existing Town By-Laws Article VII *Traffic By-Laws*, Section 704 "Destruction of Signs" by increasing the fine from twenty (\$20) dollars to fifty (\$50) dollars; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This will increase the fine amount so to be consistent with other similar Town By-Law offenses.

ARTICLE 57. Town By-Law Amendment-Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed. To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-laws of the Town of Wilbraham by adding a new General By-law Section 638 as follows:

SECTION 638 MARIJUANA NOT MEDICALLY PRESCRIBED

Consistent with MGL Ch. 94G, Section 3(a)(2), all types of marijuana establishments as defined in MGL Ch. 94G, Section 1(j), to include all marijuana cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited in the Town of Wilbraham.

Or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This Article would amend the Town's General By-laws by adding Section 638, which will prohibit all types of commercial, non-medical marijuana, pursuant to the initiative passed on November 8, 2016, and amended on December 15, 2016, by chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016, a referendum vote regarding this article and bylaw will take place on May 20, 2017.

ARTICLE 58. Zoning By-Law Amendment -Marijuana Not Medically Prescribed. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-laws by adding a new Zoning By-Law Section 10.8 as follows:

SECTION 10.8 MARIJUANA NOT MEDICALLY PRESCRIBED

Consistent with MGL Ch. 94G, Section 3(a)(2), all types of marijuana establishments as defined in MGL Ch. 94G, Section 1(j), to include all marijuana cultivators, marijuana testing facilities, marijuana product manufacturers, marijuana retailers or any other types of licensed marijuana-related businesses, shall be prohibited in the Town of Wilbraham.

Or take any other action relative thereto. (2/3rd Vote.)

Explanation: This Article would amend the Town's Zoning By-laws to prohibit all types of commercial, non-medical marijuana, pursuant to the initiative passed on November 8, 2016, and amended on December 15, 2016, by chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016, a referendum vote regarding this article and bylaw will take place on May 20, 2017.

ARTICLE 59. Zoning By-Law Amendment - Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Wilbraham Zoning By-Law by adding a new Section 10.9 as set forth in an a document, entitled "Article 60, Exhibit E"; or take any other action relative thereto. (2/3rd Vote.)

Explanation: This Article seeks to amend the Zoning By-Law to allow for a temporary moratorium on commercial recreational marijuana establishments in Wilbraham, particularly in the event that Article 57 and 58 and/or the subsequent referendum vote on May 20, 2017 fails to pass a permanent ban on these establishments in Wilbraham. As laid out in the initiative passed on November 8, 2016 and amended on December 15, 2016 by Chapter 351 of the Acts of 2016, the Cannabis Control Commission must set forth regulations regarding the licensing of recreational marijuana establishments by March 15, 2018, begin accepting applications for licenses on April 1, 2018, and adopt final regulations by July 1, 2018. The Town is seeking a temporary moratorium on the sale of recreational marijuana so that appropriate officials can await guidance from the state on the various rules and regulations that will eventually be determined by the Cannabis Control Board. The moratorium will remain in effect through November 30, 2018 or until such time as the Town amends the Zoning By-Law to replace the moratorium with regulations governing the use of such establishments in Wilbraham. An identical process was followed in 2013, when the Town enacted a temporary moratorium on medical marijuana dispensaries and replaced it with zoning regulations in 2014.

ARTICLE 60. Water Enterprise Retained Earnings. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$118,172 from available funds in the Water Enterprise Fund retained earnings account to fund painting, cleaning and repairs to the 2 million gallon water tank on Bartlett avenue; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This funding would make repairs to the 2 Million Gallon water tank on Bartlett Avenue. This includes cleaning and painting of the tank.

ARTICLE 61. Drainage System Repairs. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds (free cash) \$250,000 to be used for Repairs to a Drainage System on Main Street; or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: Funds will be used for additional work related to the "Main Street Flood Mitigation Project." The locale of the work area is between Woodland Dell Road and Hunting Lane Road on Main Street.

And to transact such other business as may properly come before this meeting;

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the Town Office Building and the Library in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid. Given under our hands this tenth day of April, two thousand and sixteen.

Susan C. Bunnell, Selectman
Robert W. Russell, Selectman
Robert J. Boilard, Selectman



Proposed Appropriations FY 2018 Budget (Article 7)

This is a preliminary budget and may be updated at Town Meeting

			FY 2016 Expended	FY 2017 Appropriation	FY 2018 Dept. Submission	FY 2018 TA/BOS Proposed	Finance Comm. Recommended
111	Legal Counsel	Salaries		\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$148,912	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
		Total	\$148,912	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000	\$150,000
113	Town Meeting	Salaries	\$10,980	\$27,700	\$9,700	\$9,700	\$9,700
		Expense	\$7,632	\$15,420	\$7,675	\$7,675	\$7,675
		Total	\$18,612	\$43,120	\$17,375	\$17,375	\$17,375
122	Selectmen/ Town Administrator	Salaries	\$283,424	\$380,994	\$419,583	\$419,583	\$419,583
		Expense	\$49,871	\$51,080	\$66,592	\$66,592	\$66,592
		Total	\$333,295	\$432,074	\$486,175	\$486,175	\$486,175
123	BOS/TA (Non Recurring)	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$22,950	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
		Total	\$22,950	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000
134	Accounting	Salaries	\$167,130	\$174,756	\$179,011	\$179,011	\$179,011
		Expense	\$31,739	\$35,525	\$35,725	\$35,725	\$35,725
		Total	\$198,868	\$210,281	\$214,736	\$214,736	\$214,736
137	Assessors	Salaries	\$190,796	\$194,881	\$199,636	\$199,636	\$199,636
		Expense	\$17,186	\$28,800	\$28,125	\$28,125	\$28,125
		Total	\$207,982	\$223,681	\$227,761	\$227,761	\$227,761
138	Treasurer/Colle ctor	Salaries	\$216,125	\$219,956	\$223,881	\$223,881	\$223,881
		Expense	\$40,764	\$53,900	\$55,300	\$55,300	\$55,300
		Total	\$256,889	\$273,856	\$279,181	\$279,181	\$279,181
154	Information Technology	Salaries	\$220,404	\$231,469	\$241,555	\$241,555	\$241,555
		Expense	\$201,353	\$207,930	\$237,509	\$237,509	\$237,509
		Total	\$421,756	\$439,399	\$479,064	\$479,064	\$479,064
161	Town Clerk	Salaries	\$131,780	\$134,207	\$136,878	\$136,878	\$136,878
		Expense	\$3,394	\$4,325	\$4,325	\$4,325	\$4,325
		Total	\$135,175	\$138,532	\$141,203	\$141,203	\$141,203
163	Registrars of Voters	Salaries	\$2,797	\$8,700	\$4,825	\$4,825	\$4,825
		Expense	\$4,798	\$5,955	\$5,125	\$5,125	\$5,125
		Total	\$7,595	\$14,655	\$9,950	\$9,950	\$9,950
171	Conservation	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$6,140	\$1,500	\$1,514	\$1,514	\$1,514
		Total	\$6,140	\$1,500	\$1,514	\$1,514	\$1,514
179	Planning	Salaries	\$100,569	\$103,853	\$103,747	\$103,747	\$103,747
		Expense	\$2,734	\$6,550	\$6,550	\$6,550	\$6,550
		Total	\$103,303	\$110,403	\$110,297	\$110,297	\$110,297
191	Facility Maintenance	Salaries	\$69,729	\$71,124	\$72,546	\$72,546	\$72,546
		Expense	\$168,152	\$154,100	\$188,141	\$188,141	\$188,141
		Total	\$237,881	\$225,224	\$260,687	\$260,687	\$260,687
192	Town Properties	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$280,088	\$432,710	\$443,912	\$443,912	\$443,912
		Total	\$280,088	\$432,710	\$443,912	\$443,912	\$443,912

			FY 2016 Expended	FY 2017 Appropriation	FY 2018 Dept. Submission	FY 2018 TA/BOS Proposed	Finance Comm. Recommended
193	General Insurance	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$401,272	\$468,500	\$488,385	\$488,385	\$488,385
		Total	\$401,272	\$468,500	\$488,385	\$488,385	\$488,385
194	Group Insurance	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$1,078,314	\$1,263,639	\$1,391,775	\$1,391,775	\$1,391,775
		Total	\$1,078,314	\$1,263,639	\$1,391,775	\$1,391,775	\$1,391,775
196	Town Report	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$1,236	\$1,800	\$1,836	\$1,836	\$1,836
		Total	\$1,236	\$1,800	\$1,836	\$1,836	\$1,836
197	Surety Bonds	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$1,478	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
		Total	\$1,478	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600	\$1,600
198	Pensions	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$1,549,240	\$1,698,889	\$1,889,236	\$1,889,236	\$1,889,236
		Total	\$1,549,240	\$1,698,889	\$1,889,236	\$1,889,236	\$1,889,236
199	Town Office	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$61,347	\$95,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
		Total	\$61,347	\$95,000	\$90,000	\$90,000	\$90,000
210	Police	Salaries	\$2,170,477	\$2,271,574	\$2,285,545	\$2,285,545	\$2,285,545
		Expense	\$148,085	\$185,587	\$191,443	\$191,443	\$191,443
		Total	\$2,318,561	\$2,457,161	\$2,476,988	\$2,476,988	\$2,476,988
211	Police (Non- Recurring)	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$70,000	\$84,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
		Total	\$70,000	\$84,000	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$105,000
220	Fire	Salaries	\$1,750,583	\$1,805,449	\$1,789,653	\$1,789,653	\$1,789,653
		Expense	\$131,693	\$147,900	\$148,500	\$148,500	\$148,500
		Total	\$1,882,276	\$1,953,349	\$1,938,153	\$1,938,153	\$1,938,153
221	Fire (Non- Recurring)	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$4,305	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Total	\$4,305	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
225	Public Safety Communication s	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
		Total	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400	\$14,400
240	Central Dispatch	Salaries	\$418,908	\$450,484	\$459,228	\$459,228	\$459,228
		Expense	\$8,425	\$10,545	\$10,651	\$10,651	\$10,651
		Total	\$427,332	\$461,029	\$469,879	\$469,879	\$469,879
241	Dispatch (Non- Recurring)	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
251	Inspectors	Salaries	\$137,321	\$149,694	\$152,489	\$152,489	\$152,489
		Expense	\$5,009	\$6,250	\$6,500	\$6,500	\$6,500
		Total	\$142,330	\$155,944	\$158,989	\$158,989	\$158,989

			FY 2016 Expended	FY 2017 Appropriation	FY 2018 Dept. Submission	FY 2018 TA/BOS Proposed	Finance Comm. Recommended
254	Sealer of Weights & Measures	Salaries	\$3,726	\$4,811	\$6,407	\$6,407	\$6,407
		Expense	\$3,501	\$2,805	\$2,150	\$2,150	\$2,150
		Total	\$7,227	\$7,616	\$8,557	\$8,557	\$8,557
291	Civil Defense	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$10,687	\$10,700	\$10,700	\$10,700	\$10,700
		Total	\$10,687	\$10,700	\$10,700	\$10,700	\$10,700
292	Dog Officer	Salaries	\$19,622	\$19,848	\$20,600	\$20,600	\$20,600
		Expense	\$4,161	\$6,152	\$5,400	\$5,400	\$5,400
		Total	\$23,783	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$26,000
294	Tree Warden	Salaries	\$9,915	\$10,114	\$10,317	\$10,317	\$10,317
		Expense	\$36,125	\$43,891	\$44,329	\$44,329	\$44,329
		Total	\$46,039	\$54,005	\$54,646	\$54,646	\$54,646
296	Insect Control	Salaries	\$2,814	\$2,873	\$2,931	\$2,931	\$2,931
		Expense	\$0	\$2,159	\$2,159	\$2,159	\$2,159
		Total	\$2,814	\$5,032	\$5,090	\$5,090	\$5,090
301	Hampden- Wilbraham Regional School District	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$23,470,475	\$23,900,842	\$24,327,787	\$24,327,787	\$24,327,787
		Total	\$23,470,475	\$23,900,842	\$24,327,787	\$24,327,787	\$24,327,787
410	Engineering	Salaries	\$167,028	\$170,384	\$173,671	\$173,671	\$173,671
		Expense	\$61,996	\$67,650	\$67,650	\$67,650	\$67,650
		Total	\$229,024	\$238,034	\$241,321	\$241,321	\$241,321
420	Highway	Salaries	\$548,413	\$615,615	\$613,592	\$613,592	\$613,592
		Expense	\$788,087	\$924,210	\$948,910	\$948,910	\$948,910
		Total	\$1,336,501	\$1,539,825	\$1,562,502	\$1,562,502	\$1,562,502
511	Sanitarian	Salaries	\$11,377	\$11,855	\$12,089	\$12,089	\$12,089
		Expense	\$0	\$680	\$680	\$680	\$680
		Total	\$11,377	\$12,535	\$12,769	\$12,769	\$12,769
541	Council on Aging	Salaries	\$138,257	\$143,088	\$148,285	\$148,285	\$148,285
		Expense	\$8,165	\$11,100	\$11,200	\$11,200	\$11,200
		Total	\$146,422	\$154,188	\$159,485	\$159,485	\$159,485
542	COA (Non- Recurring)	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$0	\$5,835	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Total	\$0	\$5,835	\$0	\$0	\$0
543	Veterans	Salaries	\$18,387	\$26,872	\$41,810	\$41,810	\$41,810
		Expense	\$62,448	\$74,930	\$107,750	\$107,750	\$107,750
		Total	\$80,835	\$101,802	\$149,560	\$149,560	\$149,560
591	Cemeteries	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$30,399	\$30,399	\$30,665	\$30,665	\$30,665
		Total	\$30,399	\$30,399	\$30,665	\$30,665	\$30,665
610	Library	Salaries	\$434,916	\$450,185	\$473,562	\$473,562	\$473,562
		Expense	\$209,039	\$219,296	\$228,017	\$228,017	\$228,017
		Total	\$643,954	\$669,481	\$701,579	\$701,579	\$701,579

			FY 2016 Expended	FY 2017 Appropriation	FY 2018 Dept. Submission	FY 2018 TA/BOS Proposed	Finance Comm. Recommended
620	Parks & Recreation	Salaries	\$248,033	\$266,709	\$266,868	\$266,868	\$266,868
		Expense	\$57,959	\$59,074	\$68,268	\$68,268	\$68,268
		Total	\$305,992	\$325,783	\$335,136	\$335,136	\$335,136
650	Historical Commission	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
		Total	\$0	\$250	\$250	\$250	\$250
690	Public Access Television	Salaries	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
		Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Total	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000	\$15,000
700	Long Term Debt	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$770,000	\$821,500	\$1,025,500	\$1,025,500	\$1,025,500
		Total	\$770,000	\$821,500	\$1,025,500	\$1,025,500	\$1,025,500
702	Interest on Debt	Salaries	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
		Expense	\$47,982	\$138,438	\$308,165	\$308,165	\$308,165
		Total	\$47,982	\$138,438	\$308,165	\$308,165	\$308,165
Salaries Total			\$7,488,508	\$7,894,922	\$8,063,409	\$8,063,409	\$8,063,409
Expense Total			\$30,021,538	\$31,495,816	\$32,809,399	\$32,809,399	\$32,809,399
Operating Budget Total			\$37,510,046	\$39,390,738	\$40,872,808	\$40,872,808	\$40,872,808
Non-School Operating Budget			\$13,221,590	\$14,529,958	\$15,211,356	\$15,211,356	\$15,211,356

Article 5, Exhibit A - Parliamentary Procedure for Financial Matters

PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE TO BE FOLLOWED WITH RESPECT TO ADOPTION OF BUDGET (ARTICLE 7) AND OTHER APPROPRIATIONS

1. All motions to appropriate funds not recommended by the Finance Committee, increase an appropriation recommended by the Finance Committee, or change the method of funding from the recommendation of the Finance Committee under any article considered at this Annual Town Meeting shall be made in writing, signed by the proponent, and shall be delivered to the Moderator after said motion has been seconded, and shall, if said motion proposes to appropriate funds in excess of the Finance Committee's recommendation, or decrease funding from fees or other sources of revenue which has been recommended by the Finance Committee, specify the specific available fund or the specific portion of the town budget which shall be reduced in an amount sufficient to fund said appropriation, increased appropriation or reduced funding under consideration.
2. In connection with the discussions of said motion, it shall be appropriate for the Town Meeting to consider the effect which an appropriation increase or reduction in the portion of the town budget proposed by said article would have upon the town.
3. After said written motion has been discussed, a tentative vote shall then be taken by the Town Meeting which shall not, however, be binding upon the Town Meeting. If said motion receives a majority of those voting, it shall be retained for final consideration and vote by the Town Meeting at the conclusion of the initial presentation of all proposed appropriation increases or decreases under Article 7. If said motion fails to receive a majority of those voting in said tentative vote, it shall not be subject to further consideration by said Town Meeting.
4. At the conclusion of the presentation of Article 7, before consideration of the main motions with respect to Article 7 all of those written motions relating to appropriations, increases or decreases in appropriations or decreases in funding from fees or other sources of revenue which have received a tentative majority vote shall then be presented by the Moderator for final consideration after the Finance Committee has analyzed said written motions and has prepared a summary showing the cumulative effect that the adoption of said written motions would have upon the proposed appropriations under Article 7. Said written motions shall be considered in the order in which they were presented but no motions not previously presented for tentative vote shall be considered unless requested by two-thirds vote of the Town Meeting.
5. The Finance Committee shall certify to the Moderator prior to the commencement of discussion on Article 7, upon request, the amount available for appropriation by said Town Meeting, taking into account appropriations already made and appropriations recommended by the Finance Committee which have not yet been voted upon. No motion shall be considered which attempts to appropriate an amount in excess of that which the Finance Committee certifies to be available for appropriation under the provisions of Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980, as amended (Proposition 2½).

Exhibits for Voter Reference

Annual Town Meeting exhibits, referenced in the Warrant, are available in advance at the Office of Town Clerk and will be distributed at meeting:

Article 5	Parliamentary Procedures – Exhibit A
Article 25	Zoning Amendment: Agricultural Regulations – Exhibit A
Article 26	Zoning Amendment: Restoration of Non-Conforming Uses and Structures – Exhibit B
Article 27	Zoning Amendment: Miscellaneous Business Use Regulations – Exhibit C
Article 28	Zoning Amendment: Rezoning from R-40 to N.S. – Exhibit D
Article 59	Zoning Amendment: Temporary Moratorium on Recreational Marijuana Establishments – Exhibit E
Article 30	Acceptance of Deeds – Exhibit A
Article 49	Adoption of New General By-Law: Article I, Section 112 Departmental Revolving Funds – Exhibit A
Article 52	Town By-Law Amendment: Revisions to General By-Laws – Exhibit B
Article 53	Adoption of New General By-Law: Article VI, Section 610 Pawnbrokers, Junk and Secondhand Dealers – Exhibit C
Article 54	Adoption of New General By-Law: Article VI, Section 605 Regulations Concerning Chickens on Fewer than Five (5) Acres – Exhibit D

ELECTIONS
Saturday May 20
Polls Open from 8:30 AM to 6:30 PM

Minnechaug Regional High School (PRECINCTS A, B, C, and D)

To give their votes to the election of officers on one ballot for the following Town Officers: Selectman for three years; Assessor for three years; two Regional School Committee member for three years; Cemetery Commissioner for three years; Water Commissioner for three years; two Library Trustees for three years; Planning Board member for five years; Planning Board member for two years.

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