

WARRANT
SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 11, 2009

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 directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham qualified to vote in the Town affairs, to meet in **Minnechaug Regional High School** in said Town, on **Monday, the eleventh day of May, A.D. 2009, at 7:10** in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

ARTICLE 1. Funding Transfers FY 2009. To see if the Town will vote to transfer sums of money previously appropriated but unexpended from certain FY 2009 budgets for the purpose of funding certain FY 2009 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 2009 departmental budgets with surpluses identified in other departmental budgets.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommendation will be made at Town Meeting.

***ARTICLE 2: Ambulance Fund transfer.** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$25,000.00 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance to the FY 2009 Ambulance Budget for the purpose of covering overtime, 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 higher-than-expected overtime payments in FY 2009.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommendation will be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 3: Wastewater Enterprise Fund transfer. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Wastewater Enterprise Fund retained earnings to the FY 2009 Wastewater Enterprise Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The Wastewater Enterprise fund is a self-supporting budget. This article transfers retained earnings of the Wastewater Enterprise Fund into the FY'2009 Wastewater Enterprise Fund operating budget to balance higher-than-anticipated operating expenses.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommendation will be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 4: Water Enterprise Fund transfer. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from the Water Enterprise Fund retained earnings to the FY 2009 Water Enterprise Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: The Water Enterprise fund is a self-supporting budget. This article transfers retained earnings of the Water Enterprise Fund into the FY'2009 Water Enterprise Fund operating budget to allow repayment of prior year deficits paid from the General Fund.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommendation will be made at Town Meeting.

ARTICLE 5. Washington Road (Coleman) Land Purchase. To see whether the Town will vote to authorize the Town, acting through its Conservation Commission, to apply for funding from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts Local Acquisitions for Natural Diversity (LAND) grant program, to raise, borrow and/or appropriate the total project cost of at least Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars by purchase, gift or eminent domain, to acquire all or a portion of the following described land to dedicate to conservation and passive recreational use under the care and control of the Conservation Commission pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40, section 8C and to borrow under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 44B, otherwise known as the Community Preservation Act, the property known as 72 Manchonis Road and 12V Washington

Road, and adequate legal access in, to and over all rights and ways appurtenant thereto, consisting of 28.92 acres, more or less, and identified more specifically in the Purchase and Sale Agreement dated March 30, 2009, between and among Marlene Helena McDonald Coleman and Walter P. Coleman and the Town of Wilbraham, which agreement is on file with the Office of the Town Clerk; to authorize the conveyance of a Conservation Restriction to the Minnechaug Land Trust or other non-profit land trust or similar entity; to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, to borrow Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.00) Dollars under Chapters 44 and 44B of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other enabling authority, with the intent that, although any bonds or notes issued hereunder shall be general obligations of the Town, the debt service on any such bonds or notes will be paid from annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund to the extent not paid from Federal or state aid, private donations, or other amounts available for the project; that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission are authorized to contract for and to expend any Federal or state aid and any private donations available for the project, provided that the amount of the borrowing authorized under this vote shall be reduced by any Federal or state aid or private donations received prior to the issuance of any bonds or notes hereunder; that the Board of Selectmen and the Conservation Commission are authorized to take any action necessary, appropriate or expedient to carry out this project; and that the land, or the interests therein, to be acquired pursuant to this vote, shall be held under the care, custody or management and control of the Conservation Commission on behalf of the Town; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Explanation: This article appropriates funds to purchase the former MacDonald Farm property at 72 Manchonis Road and 12V Washington Road for conservation and passive recreation purposes in an amount not to exceed four hundred 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 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.

Community Preservation Act Committee Recommendation: To be made at Town Meeting.

Finance Committee Recommendation: Finance Committee Recommendation will be made at Town Meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Office Building, the Library, Post Office, Wilbraham Shops, the Town of Wilbraham Disposal and Recycling Center, The Village Store & Cafe, and the Wilbraham Commons Community Room in said Town, fourteen 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 thirteenth day of April two thousand and nine.



Patrick J. Brady, Selectman

David W. Barry, Selectman

James E. Thompson, Selectman