

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 6, 1997**

Attendance:
Precinct A: 36
Precinct B: 68
Precinct C: 58
Precinct D: 96
Total ----- 258

In accordance with the Warrant, as posted, the inhabitants of the Town of Wilbraham, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in Minnechaug Regional High School. At 7:05 PM the Moderator, Arthur F. Dionne, noted a quorum was present and called the meeting to order. The call of the meeting was then read by Town Clerk Beverly J. Radner and immediately followed by the pledge of allegiance.

ARTICLE 1. Parliamentary Procedure: Finance Committee Recommends. Voted unanimously that the Town adopt special parliamentary procedures for the purpose of implementing the provisions of Chapter 580 of the Acts of 1980 (Proposition 2 1/2) as amended, and on file with the Town Clerk.

A motion was made and seconded to waive the second reading of the article. Motion passed unanimously.

ARTICLE 2. Police Career Incentive Pay: Finance Committee Recommends. Voted by a vast majority that the Town adopt Section 108L of Chapter 41 of the Massachusetts General Laws, the Police Career Incentive Pay Program.

ARTICLE 3. Regional School District Agreement: Voted by a majority that the Town amend the Agreement between the Towns of Wilbraham and Hampden, Massachusetts, with respect to the formation of a regional school district, by adding the following language as Section III (B) (4):

The Towns of Hampden and Wilbraham, in their desire to form a Regional Early Childhood Center to be located at the facility presently known as Mile Tree School in Wilbraham, hereby agree to amend their Regional Agreement as follows:

All residents of the member towns in kindergarten will receive education in a regionalized center to be located in a facility presently known as Mile Tree School in Wilbraham.

A presentation was conducted by Regional School Committee Chairman Paula Tingle with assistance from Superintendent Brenda Dietrich. Other Committee and staff members were introduced also. A question and answer session was then conducted. It was mentioned by Regional School Committee member Douglas Boyd from Hampden that this must be approved in both towns to take effect.

ARTICLE 4. Overlay Reserve Fund: Finance Committee Recommends. Voted by a majority that the Town appropriate a sum of \$21,528 from overlay funds certified as excess by the Board of Assessors for designer fee selection costs, pursuant to Section 25 of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws to the FY 1998 Budget 301, Regional School Assessment for designer selection costs..

Discussion on this article took place with discussion on article 3.

ARTICLE 5. Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance: Finance Committee Recommends. Voted unanimously that the Town appropriate a sum of \$30,000 from Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance, to be held in a Depreciation for Vehicles and Equipment Replacement Account pursuant to Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

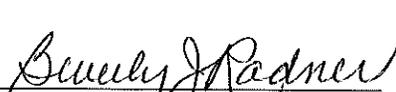
ARTICLE 6. Receipts Reserved for Appropriation for Ambulance: Finance Committee Recommends. Voted by a majority that the Town appropriate a sum of \$127,500 toward the purchase and equipping of a new Fire Department Ambulance, said expenditure to come from funds held in accordance with Section 5 of Chapter 40 of the Massachusetts General Laws, Depreciation for Vehicle and Equipment Replacement Account.

ARTICLE 7. Transfer of Land: (requires a two-thirds vote) Voted unanimously that the Town convey to the Town of Wilbraham Cemetery Commission for municipal purposes only and subject to an easement dated April 27, 1978 (instrument #11273 in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds) a certain parcel of land containing 6.93 acres more or less, and designed Lot No. 1 on a plan entitled "Plan of Property for friendly Ice Cream Corp. Wilbraham - Massachusetts" and further described in Document # 11672, recorded at Book 4584, Page 219 and being more particularly bounded and described on Exhibit A attached to said Document # 11672, copies of which document and Exhibit A are on file with the Town Clerk.

Cemetery Commissioner J. Bruce Tingle stated where the parcel of land was and that it could be seen from the Massachusetts Turnpike. He also stated that the Friendly Ice Cream sign that could be seen there would be staying.

A motion was then made and seconded to dissolve the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.

Attest:


Beverly J. Radner, EMC
Town Clerk