

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
November 29, 2005**

Attendance:
Precinct A: 163
Precinct B: 143
Precinct C: 193
Precinct D: 181
Total ----- 680

In accordance with the Warrant, as posted, the inhabitants of the Town off Wilbraham, qualified to vote in Town affairs, met in Minnechaug Regional High School on Tuesday, November 29, 2005. Moderator Arthur F. Dionne noted a quorum was present and called the meeting to order at 7:15 PM. The delay was due to a large turnout still at check in stations. Moderator Dionne proceeded to explain the process to be used during the meeting. He then asked all to join in the Pledge of Allegiance. Following the pledge, Town Clerk Beverly J. Litchfield read the call of the meeting.

ARTICLE 1. -Parliamentary Procedure: Passing by a majority vote that the Town 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 1, Exhibit A," on file with the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 2. -Funding Transfer: Finance Committee Recommends. Passing by a majority vote, Pursuant to Section 33B of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws, that the Town transfer the sum of \$147,016 from previously appropriated but unexpended funds in the FY 2006 Budget 301, Regional School Assessment to the FY 2006 Budget 131, Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 3. - Stabilization Fund: Requiring a two-thirds vote, Passing by a unanimous vote that the Town appropriate \$537,484 from the Stabilization Fund to the FY 2006 Budget 131, Reserve Fund.

ARTICLE 4. - Annual Community Preservation Program Budget: Passing by a majority vote that the town appropriate or reserve from the Community Preservation Fund annual revenues or available funds the amounts recommended by the Community Preservation Committee for debt service and community preservation projects in FY 2006, with each item to be considered a separate appropriation.

Proposed Supplement to the FY 2006 Community Preservation Budget

The Community Preservation Committee recommends that the following amounts be appropriated or reserved from FY 2005 Community Preservation Fund revenues for FY 2006 Community Preservation Purposes with each item considered a separate appropriation:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Recommended Amount</u>
Appropriations	
Rice Fruit Farm	\$152,701
Reserves	
Historic Preservation	\$ 19,088
Affordable Housing	\$ 19,088

ARTICLE 5. – Library Remodeling and Expansion: Finance Committee Recommends. Requiring a two-thirds vote, Failing to pass by two-thirds vote (Yes 360, No 261, required number to pass was 414) that the Town appropriate \$8,238,697 for constructing an addition to and/or remodeling, reconstructing and making extraordinary repairs to the Wilbraham Public Library; that to meet appropriation the Treasurer with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to borrow \$8,238,697 under Sections 7(3) and 7(3A) of Chapter 44 of the Massachusetts General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Library Trustees with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal and state aid and to expend any private donations available for the project, provided that the amount of the authorized borrowing shall be reduced by the amount of such aid and private donations received prior to the issuance of bonds or notes under this vote; and that the Library Board of Trustees with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary to carry out this project; provided, however, that this vote shall not take effect until the Town votes to exempt from the limitation on total taxes imposed by Section 21C of Chapter 59 of the Massachusetts General Laws (Proposition 2-1/2) amounts required to pay the principal of and interest on the borrowing authorized under this vote.

Presenters for the project were Library Trustee Chairman Jim Jurgens, Director Christine Bergquist, Library Trustees Llewellyn Merrick and Bill Massidda. The question and answer session was very active. Approximately two hours were used for this to give those who wished to speak sufficient time to do so. Approximately 12-14 residents took advantage of this time.

MOTION –Dissolve Town Meeting: Passing by a majority vote that the Special Town Meeting be dissolved. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 PM.

Attest: 
 Beverly J. Litchfield, CMC, CMMC
 Town Clerk of Wilbraham