

**SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 18, 2011**

Attendance	
Precinct A:	40
Precinct B:	29
Precinct C:	37
Precinct D:	45
Total -----	151

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 on Tuesday, October 18, 2011. At 7:00 PM Moderator Anthony Scibelli noted a quorum was present and called the meeting. All were asked to join in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance before the call of the meeting was read by Town Clerk Beverly J. Litchfield.

ARTICLE 1. Special Legislation Request: Finance Committee recommends. Passing by unanimous vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to section 89 of the amendments to the Massachusetts Constitution, the Home Rule Amendment, to request its legislators to petition the General Court requesting the enactment of a special act of the state legislature affecting a single municipality, the Town of Wilbraham, to read as follows: Notwithstanding the provisions of Chapter 30B and Sections 3 and 4 of Chapter 40 of the General Laws, the Town of Wilbraham may, with the approval of Town Meeting, amend and/or extend the term of leasehold interests associated with the property known as the Town of Wilbraham golf course on Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, in the best interests of the Town of Wilbraham, and in order to promote the public welfare.

ARTICLE 2. Acceptance of General Laws, Chapter 272, Section 73A: Finance Committee recommends. Passing by unanimous vote that the Town accept section 73A of Chapter 272 of the General Laws, which reads as follows: In any city or town which accepts this section, the provisions of section seventy-three shall not prohibit the removal, in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the state secretary, of a gravestone or other structure or thing which is placed or designed as a memorial for the dead, for the purpose of repair or reproduction thereof by community sponsored, educationally oriented, and professionally directed repair teams.

ARTICLE 3. Spec Pond Recreational Complex: Finance Committee recommends. Passing by a declared two-third vote by the Moderator that \$500,000 be appropriated to pay costs of making improvements to the Spec Pond Recreational Complex, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, which amount shall be expended in addition to \$281,250 previously appropriated for this purpose, and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen is authorized to borrow said amount under and pursuant to Chapter 44, Sections 7(3) and 8C of the General Laws, or pursuant to any other enabling authority; provided that no funds shall be borrowed until the Selectmen have determined that the Town has received a commitment from the Commonwealth to receive a grant to pay at least \$500,000 of the cost of this project, and, further that the amount authorized to be borrowed shall be reduced to the extent of any such grant funds received by the Town prior to the issuance of any long term bonds, and that the Recreation Department is authorized to seek reimbursement and enter any necessary contracts thereto under the PARC (formerly Urban Self-Help) Act: 301 CMR 5.00.

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