

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

August 18, 2014

Attendance	
Precinct A:	36
Precinct B:	20
Precinct C:	34
Precinct D:	52
Total -----	142

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 Monday, August 18, 2014. At 7:00 PM Town Moderator Reich 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.

Those in attendance were reminded that the meeting was being recorded for our public access channel.

Chairman of the Select Board, Robert Russell, gave a brief overview on why we were here this evening. He then turned the podium over to the Superintendent of Schools, Marty O'Shea. He gave a presentation explaining the needs, the requirements for State funding and our roll in this process (accelerated repair program). If all of the steps pass, including a debt exclusion ballot question on November 4, 2014, they are looking to Spring/Summer 2015 as the construction phase.

A questions and answers session followed the presentation for approximately one and one half hours.

A motion was made by George Gordon of 20 Glenn Dr. to postpone this meeting to September 16, 2014 so others who might be on vacation could attend. This motion was seconded and a discussion took place. Various questions were asked and answered. The motion did not receive a majority vote therefore it failed to pass.

Moderator Reich welcomed Senator Gale Candaras who was in attendance. This was followed by the reading of the articles.

ARTICLE 1. Approval of HWRSD's Authorization to Borrow for Middle School Roof Feasibility Study: Finance Committee Recommends. Passing by a majority vote to approve the \$70,000 borrowing authorized by vote of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District on July 8, 2014 to pay the costs of the Feasibility Study and Schematic Design portion of the Wilbraham Middle School, 466 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, Roof Project, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "Study"), and for which the District has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement or Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Question and answer session held to clarify the article.

ARTICLE 2. Approval of HWRSD's Authorization to Borrow for Soule Road School Windows/Doors Feasibility Study: Finance Committee Recommends. Passing by a majority vote to approve the \$60,000 borrowing authorized by vote of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District on July 8, 2014 to pay the costs of the Feasibility Study and Schematic Design portion of the Soule Road School, 300 Soule Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, Windows/Doors Project, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "Study"), and for which the District has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School Committee. The MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Study costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member

municipalities. Any grant that the District may receive from the MSBA for the Study shall be as set forth in the Feasibility Study Agreement or Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA.

ARTICLE 3. Approval of HWRSD's Authorization to Borrow for Middle School Roof Replacement Project: Finance Committee Recommends. Passing by a majority vote that the Town hereby approves of the \$2,320,000 borrowing authorized by vote of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District to pay Project Costs for the Wilbraham Middle School, 466 Stony Hill Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, Roof Project, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the District has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Hampden Wilbraham Regional School Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall be as set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. The approval of this debt shall be contingent upon a vote of the Town to exclude the Town's allocable share of this debt from the limitations of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws, also known as Proposition 2½.

Article 4. Approval of HWRSD's Authorization to Borrow for Soule Road School Windows/Doors Project: Finance Committee Recommends. Passing by a majority vote that the Town hereby approves of the \$1,535,000 borrowing authorized by vote of the Hampden-Wilbraham Regional School District to pay Project Costs for the Soule Road School, 300 Soule Road, Wilbraham, Massachusetts, Windows/Doors Project, including the payment of all other costs incidental and related thereto (the "Project"), which proposed repair project would materially extend the useful life of the school and preserve an asset that otherwise is capable of supporting the required educational program and for which the District has applied for a grant from the Massachusetts School Building Authority ("MSBA"), said amount to be expended at the direction of the Hampden Wilbraham Regional School Committee; that the Town acknowledges that the MSBA's grant program is a non-entitlement, discretionary program based on need, as determined by the MSBA, and any Project costs the District incurs in excess of any grant approved by and received from the MSBA shall be the sole responsibility of the District and its member municipalities; provided further that any grant that District may receive from the MSBA for the Project shall be as set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA; and that the amount of borrowing authorized by the District shall be reduced by any grant amount set forth in the Project Funding Agreement that may be executed between the District and the MSBA. The approval of this debt shall be contingent upon a vote of the Town to exclude the Town's allocable share of this debt from the limitations of Chapter 59, Section 21C of the General Laws, also known as Proposition 2½.

A question was asked on why we are approving funds before the results of the feasibility study. This was answered to the best of Superintendent O'Shea's ability.

ARTICLE 5. Amendment to the HWRSD Agreement: Finance Committee Recommends. Passing by a majority vote to amend the Agreement between the Towns of Wilbraham and Hampden, Massachusetts with Respect to the Formation of A Regional School District at Section 1.A.2 by inserting "to begin no earlier than July 1 of the year in which they are elected to office" in the fourth sentence which, as amended, shall read:

"After the first election, every candidate for the office of Regional District School Committee will run for election to serve for a three year term of office to begin no earlier than July 1 of the year in which they are elected, and until their successors are duly elected and qualified"

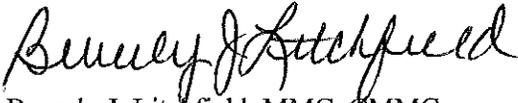
This can only take place if Hampden, the other community in the regional district, approves the same change. No one was sure when that would take place. Discussion took place on whether this would be a good change or not.

ARTICLE 6. Municipal Light Plant Enterprise Fund: Finance Committee Recommends. Passing by a majority vote to accept the provisions of Chapter 44 § 53F½ of the Massachusetts General Laws establishing the Wilbraham Municipal Light Plant (MLP) as an enterprise fund effective fiscal year 2016. The Municipal Light Plant Enterprise Fund will provide some of the services enumerated under Chapter 164 of the General Laws.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. This passed by a unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned at 8:54PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Beverly J. Litchfield".

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